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Rosemary Powers

Well good morning everybody and we already started with a little bit of welcoming each other. I was thinking, the really wonderful thing that we have to celebrate today is that there will be money available to do a variety of things that we need to get done and so the signing of the American rescue plan act I don't know if they'll call it ARPA, maybe, but anyway that signing is significant. And it doesn't mean our work is less than just means we may be able to do more. So welcome everyone. And just to let you know their variety of ways for those of you who are new to be involved with the coalition this meeting is every Friday. we also meet on Wednesdays says a steering committee to plan a variety of things and we stay after this meeting to plan the agenda for the following week so if you have interest in something that you'd like us to talk about and you're new, that's a good thing if you can stay. We recognize people's time is very important and we're really grateful that you're here. So one thing we do at this time is just to welcome new folks and give people a chance just to say who they are. And if they're associated with a group or a project to just mention it, it's not a time for long discussion because we only have a few minutes but if there's someone here today for the first time we're coming back after ways a time away, somebody who's speaking for us today to us today. Just introduce yourself unmute your microphone and let us know who you are.

Sherri Jensen



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I Rosemary This is Sherry with vallejo I wanted to introduce a couple of new folks that we have phileo. Judy Taylor is here on the line and Judy is our new shelter coordinator officially she's not new to operating our shelters but she's new to our official role as shelter coordinator so she is working with Bethlehem Baptist and I'll let her do a brief intro and then we also have Benjamin, McLean on the line. Benjamin. Are you new here, I don't see your face and Benjamin is our upper you are you have two Benjamins here and Benjamin is our teepee case manager so he's working with folks to enroll into our employment pathway through the emergency shelters, so I'll let him say hello.

Rosemary Powers

Alright so Judy anymore.

Gina Cabiddu

Yeah, I can go rosemary. My name is Gina capital and I am at Children's Home Society in Washington, so I'm welcoming back myself to this group.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome back. Judy anything else you'd like to say, Judy.

Judy Taylor

I'm Judy Taylor I've been working with Realejo for six months. And now, like she said, I'm the shelter manager

Rosemary Powers

at Beth. And thank you, and what wonderful to have you here and Benjamin I don't see you but I deserve,

Benjamin McLean

everyone. My name is Benjamin Maclean I'm relatively new here at layo but I'm enjoying it as a case manager working with people that are working to overcome their barriers, and just trying to help them in any way I can, and just build up, build up their mind or body and it's in their soul. I really enjoyed this. I love to

Rosemary Powers

have really important work thank you for being here.

Slim

Judy My name is

Jeffrey Boyce

introduce slim, who's a member of the 38th Street encampment.

Slim



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Hello, my name is Greg Jensen, and I'm here on behalf of the homeless individuals on 38th Street.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome and you'd like to go by slim. Yes, ma'am. All right welcome slim, it's good to have you.

Slim

Thank you, Bob, I

Rosemary Powers

think you were about ready to say something.

Bob Vollbracht

Yes, thank you. Well my name is Bob vollbracht I am a retired community volunteer spend most of my time supporting Children's Home Society Washington, working with Gina I also volunteered fish food bank and M part of the key Peninsula broad brand broad band initiative, easy for me to say, and working again with Gina and a host of 76 I think members now in our Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Housing and Homeless Coalition.

Rosemary Powers

Wonderful to have you here Bob, thank you.

Hannah Martinson

I'm Hannah Martinson I'm with the Tacoma center YMCA and we started the shower program back up again. And so that is my role here.

Rosemary Powers

Wonderful hand I really important offer to offer for people. Welcome, everyone.

Jimi

My name is Jimmy and I am a project manager with VM trace it's a company based out of Virginia, I actually talked to get yesterday who's the one who told me about this call. So I hopped on essentially we're in the process of submitting a proposal to the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department for COVID 19 vaccine outreach work So setting up vaccinations. Just outreach and getting people educated and aware about the vaccines, and really getting them to come to the events and things like that. So my purpose here is kind of introduce myself, let people know that we're looking for partners in this work. So if anybody is interested in partnering with us or you have additional questions, I can put my contact information in the chat, once I figure that out, so that you can reach out to me for questions or just to get more details, so. Hey everyone,

Rosemary Powers

welcome Jimmy.



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Jimi

Thank you.

Jackson

Hi, I'm Jackson was blehm recruiter. I'm actually logged in under Benjamin's my link had me set up for 9pm. So he had to send me a link.

Rosemary Powers

Oh yeah.

Jackson

How you guys doing today,

Rosemary Powers

well welcome. And what was your name again since you're Benjamin screen.

Jackson

Jackson with blue.

Rosemary Powers

Jackson okay welcome very much this room. Okay, well, if there is someone else is here who hasn't introduced themselves and you'd like to put your name in the chat, we can also check in with you if there's something you would like to network about that's this is a good place to do it. So Rob back to you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, rosemary, and welcome everybody, great to see so many new faces here today so let's move on to our this week on the streets, section, and, and this week I think we're going to be especially informed sets, Jeffrey has slim joining us, so let's move right into that Jeffrey.

Jeffrey Boyce

Very good. 38th Street, Captain is a Gamma Knife man just I'm a chaplain, and I've been spending time with them for several months now, and so I'm gonna pass this on to slim, go ahead.

Slim

My name is Craig Jensen and. Originally, I'm from Buffalo, New York, the snow capital of the country and let me tell you, it is literally snow capital. I grew up there with parents who sheltered me from individuals, such as myself, it's, it, it's given me a cause for concern over the years back that my homelessness has had a spiraled drug addiction. My drug addiction was a main cause of concern in the last couple of years of my life because of my health problems. In the past I received Social Security Disability for my health problems, But unfortunately, my drug addiction over came all the things that I needed to do to cause positive action in my life. In the last 10 years though, I've, I've taken the time and



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isolated myself from the negativities in my life, and overcame my drug addictions. But the problem I keep finding myself coming into is that even with the changes that I've made in my life over the years, I'm still homeless. I, um, I've, I've tried multiple different things trying to overcome the homelessness problem with with on up. I was, I've been basically unable to overcome it, due to the fact that I haven't had any outside help. I've had multiple individuals from the housing department who came to our camps in the past and and have attempted to give us individuals. Certain programming that that could help us and have positive changes in our lives, and unfortunately there was no, nobody who ever followed through with them. When I tried to contact these certain individuals I could, I could never contact them. I understand that Tacoma has wonderful programs and multitude of programs that are that are instituted to help individuals such as myself, overcome the negativities in my life, and I'm a lot of them were wonderful, but a lot of them. I was unable to get involved in due to my medical problems being so severe, um, unfortunately, those, those issues will still be with me until the day that I die.

Yeah, I'm gonna find

Charles

out who's a computer tech geek.

