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FRIDAY PROVIDER MEETING – FEBRUARY 12TH, 2021 – CHAT TRANSCRIPT

00:11:39 - Todd Holloway: - Morning All! I'm attaching a link that will hopefully provide access to registration for the 1st training next Tuesday at noon. If it fails, I'll forward the link via e-mail: file:///C:/2021%20CFI-PIDS-DOH/2021%20Access-vaccine%20training/WA%20-%20Save%20The%20Date%20Flyer%20(2.17.21)%20(1).pdf

00:12:12 - Todd Holloway: - toddh@cfisouth.org

00:18:21 - Gerrit Nyland: - Below is a letter to consider for our discussion to support the State operation Funding Request for the Arlington Drive project.

00:18:45 - Gerrit Nyland: - Your agency can sign on to the letter at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciJWjHkeru0zKqzmRhsmlicsEGCpQBAX0N__Er4cdqSuEETg/viewform

00:23:12 - Alan Brown: - CCS-Family Housing Network hotel sheltering for freezing weather is still taking in families with children. Call 253.389.4027, or come to 5050 South Tacoma Way today.

00:25:31 - Dupree Whitten: - Puyallup PD is taking lead on the Puyallup Hotel Project.

00:31:26 - Duane Parker: - Log out and log back in?

00:33:36 - Verna Lilly: - Well said, "A person is a whole, not a part."

00:36:32 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - If someone is scheduled to meet with a housing specialist, how long on average does it take to get that appointment?

00:37:33 - Maureen Howard: - When you give low income housing information, do you check to be sure they have openings?

00:38:11 - Maureen Howard: - Do you track the number of callers who are unsheltered?

00:40:00 - Michael Yoder: - AM has had next-day CE appointments available for the last several weeks, so don't hesitate to refer folks to 2-1-1

00:40:04 - Sarah Rumbaugh: - What are your hours and what do people do if they are in crisis during the other hours you aren't taking calls?

00:41:52 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Sarah, if you can post the link in chat, that would be great!

00:41:59 - Sarah Teague: - <https://wa211.communityos.org/SS211-PublicResourceSearch>

00:42:09 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you!

00:42:35 - Sarah Teague: - If you do forget www.uwpc.org, go to Get Help, South Sound 2-1-1, Temporary Database.



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00:42:52 - Duane Parker: - Thank you Sarah!

00:43:03 - Colin DeForrest: - who would I talk to about updating the information and referral process for the Safe Parking Network?

00:44:13 - Sarah Teague: - That would be me, Colin. saraht@uwpc.org

00:44:37 - Dennise Cervantes: - Maureen - Most permanent low income housing options don't provide us with up to date availability.

Are you asking about those who are homeless and choose not to go to shelter?

00:47:30 - Dennise Cervantes: - Sarah Rumbaugh - our hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm. During our off hours callers have the option to leave a voicemail which we return the next morning.

00:47:33 - Maureen Howard: - Unsheltered - anyone without shelter whatever the reason - for some folks, there is no shelter available

00:51:40 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - The phase finder is very easy to use
<https://form.findyourphaseswa.org/210118771253954>

00:52:37 - Dennise Cervantes: - Maureen - Thanks, no we aren't tracking unsheltered. We are currently tracking caller's housing status by those that are stably housed, homeless, Fleeing DV or at-risk of homelessness.

00:53:41 - Sarah Rumbaugh: - Chat works and texts works for the Sex Trafficking hotline

00:57:51 - Duane Parker: - Thank you!

00:59:35 - Stina McLamore: - I am very happy to have been able to join you this morning. Thank you so much for the opportunity. I'm going to -quick- contact my clients in Puyallup before my 211 shift begins, so THANKS AGAIN! Bye now! :-)

01:00:06 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Knowing what you know about the gaps in supports/services for those living in encampments, how would you prioritize investments to address the needs?

01:06:54 - Robert Taylor: - rtaylor@seattlemca.org

01:07:31 - Robert Taylor: - Robert Taylor-Program Director of the Arlington.

01:12:09 - Carolyn Read: - Priority for investments

1. - Ending street homelessness first: making parking lots available, tiny homes, safe sanctioned urban camp sites. Smaller sanction camps like a KOA style campground.
2. - Create shared housing situations (like boarding housing).
3. - Convert available structures into shared housing rooms: nursing homes, hotels, etc.



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4. - Revise the tax and building codes to promote low-income affordable housing. Incentivize development of low-income- make it cost effective such as using land trust. No tax breaks for market level housing.

5. - Land trust, land trust, land trust!

