



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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## Chat from the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Coalition to End Homelessness Meeting

00:54:07 - Bryan Green: - Thank you so much Slim!

00:54:07 - Audrey Goulart: - Thanks so much for sharing your story with us Slim

00:54:17 - Sherri Jensen: - Thank you Slim!

00:54:42 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - thanks for sharing and for your courage Slim. Blessings to you!

00:55:08 - Rosalind Wallace Brown: - Thank you, Slim for building awareness!

00:55:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Slim - thank you for coming - and for sharing your perspective. Glad Jeffrey is there with you

00:55:51 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you Slim and Jeffrey!

00:57:31 - Maureen Howard: - Charles - if you are looking for government owned buildings and land, we have the information for the City of Tacoma and Pierce County. And they are always open to our requesting updated information. You can find me at [mhoward@pchomeless.org](mailto:mhoward@pchomeless.org)

00:58:06 - Jimi Adelani: - Organization: AM-TRACE

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We are looking to build a network of local community organizations with experience providing health and community outreach services to marginalized and underserved populations. Our current focus is COVID-19 vaccine outreach and vaccination events. If you have any questions or if you are interested in partnering with us, please let me know.

00:58:41 - Gerrit Nyland: - Thanks Jimi - glad you were able to make it today.

00:59:51 - Gerrit Nyland: - Good to see you, Tammy - glad you are here.

01:00:09 - Maureen Howard: - We should follow up on the food information ...is that a problem at all encampments?

01:01:47 - Carolyn Read: - good feedback on the lack of seeing caseworkers.... can someone get back to her so Patricia has a POC if she should come across someone that claims they haven't been processed or no follow-up.... similar theme with Slim.

01:02:40 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Yes Maureen, it is a problem and contributes to the garbage issue.

01:02:58 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Maybe the City can offer an update later in today's meeting about what is happening at 8th and Yakima. If that area is being overwhelmed with food, we may be able to move the excess to other areas.

01:04:38 - Maureen Howard: - Back to food - maybe the outreach teams and self-help groups could ask folks in encampments how they want food donations handled

01:04:38 - Duane Parker: - Seattle had this same fund and it worked amazing! How do we as case managers access these funds?

01:05:27 - Jena Anderson: - cant find [cmhshare.org](http://cmhshare.org). not coming up

01:05:44 - Gerrit Nyland: - When do you have to spend the \$100k by? December, or July?

01:05:45 - Jena Anderson: - ask her what [cmhshare](http://cmhshare.org) is

01:05:56 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - RE: food distribution; we don't see a lot of food waste on this end of G street. Several groups come through periodically but not all at once. People on the block typically appreciate the help.

01:06:02 - James Pogue: - The CLR email suffix. Her email is [triles@cmhshare.org](mailto:triles@cmhshare.org)

01:06:32 - Maureen Howard: - Are the CDF feds government money?

01:06:56 - Duane Parker: - When will the training be offered?

01:06:59 - James Pogue: - No, they are from a local funder, A Way Home WA. We have some Commerce dollars