Slim

Okay, um, and so basically I feel that homelessness unfortunately is, is something that will never go away. Um, and I've been homeless myself now for going on 32 years 32 years is long enough. I'm in my mid 50s now, and I'm getting quite concerned with my ability to survive in and out in the outside with the cold in the rain and things like this that affect us more when we get older, and, and I'm, I know for a fact that after spending so many years outside that that there can't be too many more winners spent outside. At my age, you know, I'm, I feel that the fix for homelessness is to teach our, our future leaders, our youngsters our kids on how to prevent it, and how to stop having negative things happen in our lives, causing us to become homeless, such as drug addiction, alcoholism, mental illness, all the things that unfortunately help those stay out here. Sunday I it being the fact that I probably will never go back indoors, but if I don't, I want to be an advocate for individuals on the street, such as myself because it would be it would be more adaptive for a person such as myself, to talk to people such as Jeffrey, and then I can talk to the individuals who are homeless, and come across to these people a little bit more on their level. It allows these individuals to voice their opinions, and on multiple subjects pertaining to homelessness, and the reasoning for being out here. Jeffrey has been very very helpful, and assisting, many people here on 38th Street with the things that are necessary to survive with and, and it's, it's, it's a wonderful thing to have, and it's a wonderful thing if we can keep up the things that are needed to make sure that things go smoothly. I really appreciate this opportunity to come and talk to you guys today. And I really hope that someday that we could come together and, and figure out how to fix musicians. Thank you very much.

Rob Huff



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Thank you slim for sharing your story, your perspective is one that we really need to hear so thank you very much. So we have a couple more minutes if folks want to share any recent our new changes on the streets that they've seen this week.

Charles

Hey Yes I would like to share something. My name is Charles.

Rob Huff

Charles,

Charles

How you doing good. Yeah, I'm, I'm working on starting an outreach for, I think we have a lot of organizations in our city, but we're not organized. So I feel like restructuring needs to happen for all of our organizations to exhale. So, for starters, and we need to start with. Before we move on to homeless people or help out of homeless people, or get people off the streets period in our city. We have to at least build something. We can't tell people to move without a place to go. That's defeating the purpose. Every time you do it. Every time you do it that doesn't make any sense. So, you're taking a homeless person that's tearing up this area, and having to go tear up another area. No no no, that doesn't work. So what I propose is. I don't know what the city got, I don't know what the county got as far as resources and buildings, but I would like to come around, I have a way that we can structure, homelessness, I have a way that we can see that's what I'm working on, so we can share this thing.

Rob Huff

Well thank you very much for your, for your bringing this up I think it'd be more appropriate to bring it up at the end of our meeting today. When we do kind of our good of the order items, but we definitely appreciate you being here. We were just focused on what's actually happening on the streets in this portion of the meeting.

Charles

Oh, okay, well, there's been a lot of food being passed out I've been seeing some camps or, you know, staying tidy keeping up with, you know, their area. And, uh, from what I've seen is, you know, more needs to be done but yeah, things are being done. I've been seeing the trucks go by it, food has been being distributed, good people have been doing things. So, I've been saying that.

Patricia

Perfect. However, Rob, hey this is Patricia and we're kind of sharing a camera because I just he wanted to sit in with me. I've been there, probably for the last two weeks, about every day. And I'm noticing that. Number one, we're getting is, it's a, there's a waste of food people are just coming in and just dropping it off so there's lots and lots and lots of it. And it's just going to waste. And the other thing. There's no community outreach workers that are coming there to say, Hey, here's how I can help you to get into housing or this, these are the resources that I have for you there's no one doing that people are just coming dropping off food and masks and things, and then going and, and that's kind of, you know,



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it's kind of we're almost going around a circle here. And I'm not sure I've missed a couple meetings, I'm sorry but I'm not sure what you guys have on the table to try to move forward with this and to try to resolve this problem because I do know that it was that couple weeks ago you said November 1 You wanted to get the camps cleared up. Am I correct about,

Rob Huff

oh we have set a goal to end the street homelessness by the, by November 1 Correct.

Patricia

I've gotten two people signed up for treatment, and two people have applied for the hen program, which I have knowledge about so I'm trying to do my part now this is just as on my own because I don't see that there any social services, you got to keep quiet when I'm talking. And any anything any social services, outreach in no one's coming to say, Hey, what can I do to help you.

Rob Huff

Well thank you for that perspective Patricia I do know that there has been outreach into that space. And it's possible that the timing hasn't worked where you've seen people there, But we definitely, you know, appreciate that perspective. So let's move on to our first presentation of this morning. I want to introduce Tammy Ryles from comprehensive life resources, Tammy is joining us today to talk about centralized diversion funds. So Tammy. Do you have anything that I need to prepare to share screen or any of that thing like that for you

Tammy Riles

know, um, my computer, like deleted my presentation so I was like, prepared for you guys, but I'm not sure what happened, screaming baby but you know, so

that we will make the most of the time so you

Rob Huff

my best. I'm perfect.

Tammy Riles

I apologize to everybody. Um, okay, so centralized diversion funds, I wanted to come and share this information so everybody has it. The centralized diversion is exactly what it does is it's diversion funds but it's specifically for the youth and young adults, experiencing homelessness. Um, so I'm going to kind of give you guys a brief explanation and then I'll just kind of leave it open for questions. So, We do, sir, the CDF serves between the ages of 12 to 24, unaccompanied youth, young adults who are unsheltered early homeless or unstable situations counting or doubling up, so it's a little bit more flexible than the normal diversion funds that we're used to working within right like so. If a youth is couchsurfing we don't necessarily have to follow the very strict HUD guidelines, we're able to use this funding to help them get housing. There's also this is a low barrier funding so what, what that means is



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we're able to use it in a more creative way. We still it still has to lead to them being permanently housed, so we can't use it for IDs or bus passes but we could use it for everybody doing these great creative conversations we're having with these young folks, and all these great ideas that the young folks themselves are having to what their idea of, you know, a successful housing option would be, we're able to use this funding to really like Hone around that and that's really great information. I'm really great thing to have, um, so right now. Oh, also I want to say there is no money cap, within reason, right like so. I'm f, if let me use an example when we just did we paid off. Use previous balance with a landlord and that same landlord, like, agreed that if they paid off his balance we could move them in into a new unit, and we were able to do that without, like a cap, like we were able to do that to get those views housed, and so it. Again, it's, it's still diversion funds but we're able to use it in a different way, which is really really wonderful for these young folks again ages 12 to 24. I'm sorry guys, my presentation being gone has making me wingless at this point. So, um, one thing is we, it's, it's available to anybody within Pierce County so right now we have 40 I believe people on agencies that are people within our agencies that are certified to use this funding. And right now I think I have a total of six people actively using it so there's a lot of people who haven't had a chance to use it. And so we could, um, if you are interested we do hold screenings almost every month if you are working with in these populations and want to get certified to access these funds, the funds are super easy to access. Once you're certified you'll get a link to a request form. Use you submit the request some documentation is needed for moving for like rentals, things like that a W nine is needed for the landlord for relocation and for relocation is just a letter from somebody saying like, yes, you know, my nephew is going to come live with me. These are the requirements for him to live with me, XYZ. I don't want to get too far into the details because I know, I want to be able to give you guys options to ask questions or give you time to ask questions. One other thing that I did want to talk about is we do have quite a bit of money to use. We still have. I would say, I don't want to give an exact number because I know I'm sure I'm wrong, but it's roughly around. I think a little over \$100,000 still use. So there's a quite a lot of money to use, and there are, I'm sure there, you know, cases that you've been on your caseload, it's just been kind of waiting for this so that's why I wanted to do this presentation in two, to share this information gives you guys the option of reaching out to me and have been even if you just have questions or. One thing I love being the admin for is really kind of working one on one and doing almost like a case console with somebody be like hey can you see me after this and we actually have like a deep conversation about what the need is and we can kind of use our creative thinking minds and really kind of make an option for that. I'm, we are trying to work in a yes TS mindset so like, there's really not a no. Unless, like, it's hard. No, but really I'm trying to say yes to every request. So that's the idea. That's my brief little spill. I would like to leave it open for questions, and I'll put my email in the chat, so you guys can email me questions or asked about the certification process.