01:12:22 - Laurie Davenport: - Group 4 - Tools to deal with garbage! Residents will use them. Not doing this creates a health hazard and makes costly sweeps inevitable

Encampments can be part of the community

Prioritize creating encampment spaces that are safe and created to allow people to live safely and have access to hygiene, trash, etc.

Dumpsters

Providing alternatives to encampments – resources and housing options that make encampments unnecessary?
– steps to take so people don't need encampments

01:13:09 - Maureen Howard: - Tiegan - good question. Thanks

01:13:28 - Rosemary Powers: - breakout group notes:

01:13:47 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - From group 2. The main thread of our conversation was we need more secure places for people to go - congregate (when safe again),sanctioned encampments, hotels, Safe Parking, so that people can maintain community, pets,

01:14:28 - J Hutchins: - WE had a small group and none of us have recent first hand experience. Hygiene would be high on the list of needs

01:14:39 - Sarah Rumbaugh: - Breakout Room 5 - We need to try to meet material needs of those in the encampments. Find a way to create relationships with outside people so that people will feel safe going to shelter sites. We need to ask those in the encampments what they need. Two things would be that encampments are made so they are dry and not soggy and every site needs a port-a-potty. Everybody Poops book for every Tacoma City Council member. Find a way to create mobile storage places so people in encampments can store their items. It could be opened with someone's phone. More permanent encampments might have storage sites that are permanent.

01:15:28 - Gerrit Nyland: - Below is a letter to consider for our discussion to support the State operation Funding Request for the Arlington Drive project.

01:15:29 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Group 7:

1. - Keep people from freezing



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2. - Supply concrete services
3. - Warming Shelters/Inclement weather shelter
4. - Bring services to them
 - a. - Medical
 - b. - Outreach
 - c. - Find them where they are
 - d. - Move from encampments
5. - Provide Options

6. - Transportation

7. - Mobile unit for services

8. - Transitional Housing

9. - Tiny homes

01:15:34 - Rosemary Powers: - breakout notes: priorities garbage collection and sanitation but key is provision of sanctioned campgrounds and safe car lots so not doing a piecemeal addressing of unsanctioned unsafe spaces with enormous resource costs that still do not provide transitional stability while permanent housing options are developed

01:15:46 - Gerrit Nyland: - Your agency can sign on to the letter at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciJWjHkeru0zKqzmRhsmlicsEGCpQBAX0N__Er4cdqSuEETg/viewform

01:16:13 - Dana Peregrine: - Small group report out - 1. Gaps in getting those with past issues, for example, convictions or evictions, housing (hotel vouchers are helping) 2. Ways to help those with mental health issues even connect to services when, for example, they don't have internet access or skills to access internet or anxiety keeps them away after a poor first experience trying to get help.

01:16:20 - Colin DeForrest: - not enough resources - period concerns over the coordinated entry system being able to hand things - Need to immediately respond to community health and safety needs and concerns - we need mitigation sites and hygiene centers - increase legal services for individuals experiencing homelessness - other policy changes (child support payment requirements) - We know what to immediately do, we have done this before!

01:16:31 - Tina McLeod: - Room 8 - Feedback - Prioritize investments: (1) sanctioned extreme low barrier locations throughout city/county for tent cities if you will; (2) ensure sanitation, warmth, food; (3) then onsite, focus on relationship building/authentic community engagement, which may include assisting to access resources, mental health counseling (using 0.1% funds for example). AND need sanitation options throughout city. This is not a bandaid, it is needed humane reaction to current crisis. Need to honor (client center approach) our unhoused neighbors and ensure their personal belongings and their wants/needs is at our focus.

01:17:56 - Todd Holloway: - Accessibility to vaccine and sites: [file:///C:/2021%20CFI-PIDS-DOH/2021%20Access-vaccine%20training/WA%20-%20Save%20The%20Date%20Flyer%20\(2.17.21\)%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/2021%20CFI-PIDS-DOH/2021%20Access-vaccine%20training/WA%20-%20Save%20The%20Date%20Flyer%20(2.17.21)%20(1).pdf)