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- 01:08:13 - Tammy Riles: - The next training is in the first week of april so if you are interested please email me and I will get you registered.
- 01:08:34 - Maureen Howard: - Are undocumented people eligible
- 01:08:37 - Carolyn Read: - If a layperson (not caseworker) knows of need, who do the contact ? comprehensive life? Tammy?
- 01:09:18 - Tammy Riles: - Yes Carolyn you can email me and we can get a that need taken care of
- 01:09:41 - Tammy Riles: - yes Maureen undocumented people are eligible
- 01:10:27 - CC Mendoza: - do you pay ongoing rent?
- 01:10:40 - Gerrit Nyland: - Tammy is all about making things happen - we are lucky she is the lead administrating this fund.
- 01:10:42 - Maureen Howard: - Sounds like the CDF should be a key part of our Built for Zero
- 01:12:00 - James Pogue: - The Young Adult Case Manager who can take referrals for the CDF funding, her name is Tiffany Orth and you can email her at [torth@cmhshare.org](mailto:torth@cmhshare.org)
- 01:12:45 - Tammy Riles: - CC no that is one thing that can not be paid unless they are being or at risk for being evicted. However there is a new rental assistance funding that you could reach out to . I am not sure who the contact person would be but I can help you figure that out
- 01:14:36 - Tammy Riles: - Gerrit Thank is very kind to say!! thank you !
- 01:15:49 - Greg Walker: - Harbor Hope is awesome, and there's a great group working in KP!
- 01:21:10 - Gerrit Nyland: - Wow.
- 01:21:50 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - love this! i see many of us great agencies doing great work but if ww all hold hands and connect our work i feel we can better support our homeless community members.
- 01:22:23 - Greg Walker: - How do our agencies engage with this coalition?
- 01:23:41 - Gina Cabiddu: - Hi Greg- You can shoot me an email at [Gina.Cabiddu@chs-wa.org](mailto:Gina.Cabiddu@chs-wa.org) and I'll get you on our mailing list! We meet every other Thursday- our next meeting is 3/25/21 at 10 AM via zoom.
- 01:24:52 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - RE: Question about plans already being worked on and supported by coalition: Recommend reading and listening to the safe shelter summit materials if you were unable to attend. Requests presented at the December 21st, 2020 Safe Shelter Summit:  
<https://coalitionfiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/Summit/SafeShelterSummit-2020-12-21-Requests.pdf>  
Presentation minutes: <https://www.pchomeless.org/MeetingMinutes/Details?id=548>
- 01:25:25 - marilyn newton newton: - I live on the Key and am interested in getting more involved in my neighborhood. I am a registered nurse and am a case manager for the SeaMar CHAT organization. Please call me 253 514 1740 or email [reel\\_lady@msn.com](mailto:reel_lady@msn.com)
- 01:25:27 - Gerrit Nyland: - I think shelter/short term housing on the Key/Gig harbor is mandatory. The more we all speak about it as when not if, the better.
- 01:26:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Gina and Bob: Great to get the report out from the Key!
- 01:27:10 - Gerrit Nyland: - At the Russell Foundation - the Jane fund (or whatever it is called) is interested in youth and young adult homelessness.
- 01:27:14 - Greg Walker: - I refuse to accept the answer that shelter is not an option. The County doesn't get to decide that... They only get to decide what happens with County-controlled public funding. WE can decide differently if we can mobilize our community to want something different.
- 01:28:41 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - To raise hand click on "participants" then click on the blue hand : )
- 01:30:12 - Sheila Mirafior: - I remember talking about purchasing land in Pierce County to be able to park RVs and trailers as a housing option. Please continue this topic.
- 01:30:23 - Gina Cabiddu: - Greg- totally with you- we are in conversation with the county- transportation was the big barrier for the county to invest- so we've been exploring a variety of transportation options, including speaking with Pierce Transit



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- 01:30:23 - marilyn newton newton: - Gina I live on the key and would like to be involved I am a registered nurse UW '75 and i am working as a case manager for the Seamar CHAt Homeless outreach and case management Call me at 253 514 1740 or email [marilynnewton@Seamarchc.org](mailto:marilynnewton@Seamarchc.org)
- 01:31:44 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We need to preserve our mobile home communities. One of the few remaining low income housing options. The one on the edge of Tacoma (PAC Ave) need a real boost.
- 01:32:23 - Gerrit Nyland: - Our Coalition is going to have to work hard to keep up with this Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor Coalition.
- 01:32:27 - Sherri Jensen: - Cross pollinate! I love that!
- 01:33:07 - Laurie Davenport: - Amazing energy in this group, looking forward to working with you!
- 01:35:41 - Sherri Jensen: - Off topics...I wonder if the City or County could invest in a salary for a person dedicated to helping people obtain their I9 documentation, including funding to order in-state and out-of-state birth certs, who could partner with DOL to help mitigate some of the issues with getting DLs
- 01:36:36 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - • Who is conducting the street outreach?  
o - What skills and training make them successful?  
o - What additional programming should be developed to conduct this work well?  
• - Considering the highest barrier clients that are involved in the criminal justice system and have behavioral health needs, what types of additional programming should be developed or invested in?  
• - What resources are needed to move unsheltered individuals towards stability?
- 01:36:37 - Maureen Howard: - Let's add Sheri's comment to the Ending Street homelessness plan...
- 01:50:16 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - I've taken Sherri's point to add to the plan
- 01:54:12 - Cynthia Stewart: - We just got the flier out a day or so ago!
- 01:56:26 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We are taking individual notes so that we can all participate in the conversation
- 01:56:51 - Greg Walker: - I was grabbing insufficient notes in the chat, hopefully the last comment was useful to the City's question.
- 01:59:27 - Greg Walker: - Also an interest for a way to make the events like Hire253 and the big event at Tacoma Dome (can't remember the name now?) modular and mobile, to take the events to the locations. We (TCO) have been exploring a "mobile drop in center" concept to take our traditional drop in center services to locations in the community where the people we want to serve can access more readily.
- 02:00:25 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - PATH teams, HOT teams and many shelters and some individuals are doing outreach. Need SROs and mobile home parks and safe campsites. Need ID and a way to safeguard ID so it doesn't disappear during incarceration or when someone takes belongings from encampments
- 02:00:54 - Janet Runbeck: - Room 10: Use govt \$ to provide single site for training videos. Specifically to address topics such as de-escalation techniques, trauma informed response, etc from a variety of sources. Outreach teams are perhaps half formal (govt, PATH, TRM, VA, Seamar), and half informal (churches, neighbors, mutual aid groups), Please advocate for training support for the non-traditional providers (think showers at the YMCA).
- 02:00:58 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you, Theresa.
- 02:01:04 - Carolyn Read: - Please join us and sign up for a film screening and Forum with 3 Pierce County Council members to discuss a comprehensive plan and funding for ending homelessness..... share with your own communities and city and coalitions. The more citizens we have the more the county will act on behalf of the unhoused.
- 02:01:33 - Rosemary Powers: - Group 11 discussed need for more outreach workers in areas where there are actual services or resources that people can access. We noted that case management without a safe and secure setting actually available for people is not positive. We encourage the city to prioritize partnerships with non profit providers in creating safe parking sites/sanctioned campgrounds/opportunities for