Rob Huff

Perfect. And if you have anything you can either share in the chat with a link to kind of base information, or even a link to the website with the base information. That would be awesome. And if you have anything you want to email to me to include I have this include on the PC homeless.org website we can do that as well. Perfect. I do see a question from Dwayne in the chat, mentioning that Seattle had this same fun and it worked amazingly, how do we as casement or managers access these funds,



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Tammy Riles

you would get certified, you would do the it's a two day training, you would do the two day training to get certified as a CDF requester, and then you would just use the request form that you're given at the end of your two day training to access the funds and then I'm the administrator for CDF in Pierce County, so that I would be processing your requests.

Rob Huff

Great. And I'm not sure if you can see the chat as well.

Tammy Riles

Yes, I can't I'm trying to read it and talk at the same time but without, like, it's difficult.

Rob Huff

Yeah. I see Jenna asked what CMH share is that's comprehensive life resources that's just their the email tag at the end of the their email address. Maureen, asking are CDF funds federal money,

you asked the question

James Pogue

this morning just Yes Tammy works for me. And real quick so just to clarify cdf, the most of the funds come from a way home Washington locally with, in partnership with some foundation so it's all local and then we have a block amount that comes from the Department of Commerce, at a, at the state so zero federal dollars, but there are some government dollars. Thank you. Oh and real quick the timeline that Tammy is referring to is July, June 30 100,000 Probably doesn't sound like a lot for a whole year but our calendar year for this project, and the fiscal year June 30 So we're trying to average something like 25 to 35,000 for the next three months or four months if you count this month, We were doing pretty good like we've been getting pretty close but but there's anything we don't use we lose, so we're, we want to spend everything

Rob Huff

perfect. And I see Dwayne asked a follow up question about if there's going to be training offered.

Tammy Riles

Yes, I was just typing a response, the next training is in April so if you are interested in, I believe it's April 11 I'll double check my dates because I'm losing my mind lately. Um, so, I believe it is April 11 and 12th, but I'll double check. Awesome,

James Pogue

but I also want to throw out one more thing the, the money is very flexible like Tammy said, we do have one threshold that says these dollars will equal the person being permanently housed in the next 15



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days, ish. So we've had some conversations with our funder about like if this person gets their, you know certification or whatever paid for, then they can get a job and then they can find housing or whatever the certification or whatever we're talking about has to equal housing in like the next couple of weeks so if a landlord saying yes this person gets employment all rent to them, like unfaith, all you need to do is get this employment then then yeah we could pay for that. If you don't have a landlord saying that, then all the, that that project wouldn't be necessarily approved until we have like eminent housing, but the housing doesn't have to equal the person being on the lease, it could be a doubled up situation or it could be reintegration with family, it could be a variety of things. It doesn't have to have the person's name on the lease, but it does have to be a situation where they won't be putting the household at risk if they're like couchsurfing or whatever.

Rob Huff

Great. And I see a couple of questions that Tammy has been able to answer in the chat. Does anybody else want to use the raise hand function and just ask their question verbally.

Maureen Howard

If I knew how

Rob Huff

well chat works too. Alright, so thank you very much Tammy, I'm sorry that your presentation was a challenge but if you do have material that you can send send our way we'd be happy to share it with the full list and make sure that I think it's in the interest of everybody on this call that the dollars get out the door so

Tammy Riles

absolutely and I thank you guys for giving me the time to share this information with you, and also dealing with the screaming toddler, so I really appreciate that.

James Pogue

And then one other thing too if you yourself are working with a client who needs case management, I have a case manager who CBF trained is a young adult supervisor at my shelter and is willing to take referrals as the case manager if you're just like oh I have a person and they need the whole gamut plus CBS funding, and I'll put her name and her information in the chat if you don't need that if you're the case manager and you're just looking for the dollars then Tammy gave you the information to connect with the money but then you would remain as the case manager, so I'll put a little information again if you're looking for some case management, to go along with your young adult who's homeless who needs the CDF funding.

Rob Huff

Perfect, thanks James. All right. So, I think we will shift to a quick poll that Garrett has put together, cue that up. And if you want to introduce it Garrett that'd be awesome.



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Gerrit Nyland

Oh and another meeting Brian and I go to, they often ask, kind of, who you're representing at the meeting, and I think it's a really interesting question. This particular pool is basically kind of characteristics of you, and it's multiple choice you can select as many as represent you, so just kind of see who's in the room, really

Rob Huff

perfect.

Gerrit Nyland

My supposed to launch the poll.

Rob Huff

I think so. Yay. There we go.

Gerrit Nyland

Lots of words on there. So how would you describe yourself a volunteer someone with lived experience government employee an outreach worker shelter provider. Another homeless provider, that's my catch all for rapid rehousing or you're doing inside passages case management or something nonprofit employee, that's a lot of us, for profit business other. So, again you can check as many as you are. When we can slip on to the next thing and I'll just sort of post the results, maybe.

Rob Huff

Yeah we can give it a second here I see we've got about 50 of 74 have done the polls,

Gerrit Nyland

I get all those nonprofit employees. Well I guess you can't look at it, maybe I'm the only one looking at it, because I can't vote.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I can't vote either but I'm seeing the results. All right, So we've had 64 or 74 folks voted, we will move on to the next item you want to report out on that.

Gerrit Nyland

Sure looks like 39 of us are nonprofit employees we have 11 people with lived experience, which, honestly, is, is, I think, exciting so that we have that kind of voice in the room, lots of advocates, 15 volunteers, thank you. Yeah, that's a it's a good stretch not three people from for profit business which, again, it's it's exciting to see how we span the group of people that care about homelessness. Thanks Rob. Thanks everybody.

Rob Huff

Thank you.



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Maureen Howard

Can you save that Garrett,

Gerrit Nyland

I was just gonna figure that out. Okay,

Rob Huff

I just, I just did a screenshot of it so we at least have that. Thanks Rob. Yep. You're welcome. So our next item on the agenda I want to ask Gina and Robert from the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Housing and Homeless Coalition to offer an overview of what's going on in that part of the county and help us know how we can all be connected.

Gina Cabiddu

Sounds good. Well, thanks everybody so much for having us here. I'm the genie Kaboo half of that duo, we've got Bob vollbracht on the line, Bob, you want to introduce yourself also you're on mute though if you are. Oh no,

sorry, yep, I'm, again just community volunteer and advocate. I do what Gina tells me to do and I, I survived quite nicely that way.