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- 01:18:47 - Valeri Knight: - CRC is foster care
- 01:19:48 - Janet Runbeck: - Let's move to support the letter
- 01:21:03 - Richard Berghammer: - I take it that this is for Arlington and the CRC?
- 01:22:25 - Maureen Howard: - Everyone is welcome to join the Summit Steering Committee - 3pm on Wed. Link either is or will be on pchomeless.org
- 01:27:09 - Sherri Jensen: - YES YES YES
- 01:27:23 - Rob Huff - he/him: - A continuum of safe shelter options!
- 01:28:13 - Colin DeForrest: - I'M IN!!!
- 01:28:19 - Sherri Jensen: - Is there outside support from Ground Zero model?
- 01:28:38 - Gerrit Nyland: - Below is the draft letter to Pierce County Council and the Tacoma City Council. Please provide feedback to me at gnyland@pchomeless.org or 253-304-5105. We will vote on the final letter next week at our Friday, February 19th meeting. We'll also discuss it at next Wednesday's Steering committee meeting - meeting info at <https://pchomeless.org/> - all are welcome.
- 01:28:38 - Tina McLeod: - Will you repeat how we can provide feedback to this proposal to become a 501c3? And where to send - coalition email?
- 01:30:11 - Maureen Howard: - We've asked Kevin to talk with other communities using Build for Zero - there are at least 80 across the country right now. If you know of any, let us know.
- 01:32:30 - Maureen Howard: - The Coalition's Open Table is our defining character - anyone committed to ending homelessness and to working respectfully is welcome.
- 01:32:45 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - You can email me contacts for Build to Zero at kglackincoley@pchomeless.org
- 01:32:58 - Rob Huff - he/him: - If only we knew some lawyers...
- 01:33:44 - Maureen Howard: - Re governance - we're thinking of form follows function.
- 01:34:08 - Laurie Davenport: - Tacomaprobono has offered to help with 501(c)(3) process.
- 01:34:35 - Greg Walker: - 501c3 application isn't that difficult, and we can begin operating ASAP under a fiscal sponsorship agreement and with an application submitted.
- 01:35:08 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Tacomaprobono rocks
- 01:35:48 - Maureen Howard: - Two issues - 1) do we take the leadership role and commit to Build for Zero by Nov. 1, 2021 and 2) what type of governance
- 01:36:08 - Janet Runbeck: - Funders have asked for a Common Voice to address emerging problems. A 501c3 adds to the concept of common goals & vision.



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- 01:38:36 - Laurie Davenport: - 501(c)(3) doesn't define anything in itself, but it does make it a lot easier to interact with funders, with the community, with people we serve, etc.
- 01:38:46 - Sherri Jensen: - There is power in fiscal oversight. We will not be able to raise the funds necessary to solve the problem without formal structure.
- 01:39:12 - Stephen Pagan: - Tacoma Mutual Aid has managed to do it.
- 01:39:33 - Stephen Pagan: - That said, state and donor funds would give us more ability to act.
- 01:40:25 - Rob Huff - he/him: - And not just get some people, but have a way to pay or otherwise reward them for their knowledge
- 01:40:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I like the idea of walking, chewing gum, and writing a great book at the same time
- 01:42:02 - Sherri Jensen: - Funding necessary is to the tunes of millions. There is so much power is group led initiatives and TMA has done a wonderful job. I also think we can continue to be group led, with the right leaders at the helm. It's important we continue to focus on group input and I think we will. We are a powerful group
- 01:42:09 - Janet Runbeck: - The filing fees for the IRS 501c3 and the Nonprofit Corporation with the Washington Sec. of State is cheap..
- 01:42:53 - CC Mendoza: - Off topic but can anyone send me Nates phone number? I really need to reach him. Thank you, CC
- 01:43:05 - Stephen Pagan: - Is there some way we could, as a 501(c)3, better support those grass roots groups, like TMAC? We could use our funds and resources to supply and expand the efforts of those groups.
- 01:43:40 - Sherri Jensen: - CC, Nate Cooper with TRM?
- 01:43:58 - Greg Walker: - I hear Theresa, and I have mixed feelings-if the advantage is to influence policy, could we get there from a different governance structure? Let the coalition operate as is, and have a nonprofit organization that reports to it that is legal entity for a narrower purpose?
- 01:44:00 - Laurie Davenport: - The whole 501(c)(3) process is not difficult or expensive, it is a source of power and we define it.
- 01:44:11 - CC Mendoza: - yes I believe so, I need outreach today
- 01:44:23 - Rob Huff - he/him: - Stephen, I really like the idea of amplifying other grass roots organizations in our community
- 01:44:31 - Stephen Pagan: - Thank you.
- 01:45:03 - Stephen Pagan: - Not to make it too political, despite it being a political issue, but it could be a form of dual power on behalf of the community of people on the streets.
- 01:45:46 - Laurie Davenport: - Agree with Kevin, the plan will define the process, form follows function.



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01:45:59 - Rob Huff - he/him: - Safe, warm, dry shelter.

01:46:49 - Janet Runbeck: - Corporations have life expectancy. When the goals are completed, or when we are no longer competent, the corporation dies. The bigger issue is leadership and sustainability. At this point, we have momentum.

01:46:52 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Both 501c3 501c4 are pretty simple. The difficult thing with the 501c3 is building a good board - that doesn't seem like it would be too difficult with this group :)

01:47:36 - Greg Walker: - Gerrit-could you restate the question?