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developing land banks/land trusts to promote partnerships throughout the area that could really address need for attainable and permanent housing.

02:01:52 - James Pogue: - Group 5

Who is conducting the street outreach?

Behavioral health organizations, medical professionals, Needle exchange, faith communities, city officials, volunteers. These agencies have folks with lived experience and/or represent the communities they serve. Others have been professionally trained. Some provide food and basic needs items.

Considering the highest barrier folks, what additional resources are needed?

Helping folks access SOAR and benefits. More agencies that do SOAR. Access to community-based support on site (mobile clinics). Sanctioned campsites with service trailers. Access to legal support. The current restrictions of in-person have created barriers. Places where people can get online and/or charge the phones.

What resources are needed to move folks into stability?

We need a collective "want to" and community compassion. Safe spaces, housing, money to sustain housing/employment. Need safety, security, to start any process.

02:02:00 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - There were many good things happening through the court resource center that got derailed during pandemic. Need that to start up again!

02:02:09 - James Pogue: - So, more shelter, more shelter, safe camping, eventually need actual housing. More information about what beds is open in real time.

02:02:45 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>

02:02:57 - Sheila Miraflor: - Group 6 talked about what working through homelessness towards housing success looked like: 1. Major community supportive services while homeless and/or in transitional housing are critical to building housing stability. 2. After housing and employment have been attained, financial education and credit-building skills enhancement support is important to on-going housing stability.

02:02:58 - Laurie Davenport: - Our group included Greg Walker, Abril Mitchell-Ward, Jimi Adelani and Jeff Rodgers — in addition to what Greg has posted, we discussed the need for case management outreach, repeated visits to develop relationships; better cooperation between agencies, geographic/transportation challenges suggest the idea of a mobile drop-in centers parking in a predictable spot and providing wrap-around consistent services, a one-step shop. Need to make it easier for people who want to contribute to solve the problem to have a meaningful impact. Need to do outreach to solve problems coming from criminal records, past evictions, suspended driver's licenses, etc.

02:05:00 - Greg Walker: - Question for Jeff Rogers: I had an impression that ESG NOFA results would be released this week. Any updates on timeline to release award info?

02:08:45 - Greg Walker: - Follow-up to Jeff: The Coffee Oasis has not received notice one way or the other on our ESG application

02:08:51 - Maureen Howard: - Sounds like good decisions on ESG CV...I like the alignment with ending street homelessness

02:09:23 - Carolyn Read: - Jeff- Since housing is the long pole in the tent... How can we encourage the County Council to also approve the 1/10th of 1% tax for supportive housing?

02:09:28 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Important that those doing street outreach have safe campsites and safe lots to direct people to. Let's not "case manage the heck out of this" without offering a safe place

02:09:30 - Gerrit Nyland: - Are the grants posted anywhere yet?

02:09:52 - Megan Capes: - Agree with Theresa's point



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02:10:35 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Group 12: Need to organize street outreach efforts, including gov. non-profit, and FBO to strategically canvas the encampments. Provide training on person-centered practice and MHSUD supports. Increase the amount of workers, so that they can engage individuals consistently, rather than being stretched too thin. Create an open-air resource center, affordable housing, refurbishing buildings/houses. Sell refurbished homes with HUD guidelines.

02:12:55 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - After mtg thought/Ques: Is there a website or place an agency could access to see where the homeless sites are in their areas, or a place that shows specific needs of persons or families at these sites? and a compilation of all of our pierce county & greater homeless service donors/providers/agencies? so donations and support can be best served? if not, would it be realistic to ask for us to seek to compile one? this could help donors use their dollars in ways that will best help clients. This would also help agencies with help that may not be known in the community, a chance to reach those who need it most. A database or fb page that will help agencies could also keep community informed of all homeless related support events.

02:13:16 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Agree with Theresa

02:14:34 - Gina Cabiddu: - I believe we were Group 2! we shared:

Who is doing outreach and what training do they need?