Gina Cabiddu

I just really appreciate how innovative Bob is but really I think what we connected on was his partnership with harbor Hope Center which is a local agency here and get Carper, as looking to address housing within our community. So, essentially, My role is I serve as the community manager for the Children's Home Society of Washington Bridge and keep an insula, so we're on the other half of Pierce County, so I both supervise the staff that provide the services and Pierson Mason County. I do all the fundraising and reporting for our public private and individual funding, so I have kind of a unique experience where my team is small but mighty. We've got about six of us, myself included, I'm the only full time employee. But we serve about 1500 Different people a year between key Peninsula and good Carver, so homelessness definitely impacts our communities. And so our mission at Children's Home Society is about developing healthy children creating strong families and building engaged communities to speak and advocate for communities. That's what this is right, we cannot have healthy children. We need to have housing stability to create stronger families, but what this is is building engaged communities through exactly what this coalition is doing. And so we live that mission through the direct service where we do engage with people directly experiencing homelessness. A lot of it is basic needs. So we work with families to give you know warm clothing items food cards gas cards, but we also do rental and utility assistance to prevent the homelessness issues where we can, but what we're really saying is that there's just not enough resources right, there's not enough low income housing, there is not going to be enough rental and utility assistance to be able to get people through at all times. And so really what we're doing what I'm excited about is this coalition that Bob and I are chairs of along with



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one of our colleagues who's Tanja from Chapel Hill Church in this coalition that we started was back in 2020 but it was actually originated by Joy Stanford, and I think many people on this call know Joy Stanford from formerly shared housing services and joy and I used to attend these meetings and she and I were kind of the advocates she even more so with her consistency about well what's going on in the key and good Harbor, we understand the providers that are in Tacoma, we understand Pierce County's got issues but like hey, we're over here too and we've got families that have needs. And so really what we wanted was to bring those resources bring the knowledge and just bring the awesome work that you all have been doing on this coalition, and be able to make it work within our culture and are part of the community. And so really what happened is this got kicked off in 2020 and then COVID happened, and like many others plans got derailed so this got picked back up at the end of 2020 in really what brought me to joining this coalition was there's things happening now that a year and a half ago, people would have looked at us and said that will never ever happen, hotels have been leased to house people experiencing homelessness. That wouldn't have happened before, there's talk about purchasing hotels and being able to use those for direct services, that wouldn't have happened before, we've had empty schools be utilized by advocates that wouldn't have happened before. And so my passion for this is that I personally been affected impacted by this. I have a six year degree, I have a Master's in Social Work from the University of Washington Tacoma, I have a decent paying job, but I could not afford the rent and Gig Harbor, and it pushed me to move into an RV on a space in the key peninsula, and so that's really my passion that comes to this and what we're looking to do with this coalition is we've got about 80 members and we're growing more and I don't think it's an exaggeration to say day by day. If not, week by week, It's really a cohort just like this, of public entities, private nonprofits, faith based people and then of course volunteers, and what we're doing with this coalition that I'm so excited about is that we're examining a big range of different options, we've looked at things and I'm sure very familiar to this group. How could we make safe parking happen in our community, how could we support Harper Hope Center and their mission because they were able to get housing for teenagers within our community. What could we possibly do with innovations like cargo texture, how can we build on what you all have is doing for overnight shelters being shared among different churches, what's going on with the land trust you know everything that encompasses that and beyonds. And then we're also keeping a really close eye on what's going on in the legislator, because of course that's going to have widespread impacts for how we all get to do the work that we want to the most importantly how it actually impacts people exactly like slim and I'm so glad that slim got to share his story. So we're looking at the moratorium we're looking at gas taxes we're looking at tenant evictions and protection bills that are going through the legislator. So we're really keeping a big eye on what's going on at the high level that's going to impact directly the families that we're all trying to serve. But also we're looking to leverage the power of that membership to create real time connections and referrals. So one of the things I've already heard here today is exactly the piece about there's all these agencies that are trying to organize and do the work, there's people that are missing opportunities for follow up. And so essentially we've been able to create a real time oh I know a family that needs this, oh well you could go talk to our partner over here that has those resources and by the way they've been trying to serve that same person so now we can communicate together and be able to have a better impact for that direct person. So beyond that, I think the other thing I'm really excited about this that this coalition is doing is it's really looking encompass lumely at some of the other issues that we



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know impact housing insecurity. So public transportation is not something that exists on the Kenai Peninsula, what would it take to get it out there so that people experiencing homelessness can actually get where they need to go, be able to get to and from whatever housing solutions we can and will implement within our community. We're talking about broadband, I'm not sitting in that room with you that we all used to do at the church every single Friday. We're having a zoom content and technology is a vital piece and families accessing resources and being able to build their own skill sets and their assets, so that they have more housing security. And then we're also looking at employment, what kind of barriers do people looking to get employment that will provide solid income for housing security so that we can address those and make it easier for people to have access. So that's a lot of what our coalition's been working on Bob did I miss anything in there.

Well, I think, Gina to the gentleman that is with Patricia Washington, you know his comment was, there's a lot of entities that don't seem to be as coordinated or organized together as, as they might be from his perspective and I would agree with that. I think the coalition's impact in the last six months has been exactly that we have brought many many community members together who were individually doing wonderful work and funding programs, and sometimes at cross purposes they would, they would even start to compete with, with one another. I think we've introduced them to each other, we've opened up channels of communication, and they are now cooperating to the point where we're having a better impact and looking at actually, not just what happens tomorrow for for our residents in need. But, ongoing, giving, giving them a way to become self sufficient and a plan to get there. So the community is starting to evolve and embrace those concepts and I think the coalition is helped help to do that. And just a quick again shout out, I can't, I can't not do this, a Marine, Kevin, Garrett you have just been tremendous support to us. Without that, we be still floundering around a little bit. You guys have been proactive you've reached out to us, you've made numerous suggestions and introduced us to other people. We will not waste or, you know, not certainly appreciate your confidence in us and we have to earn some more of that because I'm going to keep using it. That's kind of a gene, I think, For those of you that may not know, we have a we have a real heaven have nots here like most communities Gig Harbor is an extremely wealthy community in many respects, some of that exists on the Kenai Peninsula but mostly on the Kenai Peninsula, it is rural, It is poverty level. We have no shelters, we have no transitional housing, no prospect of getting any based on what the county has told us for quite a while so we're, we're aggressively looking at ways as Gina mentioned, To change the county's mind and come up with concept to provide transitional and short term houses housing using RVs and trailers on church properties. Safe parking

Bob Vollbracht

lots, so

it sounds like it sounds to me Gina when you're talking about it, like, oh, how can I possibly do all that well you know we're actually doing it. So, but again not without a lot of support from from you all and people in this community. So I guess that's all I would add,



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Gina Cabiddu

awesome. So I think really I've already seen some messages in the chat about like how can people get engaged. And so what I've done here is I've dropped my contact information and Bob if you can drop yours too, because I was in the middle of typing it out. We meet every other Thursday we just had our last meeting last week, and so we originally thought about maybe we could meet once a month, but we want this to move forward we want solutions implemented we don't want talk we want action. And so that's why we're meeting every other week we meet at 10am It goes till about 11 We're very considered about keeping it to an hour, and we just look at different examinations of opportunities for solutions that we could implement, and then we have fantastic speakers just like Maureen that presented yesterday about what's going on at the high level, and what's going on locally so that we can really just coordinate these efforts. So if there's any questions Bob and I are happy to, to hear them.