01:47:36 - Larry Seaquist: - Thanks, Gerrit, good start to an important discussion and decision.

01:49:23 - RoxAnne Simon: - That Audre Lorde quote was originally meant to be a revolutionary tool.

01:50:39 - Maureen Howard: - Valeri - are you waiting until the new Dept of Treasury guidance comes out before actually beginning that money?

01:50:42 - Stephen Pagan: - It's typically used to argue against violence, but it does raise a good point. Have any of us done any sort of formal analysis of what groups might oppose ending homelessness?

01:52:02 - Rob Huff - he/him: - I am not sure if there are groups actually opposed to ending homelessness, but there are sure many who are not in favor of funding solutions - especially those that honor the will of those who are homeless.

01:52:05 - Maureen Howard: - T-RAP - go through the National Low Income Housing Coalition

01:52:56 - Stephen Pagan: - Ok, maybe not opposed, but who might slow down the process or serve as road bumps, maybe. Sure, no one is going to openly be against ending homelessness, but are there any potential points of resistance we might, or already, face?

01:53:07 - Gerrit Nyland: - to Greg's question - what are we asking: Should the Coalition take ownership of coordinating the creation of a plan to end homelessness and drive implementation, asking the Tacoma City Council and the Pierce County Council to formally endorse and support that work. Oh, and shelter everyone in Pierce County by November 1st, 2021.

01:53:13 - Greg Walker: - There are many who are opposed to ending homelessness. They may not say it with those words, but opposing the steps/costs to end homelessness is opposing it.

01:53:32 - Stephen Pagan: - Exactly.

01:54:10 - Rob Huff - he/him: - I hear you, Greg and Stephen. If I had the ability to like comments in chat, I would be smashing that like button now.

01:54:13 - Maureen Howard: - And...there is MORE rental assistance in the Biden Relief Plan current working its way through Congress



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01:54:45 - Greg Walker: - To the question Gerrit articulated, I say YES and YES.

Now, what is required to do that?

01:55:42 - Maureen Howard: - ESG - you can use it for hotel acquisition BUT it needs a take out plan...

01:56:25 - RoxAnne Simon: - I got that much snow too!!! LOL

01:56:27 - Greg Walker: - Rob, Stephen: We need to be more bold in articulating that, eg call BS "BS" when we see it. The beauty of grass-roots organizations is that they're not beholden to funders

01:57:09 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Yes Greg, You are correct.

02:01:44 - Maureen Howard: - But the five sites weren't the largest ones...

02:02:38 - Stephen Pagan: - I checked in with Tacoma Mutual Aid about what they think about the possibility of us being a formal nonprofit and supporting grassroots efforts. They have been seeking out a 501(c)3 to provide fiscal sponsorship for them, as they have a relatively steady flow of donations that may create tax complications for their efforts.

The general consensus from the TMAC member is, they're for it, but they want to emphasize the self-management of the communities we're trying to help.

02:03:53 - Stephen Pagan: - They agree, it would be good to have some organization that can coordinate portapotty sites, official encampment sites, and so on.

02:04:48 - Maureen Howard: - St. Matthew's - a great site!

02:05:22 - Sherri Jensen: - Love Captain Kyna!

02:05:55 - Gerrit Nyland: - Stephen, I think most of us are on board with the notion that safe encampments will need to be significantly designed and managed by the people who will live in them. The sites have to be places people want to be.

02:06:29 - Paula Anderson: - New Hope's mobile unit will be at Puyallup Salvation Army location 2x a month, starting next month.

02:09:42 - Gerrit Nyland: - With snow on the streets, shelter information is at <http://shelter.pchomeless.org/> . Many shelter have up-to-date bed availability, which is handy.

02:10:50 - Gerrit Nyland: - Thank you Kevin - we appreciate your work.

02:13:34 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Carolyn - I'll attend a Tuesday council meeting

02:14:46 - Maureen Howard: - Re bank accounts - if anyone has any banks or credit unions who would do accounts for people experiencing homelessness, let us know. The Biden Relief Package has \$1400 Economic Impact Payments and it would be good to have those payments be direct deposit.



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02:15:00 - Carolyn Read: - readcarolyn@comcast.net

02:15:28 - Sheila Miraflor: - Happy snowy holiday weekend! Stay safe and warm!

02:15:46 - Greg Walker: - Maureen: Has anyone talked to Harborstone CU? They've been phenomenal in supporting multiple nonprofit endeavors, and I would bet they'd be interested.

02:16:04 - Tee: - Thank You everyone!

02:16:21 - Maureen Howard: - Harborstone wasn't willing last year...maybe now