There are Lots of individuals and partners. Some of those partners like CLR, CCS have niche communities Building off the Trueblood class action lawsuit filed against DSHS for people languishing in custody for not being able to do evaluations and restorations to behavioral health competency has caused looking into better coordination efforts of local entities. This includes looking at Johnson County to look at how to coordinate data sharing regarding HIPPA info between partners, including building in incentives with funders for partner coordination and Elevate health's data lake project.

02:14:53 - Gina Cabiddu: - We also discussed what resources are needed to move unsheltered individuals to stability.

Big barriers were noted for those with disability status only getting either SSI or SSDI which doesn't pay much.

There's a need for instant case management and coordination availability to get people connected while they have means and motivation.

There's also a need for various modalities of housing to support a housing first model like Finland has and others have adapted.

02:15:20 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>

02:16:34 - Jeffrey Boyce: - signing off, out of power, will sign back in at home.

02:17:00 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=8365>

02:18:18 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Vaccine Education Info.

[rbettencourt@tpchd.org](mailto:rbettencourt@tpchd.org) & [mptoniec@tpchd.org](mailto:mptoniec@tpchd.org)

02:18:19 - Michael Potoniec: - Nothing else to add. Reach out to us at [mptoniec@tpchd.org](mailto:mptoniec@tpchd.org) or [rbettencourt@tpchd.org](mailto:rbettencourt@tpchd.org) for COVID vaccine info!

02:18:27 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Thanks Michael!

02:19:59 - Gina Cabiddu: - Hey all- thank you SO much for the presentation opportunity and the great work you all are doing! I must pop off. Take care!

02:20:20 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Great to see you today, Gina!

02:22:10 - Verna Lilly: - Verna Lilly, LPN, BSPH

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02:24:07 - Rosalind Wallace Brown: - My apologies, I need to leave the meeting. Very informative!

02:25:47 - Kathryn Green: - Has there been any talk about going to Sr. Housing complexes and providing shots on site at the complexes?

02:26:07 - Kathryn Green: - Some may not have the ability for transportation.

02:26:13 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - That is a great idea too, Kathryn.

02:26:25 - Reanna Bettencourt: - That is being discussed yes.

02:26:39 - Kathryn Green: - Beautiful!

02:27:26 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - I have helped clients apply that do not have a home and have not worked

02:27:29 - Gerrit Nyland: - There is some transportation to vaccines - information is at <https://www.findaride.org/covid>

02:27:59 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Things are happening. It takes time. We understand the frustrations.

02:28:51 - Serena Thomson: - Is the tax credit paid during when you get your taxes done

02:29:16 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Line 30 on 1040

02:35:07 - Maureen Howard: - If you are eligible for the Economic Impact Payment and did not receive it, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and look for the Get My Payment portal. You may have to file 2020 federal taxes even though you don't owe any to get these earlier payments - Recovery Rebate... Re Child Tax Credits - I don't know what generates the July-Dec payment options but we'll find out

02:35:21 - Patricia Washington: - i would love to be a peer advocate

02:36:01 - Sheila Miraflor: - Thanks for clarifying, Gerrit!

02:36:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - formerly incarcerated?

02:37:18 - Julian F. Wheeler, PC-ACAC chair (he/his): - thank you Gerrit.

02:38:05 - Sherri Jensen: - Does safe parking include trailer/RV parking, out of curiousity?

02:38:47 - Maureen Howard: - Re Economic Impact Payments - formerly incarcerated should be eligible...I'll check...

02:38:49 - Gerrit Nyland: - above is the file Kevin is sharing

02:39:05 - Janet Runbeck: - Sherri, Sadly no. Trailers and RVs are an issue.

02:39:16 - Sherri Jensen: - Ah, sad indeed

02:39:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - SPN has not included trailers/RVs but I hope someone will offer that kind of parking (more complicated than cars and vans

02:40:14 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - thx everyone. truly enjoyed all the great networking again. see u next week!

02:40:51 - Laurie Davenport: - Sorry I can't stay on at 11, we have job interviews this afternoon starting at 11 (that's a good thing!)

02:41:06 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - I think the GH/Key Peninsula folks are looking at RV/trailer options

02:41:19 - Sherri Jensen: - Awesome!

02:42:24 - Michael Potoniec: - Thanks all! Need to jump off. Have a wonderful weekend.

02:42:34 - Verna Lilly: - How do we donate?

02:43:46 - Sheila Miraflor: - Reach out to Ahndra Blue with Making A Difference Foundation.

02:44:06 - Melanie Garnica: - where is the drop off location again?

02:44:18 - Megan Capes: - 1323 S Yakima Ave

02:44:30 - Megan Capes: - Their entrance is on the parking lot side of the building

02:44:43 - Megan Capes: - You'll see an awning with Food Connection on It and enter through those doors

02:45:04 - Melanie Garnica: - thank you!

02:46:58 - Gerald Daniels: - I have to jump off, thanks have a blessed weekend