Rob Huff

Yeah and again you can rate use the raise hand function to queue up for questions or use the chat, or if you need to and your only option is you can unmute and ask that way.

Gina Cabiddu

I agree with you there in the chat though Jared about the shelter the short term housing being necessary on the key and Gig Harbor for sure.

Al Ratcliffe

You have a Russell film, Family Foundation and Gig Harbor. Are you guys connected with them and are they supportive and there's this whole life.

Gina Cabiddu

I actually have a meeting scheduled I'll get with the CEO, that's recently been appointed and so we're going to chat with her about how things are going. But thank you all if you've got any other connectors, I'd love to know about them.

Rob Huff

And Gina I don't know if you've been in contact yet with Colin DeForest about safe parking, it sounds like that might be sick.

Gina Cabiddu

But I'm gonna chat about that that was an awesome connection.

Oh yeah, absolutely I believe Kevin you refer calling to us. Found him through another webinar program about faith, faith based organizations, taking a role in preventing and supporting community homelessness. So we actually we were on a zoom with column two days ago. Have all his updated information valuable all of that information column provided all of the packets that we have prepared



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have gone out now to about 21 churches. I'll finish up the rest when Gina gives me an hour or two off. All in all in all, we'll get, we'll get about 37 churches involved by Tuesday. So, Kevin, thank you very much.

Rob Huff

Love you guys's energy

Gina Cabiddu

rather than us.

Rob Huff

Yeah. Any loads of questions I see Maureen has her hand up, and you're muted morning.

Maureen Howard

That's for everybody's good. I can't remember how to raise my hand on the picture, but thanks Gina and Bob, for your kind words but you're credible work. So we've got a small housing development loan fund that's private investors have brought and to us and we're just in the process of trying to shape what that looks like and I've put this out to the coalition at a meeting before but one of the things to look at I think is, if you're going to move down the RV or trailer route. One of the things that Greg Walker and I had worked on a couple of years ago was the possibility of making it possible for people to actually buy those. So they can develop that, even though it's a depreciating asset. It is an asset that they could take with them if employment or life takes them somewhere else. So think about I know you've already got some sort of performer around that. So think about what it might take this, this is loan money, and it doesn't exist yet, but there's half a million on the table, and I've got a couple of other folks who have come forward and said basically if you can figure out some way that I can see the tangible result of my investment in this fund in our community, then yeah I put money in, and I suspect there are more people like that, at the upper end of income or wealth, who really want to use their money for the common good. So yeah, don't answer right now but just get back to me think about that look like, and if anybody on the call, wants to put money in let me know that too. So

Gina Cabiddu

I think Bob could speak to that a little bit he's looked into this and I'm pretty excited about where it's going, Bob. Yeah, just

quickly, um, that's all. Thank you, Maureen that's part of our program. I can go down, we have we already have RV partners, retail and wholesale sellers who are offering to help find used RVs who are offering to help source new RVs and or travel trailers. You know, I can go down today and give them \$5,000 And bring home a 32 footer, in a couple of days that will serve a single mother with two kids, and the payment on that is going to be under \$275 a month. So we've approached that along with the safe parking concept with the faith based community we've approached them to say, Hey you guys, why don't you sponsor or adoptive family. And if you can't do it partner with another church, or we're out



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in the community as well, saying, Here's a fun, we're gonna, we're gonna set it up, kick, kick in a couple 100 bucks right yeah give us \$25 A month and we'll take care of this totally doable. Yes, it is a depreciating item but the standard of living it provides is is gonna help them enough, and certainly stabilize their lives, to let them get back to being self sufficient and I think that's that's the bottom line for us. Thank you.

Gina Cabiddu

Yeah, the piece that I wanted to add for Bob is I'm also because we all wear many hats, the president of the key Peninsula Business Association, and I'm working really closely with the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and so I think there's real opportunity to have those conversations from the business standpoint of engaging businesses about how it impacts their business, their margins their revenues, talking with banks and institutions about what could loans look like partnering with United Way about financial literacy classes. So I think those are things well underway Maureen, thank you

Al Ratcliffe

are genius as you mentioned the chamber of commerce that Tacoma Chamber of Commerce has got a committee working on this whole issue and we're connecting with them. You might want to try to bridge the two chambers.

Gina Cabiddu

That's great, thank you out.

Rob Huff

Great, so any final questions for Gina and Bob. Yeah, lots of clapping. Yeah, really appreciate you guys being able to make the time to come here and I'll work with Kevin and Maureen and Garrett will we'll see if there's ways that we can cross pollinate our groups to have a greater impact across the whole county. Just so that people know, one of the reasons we wanted to invite Gina Bob here today. We also want to invite in the coalition that's working around homelessness in the Puyallup area. We're trying to get that broader perspective of what's happening in the county, because with our commitment to push for ending street homelessness by the end of November, or beginning of November, we need to one of those first steps in the built for zero plan would be building the building the master list of who is currently homeless so we can start working with those individuals. And we have to understand the situation across the whole county not just where so many of the services are currently located in Tacoma, so thank you again. Alright so let's transition. Speaking of Tacoma, to a breakout group around to help inform the city of Tacomas homelessness plan. Teagan queued up for you if you'd like to take the stage.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah Thanks Rob. Such good stuff happening today. It's good to see everybody, I hope everyone's enjoying the sunshine I sure am. I want to start with also thinking slim, I took a lot of notes, and I think he actually teed up this conversation pretty well with some of the things he highlighted from his experiences being on the street and it looks like he left Jeffrey but, um, so there's a couple of things I



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want to highlight before we get into the breakout session so the first is I always like to kind of discuss our boundaries of the city house and that's usually legislatively. So the first thing that we operate between is, of course, Martin V Boise, and they're rolling around criminalization of homelessness. So we're very aware of that and we tried to align and make sure that we are adhering to all those guidelines. The second one is the CDC guidelines for COVID and encampments street outreach we know street outreach goes through. So I just want to highlight that as well. Um, the other thing I want to share is our focus on racial disparities in the homeless system. So we're really leaning into the SPARC report and the two things that they highlight from that I think that are really relevant to today's discussion is the first one is individuals that are in the criminal justice system, and how that can stop them from getting into housing, employment, also we know that sometimes can also keep them on the streets in a variety of ways, and behavioral health issues and substance use disorder so those are two that I really want to highlight in this as well. And something I also kind of want to start getting in our minds when we think about this, and there's gonna be some other sessions all announced a little bit later as well, is what how do we define success for each of these areas, how do we show that we're moving the needle like maybe we don't fully resolve it, how do we start moving it so we can keep growing. And currently for street outreach, the way the city has been defining success is successful placements from street outreach so that means getting an image of an individual or family off the street, whether that's emergency shelter or a treatment facility, transitional housing, things of that sort, and also how many of them have access to services such as rental assistance utility assistance free meals we know it looks different for each individual how they're on the street. So those are some of the things I want to think about too, like how do we show that those services or making an impact. So today's question, which of course I will put in the chat. We've got a couple, it might be easier by just let me put it in there first. The first thing you want to think about was who's conducting the street outreach, what skills and trainings, make them successful in their work, and what additional programming should be developed to conduct this work well. And then considering some of the things we were just saying about some of the higher barriers that clients have being involved in criminal justice, behavioral health, substance use disorder, what types of additional programming should be developed and invested in to support those needs and moving them towards stability. So those are the big questions like I said I'm a visual person, I'll put it in the chat so people that need to see it. Um Do we have any questions before we start I hope that was pretty encompassing round in part.

Rob Huff

Yes, so what I'm going to do his group divide everybody up into small groups of five to six people. We're going to take 15 minutes to talk about the topics, and I will work with tieghan to make sure that we put the questions will be pasted periodically into the, into the announcements portion. During the meeting, or during the breakout room so that you can see those questions. There's quite a few so they'll probably be three different things that I paced, as you have your conversation. The hope is that in the, in the breakout rooms, there'll be somebody who's assigned to take notes. And when we come back to the full group, you can just paste your notes, if you're the note taker, into the chat so that we can capture that and get it back to Teagan taken did you want to kind of, one thing I don't think you really did was kind of queued up exactly what this is informing for folks who might be new.



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Tiegan Tidball

Yeah, absolutely. So, the homeless strategy framework is we're looking at really the continuum of homelessness in each area, and looking for strategies, goals and outcomes so that we can really see how we invest our work to build a stronger continuum to support individuals experiencing homelessness or near, or their unstable housed, so that we can make the largest impact in this and create better outcomes for everybody, and hopefully end their episode of homelessness.

Rob Huff

Alright, so any questions for the large group before we move into the breakout rooms. All right, so I'm gonna set this up and like I said we will spend 15 minutes so we'll be back here roughly 1013 ish. And away we go. If you're still in this room this is the non participants room. It's fine to be here, but just know that will be relatively quiet except for some chatter here for the next 15 minutes. In other words this room might be boring.

Al Ratcliffe

Got to go to another meeting. See you guys.

Rob Huff

Alright, Thanks. Oh. I see you're multitasking.

Gerrit Nyland

So I was curious about like what type of utilization we're getting of our website. And so I've got it hosted on Azure, right So Microsoft platform, it does not have any like easy built in like logging stuff. So I'm like, Fine, I hunted down the actual IIS log files. This is like way too much sharing. I asked log files and I thought well there's got to be some easy programs to just, you know what I mean you just upload the file and it gives you, I can't find one. Like, I found these things and they're like super complicated right they're like, Oh yeah, and you put it in and I'm like, where's my canned reports like I don't want to learn your frickin, you know, custom query language like I could do my own analysis on those logs if I wanted to do that anyway, that was a call from one of the sites I created an account on and gave up because I'm like up. But if they want to give some engineer time to help me figure it out in the hopes they'll buy their product.

Okay, Yeah,

yeah.

Gerrit Nyland

I just remember like early 90s You could eat I like had a program and you just, you know, anyway. Like, it bugs me when software from the early 90s is like easier to use and,



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Rob Huff

you know, I see. Are you seeing this, ask for help function popping up from a room.

No.

Rob Huff

Okay, I'll pop over to this breakout room, I'm Patricia Washington asking for help so

I might jump into Room.

Hey Rob Carolyn. Can you hear me.

Rob Huff

I can hear you but I was muted so. Oh, okay.

You know we have that film and forum coming up on the 27th of March, can I drop the flyer to you, in case I have to leave early, because I'd really like to invite the, not only our coalition that Kitsap County Coalition and the East, East County Coalition would be really powerful to get them to attend and invite others, other communities. Would that be okay that you mentioned that.

Rob Huff

Yeah, what I would say is, you also could drop that flyer into the chat when we all get back here in the main room and a couple minutes. Oh, yeah I think that'd be a good way to do it as well. Yeah,

cuz we don't have a lot of time at the meeting, yeah 27

Rob Huff

Yeah. Yep, and we would only have one more meeting between one more coalition meeting before that so.

Carolyn Do you know,

Kevin Glackin-Coley

sorry, this kind of giveaway a tracking how many people have registered already.



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Yeah, we have over, 30 close to 40 but I can check right now.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Let's go just yeah that's a good start I put it on Facebook yesterday too and. Yeah, a couple days ago when I registered self.

Yeah, it's they're coming in I sent it to Bellarmine My girlfriend is principal there and I've noticed couple Bellarmine communities so we're trying to and I asked Colin, for us, too, because he's, you know, we, we'd like to get people that want to a, you know, educate themselves on the issue and be, you know, kind of keep the pressure on and it seems like with that resolution they've drafted. This is right on the mark, like, it just gives them that support they need from the community they move forward with that.

Rob Huff

Yeah, great, I'm glad to hear you've got 40 or so people already signed up. That's great.

Yeah, we're shooting for 200 So it's not great for me.

Rob Huff

Well yeah but it's a start. I mean, the interesting thing is people don't necessarily. In my experience people wait till the last minute to do things. Yeah. And, and the other thing that's in my experience is that people sign up to do things on Zoom and then maybe half of them show up so.

Right, Right, so I'd hate for us to get the council to agree and yeah there's 10 people there.

Yeah,

yeah.

Do you see,

Rob Huff

I do, I think you're gonna want to share it again when we get everybody back here, and I'm going to actually close the rooms right now so it'll be about a minute before everybody's back into the main area.



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And what do you know we're almost on time with the agenda. Hey, Megan. It takes teacher conference data to get you in here, huh.

Yeah.

Rob Huff

Well, it's good to see you. I know you've been busy.

It'd be with y'all.

I don't think I'm doing this right, so I gotta wait, I got it I keep thinking I can just push it out when I want to but every time I click on the shows up. So yeah, tell me, what do you do it.

Rob Huff

Yeah, so everybody's coming back into the rooms in about eight seconds. So, when you see everybody's show up in the room, then is it a great time to put it in the chat. I'm not sure everybody will see it otherwise.

Maureen Howard

Rob, we're done.

Rob Huff

I know but our 15 minutes or up.

Maureen Howard

I know.

Rob Huff

I'm glad to hear conversation was being had and it was good. So, um, so Teagan Do you want to say any parting words before we move on to the next item in the agenda.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah, well thanks Rob, Lots of good discussion I'm sorry it sounds like people wanted to keep going.

Rob Huff

That's a good thing.

Tiegan Tidball



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So, that is a great thing. So something I want to highlight is, um, we were discussing earlier this week about having an additional couple of forums coming up where we can dig deeper into these ideas and so we're strategizing that now and probably by next week, probably the 15th 16th Somewhere in there so that's early next week, so we're hoping that we can present those dates to you, so you know when we can, we can have a larger form and really dig deep into some of these ideas and look at goals and strategies and stuff so I'm looking forward to being able to share that with you. When it comes so great, thanks everybody, I always appreciate your feedback and your participation.

Rob Huff

Great, and what I will remind everybody is. I see a couple of folks Teresa and Greg mentioning, grabbing notes from the sessions that just do your best to summarize what the conversation was so we can get the high points to tea again. After the meeting, the whole point of these kind of working breakout groups is just to one, we all get to see each other and chat in a smaller setting than the big screen of faces. But second, that, that we can actually bounce some ideas off of each other and get a little bit of brainstorming around these topics, so I'm glad to hear that was a useful, use of time. What we will do now is transition into doing government updates and tieghan I don't know if you caught the questions that were being raised about the, the situation at eighth in Yakima, and whether you can offer any kind of update about how, how, what is happening there from the city's perspective. And, and what has changed with the new hygiene station and bathrooms and security there.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah, so we started, we set up a hygiene station on March 5 that has porta potties hand washing and garbage. So, As far as we know, I hadn't heard any concerns as of yesterday, did something happen, and I might have missed that.

Rob Huff

No, I think the concern that was brought up was about, kind of overflow of resources, especially food to the site, and things are going to waste and then also a concern about whether outreach workers are coming to the site to coming into the encampments to, to, you know, provide any outreach help, case management, that kind of thing.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah, so, the food is new I wasn't aware of that, so I'll make sure to pass that along to my team as well. So I know our hot team or homeless outreach team is going there daily so they should be there. If we feel like there's more resources are needed, we can we can discuss it with other street outreach teams. But as far as I know it's been going pretty well. I'll talk to them about the food to see if we can get a different kind of distribution or something else that isn't going away since we know there's food could be needed elsewhere.

Rob Huff

Yeah that's fantastic.



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Tiegan Tidball

Yeah,

Rob Huff

yeah cuz in my, in my experience and maybe Jeffrey has perspective from over the 38th Street site but I, I see quite frequently on Yakima, a lot of what just look like kind of ad hoc community members stopping by and dropping things off, and I, and I'm wondering how much of the excess that might show up at the site is really about that.

Tiegan Tidball

That's a really great point, we know that it does happen, so I'm going to reach out to my team after this it does not work and kind of see what they're seeing and how we can better organize and strategize that I appreciate that feedback.

Rob Huff

Perfect. Jeffrey I saw your hand up briefly.

Reverend Boyce

I think one of Teagan. It's good to see you again. And one of the things that we had initially was, there was no signage, and so the campers were going. We can't use that because it's on private property. And so, I don't know if signage got put back up, but least letting the campers know that they can use it, would, would have been helpful, initially.

Tiegan Tidball

Great thanks Jeffrey I'll double check on that as well.

Rob Huff

Great. Tikkun did you have anything else for the city that you wanted updated before we move into the rest of government updates.

Tiegan Tidball

I do, since I'll just be the first government update then. Okay. I also want to remind everyone the Salvation Army warming center is still continuing to serve men has a capacity of 35 beds I believe they do have some availability. So, you know, if there's any single men that are needing shelter, please reach out to them. Um, our rental assistance is still going strong so staff continues to work with the county to align our efforts to provide rental assistance, um, and Pierce County in partnership with the city. Last year rental assistance portal on Monday, March, 8, so residents may find more information, I can put that the link would probably be more helpful to me saying and spell it all out, and the program provides up to 12 months of rental assistance dating back to March, 2020, and serves households up to 80% Pierce County, median income, and they, the applicants may also qualify for utility assistance through those programs, and the city's Rental Assistance Fund at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has received 26 gifts totaling \$29,305 So that's fantastic. Um, and we are also continuing to



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look for homeless program manager interim, so I know that process when we, we had it we will be announcing it and we're hoping that the coalition will have input on the permanent selection process. So I think those are my big updates. Oh, also we did have a tour of the beacon center. This Tuesday for individuals to look at the youth and young adult shelter and drop in center so that occurred we only had one person show up. Of the four that they said they were gonna come so I'm just reaching out if people are still interested, we can still reach out to Vicki Maclaurin, um, if you're still interested in seeing that space at all and that does close the RFP closes on March 23 So thanks everybody.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you, Teagan. So next on our agenda for government updates, usually it would be Valerie but I see Jeff Rogers here Jeff where you going to do an update for Pierce County.

Jeff Rogers

Yes, good morning, I can give that quick update. Thank you for leading into what I'm going to share a bit more. Regarding the rental assistance program. What a week. I'll just share with you that Valerie worked probably 16 hours over the weekend, this past weekend to get this portal up and running, working with our vendor took a lot of extra time, the portal opened for renters tenants to apply. And in case you don't know, almost two weeks ago we opened the portal for landlords to go in and enter landlord information so that we can move the process quicker. And so far we've had 925 different landlords, enter their information into the system, which is a great thing which move things quicker. As of this morning, we had over nine just over 9000 users as we're calling them who have logged into the portal and created an account, because every household can create an account and track the progress within the system of their application which is really great compared to what we did with the Cares Act in 2020 Oh, 67 users. 7387 of them have started an application which means they've begun to fill in the application. And of that 3472 have hit the submit button, which means they have all the documents required and all the material, all the information in there. Another great feature is that if I go in today to start applying and there's something I need or information I don't have at my fingertips. I can say where I'm at and go back on another day and just move from there to updated versus be starting all over. So, 3472 applications have been submitted. We expect that the other roughly 3500 3700 that are in process to be submitted soon so it's a very popular site, it hasn't crashed Valerie was fearful it might crash on Monday because we got a lot of applications on Monday, but it hasn't really promoting this program, getting the word out across the community. But that is really, really good news. Another piece of information I'll share is that we've also been very, very busy trying to allocate our emergency solutions grant Coronavirus funding. We finally made decisions. Those recommendations were finalized this past week, providers who apply were notified of their awards or denials, if they received a denial, we have funded 15 projects. Out of those 15 projects we're funding street outreach, we're funding emergency shelter expansion. We're funding that emergency shelter expansion is overnight shelter. And we were also funding some new day shelter programs so that there are locations that people can go to. During the daytime, and we're funding Rapid Rehousing those dollars are roughly \$7.4 million. It'll be hitting the street. Our goal is to rapidly and quickly get those contracts turned around some of those funds go through December of this year, mainly for temporary emergency shelter, but all other activities that we're funding, the money is available through September of 2021. So the permanent



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emergency shelter we're funding that right Rapid Rehousing programs were funding industry outreach work we're doing goes through September of next year, so a little longer period of time. Of course those \$7.4 million. Real quickly, I'll just share and this is just off the top of my head, just from being wowed by the numbers. It's roughly, and this might shock, quite a few people. We've never put this much of an investment into street outreach, but it's roughly \$1.5 million in street outreach. I'll tell you the county has never funded more than \$100,000 in street outreach so that's a significant significant increase in funding being provided. So, when we did our what my manager called think tanks and we asked for feedback from the community, and we heard what the community felt the need was we clearly heard the need for street outreach programs. So, as you see there's a huge investment in that work that we're investing in roughly around 2 million for overnight shelters, I think it's five or 600,000 Roughly for day shelters, and then roughly around 2 million, don't hold me to the exact number, that's going into rapid rehousing. And what we've tried to do with these dollars is if someone ends up in an overnight shelter pairing them and linking them to one of the Rapid Rehousing programs that are funded, so that hopefully we're moving people out of the temporary emergency shelters, which is by the end of this year, with that kind of fits in with your initiative to end street homelessness which potentially could free up space in certain areas. The priority for the these rapid rehousing units that are available, is for people that are in these temporary programs so that we're working to help them move out of the programs that are the temporary programs we don't have this huge bottleneck of people that want these programs in could end up homeless, but that's the hope. That's the goal. That's the intent of the emergency shelter funding and the Rapid Rehousing funding that's in this program. So that's the update that I have on the two updates that I can provide today.

Rob Huff

Thank you Jeff and I Craig did that address your question that you posted in the chat.

Greg Walker

I'm not exactly I just typed in the follow up is it okay reorganization has not received any response either positive or negative on our funding application so Jeff if you can catch up with me later I'd really like to know what, how we got results were so thank you.

Jeff Rogers

Well I, my understanding from staff that is working on it is that those letters went out, but let me reconfirm that.

Rob Huff

Great. Thank you very much, Jeff said there's a lot going on and more funding coming down the pipeline. So,

Jeff Rogers

yes,

Rob Huff



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lots more work ahead. So let's shift over to Rianna from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, what do you have for us this week.

Carolyn Reed

Gary, I had a question for Jeff.

Rob Huff

Okay, Carolina.

Carolyn Reed

I put it in the chat, but Jeff, since you're, you guys do a great job there at the county. Since housing is the, the issue here you know it's kind of blocking up everything as far as getting people through shelters and such. How can we get support to have the county council approve the 1/10 of 1% for housing, you know, because that we looked at those numbers and we think that could actually solve the supportive housing need for, you know, is leveraged, you know, over the next 10 years. So how can we do that, how can we support them and making that decision.

Jeff Rogers

Are you are you referencing the 1/10 of 1% for behavioral health,

Carolyn Reed

no for housing the one they haven't approved yet. Guys wanna make sure that we're on the

Jeff Rogers

same chart. What I would say to you is that for many of you who have been in this business for a long time and know the Pierce County Council. The Council has significantly changed in 2021. There's a lot a lot of conversation taking place behind the scenes. A lot of conversation here and many of you are engaged and involved in that conversation. So what I can say this time is. Stay tuned. There's a lot coming in 2021, with regards to how Pierce County does what it does, potential funding that's coming down the pipeline. Things are going to change. But I will say, That's my assessment of it.

Well, Jeff, I want to thank you for that because I am noticing a change in tone, and I lead a little group that's kind of been going to their meetings every week and encouraging a plan be made and and tax this tax be approved, then just for the whole group to help support the county council and doing their comprehensive planning and get the getting funding. Just put, I put a flyer in the chat that we're having a forum with three of the county council members on March, 27, and it would be really powerful. If these coalition's like from Bob, your group in in Gig Harbor, and those that are out in the east side of the county, and our coalition, get this information out to our communities so we can have a strong showing and support them and show them that the community does support this and want it. So I think you'll really enjoy it. It's a film of a woman that embedded herself with those that are in house during the



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winter in Seattle. So that's the first hour, and the second hour is a panel discussion and small group discussion with the County Council.

Rob Huff

Thank you Carolyn, so let's move on to Rianna and hear what's up with the Health Department.

Reanna Bettencourt

Morning everybody. Thank you for the breakout groups this morning I got to share some of my lived experience. As a single mother with unstable housing. Many years ago, so I appreciated, to be able to do that today. Thank you for all your meaningful work. So from the health department, the Vaccine Education team which is that the team that I'm a part of is sort of, we're still doing vaccine education but we're sort of pivoting a little bit towards helping support our vaccine teams put together, clinics and finding finding, you know, the, the senior housing. Places that haven't that haven't been vaccinated yet to try and reach people that are still not vaccinated that are in the first tier. So that's what our team is currently doing. I'm sure all of you heard that tier two opens up on the 17th instead of the 22nd so that's super great news. We're moving pretty quickly here. All the tariffs should be open by the end of April. So what I wanted to share is, I want to just make sure that everyone knows where to find and access to our. I'm sorry. Our, our vaccine web page, our vaccine webpage has all the current information that comes from us, it has a provider's list of frequently asked questions, blogs, data info for health care providers. Also, you can get to face finder from this web page, there's a new edition on the webpage and it's a phone number, and the phone number. The phone number is framed as calling for registering for a second dose events. If anybody needs help registering customers or clients, or whatever, call this phone number, and somebody will help register that person. So it's not just for a second dose events, so just so you guys know, and that number can be called for anybody that needs help registering that falls within the current phase guidance, of course, also. Yeah, we have a list of Pierce County providers that is updated and changes, very frequently as vaccine supply increases. And the next thing is that we have vaccine education community presentations, And so our next one is on the 26th and we also have one. On April, 16, and we should have all the Johnson and Johnson information, integrated into this presentation by the next one. And so I just want to invite anybody who's interested in attending to sign up for the community presentation, you can ask questions at these presentations, and then we take those back and we'll provide answers. So if you click on the date on the flyer, you can sign up for that presentation, and feel free to share that up on your networks if you wish.

Rob Huff

So, thank you.

Reanna Bettencourt

Unless, unless Michael has any, anything else to add to that, I'll just bet on the chat.

Rob Huff

Great. All right, so moving along in our meeting. Quick quickly. Verna was going to offer a quick update about an training opportunity related to compassion fatigue. So I'll hand over the floor to you Verna.



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Verna Lilly

Hi everybody, well first I want to say thank you so much for the work you do for people that are having housing instability. My presentation is directed toward you, as people who support others. And I just wanted to mention that I have personal I was one of the 11 people that had personal experience with housing instability I spent most of the first five years of my life couch serving across three states so that I could stay in the family and not go into the foster care system. So I have an appreciation for some of the issues here. What I want to talk about Rob, do I have a screen sharing.

Rob Huff

I can certainly give that to you here just a moment.

Verna Lilly

Yeah, it just take a second.

Rob Huff

All right, you should have the ability now.

Verna Lilly

Okay.

Can you guys see this Okay. Yep. Okay, so this is the Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps trauma resilience team, commonly known as the trauma resilience team or TRT, in a nutshell. We're a team of trained volunteers that provide short term mental health support. Why do we need that. Well, we've all been affected by the pandemic in some way.

Verna Lilly

Here's the message we get. And this is some of the impacts on our lives.

So touched all of us right. Oh and by the way life didn't stop and get us some slack. This is Puget Sound last month. So we have our normal stressors on top of COVID. Things are different now and we need to adapt. In some days it just it overwhelms our ability to cope. So we're here to help resilience team. You don't have to do it alone. There's a couple of services we offer one is educational programs. Rob just mentioned compassion fatigue, so this was one that was put up by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department we can offer that. And it talks briefly also in there about the buddy system, and all of us in our different agencies can practice being good buddies to each other. Here's another one, the State Department of Health has one called the Health Support team training. This one lasts a little bit longer, but it offers a real good overview of stress management and mental health support. So we'll also help you here's our second service we'll also help you have creative ways to develop your own internal processes, we can facilitate groups discussions. We're not doing this too much these days that



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social distancing looks more like this right. Well, we can help you develop creative ways to be supportive of each other, even virtually, and then we'll help you discover some other ways to be supportive of each other and work with you on that the message is, you're not

Verna Lilly

alone.

The world's fastest PowerPoint guys, we're here to help. And here's this is my contact information. I am going to stop screen share and see if this will let me put that information in the meeting. It was great.

Rob Huff

Perfect. Yeah, and you know I love that kind of PowerPoint presentation so thank you

to ask them furious. Yeah, okay, if anybody has any questions, please let me know and I'll put in chat on my contact information. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you Verna. And real quick, Teresa, you had a question that I overlooked your hand being up. You wanted to ask Brianna.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Yeah, but Verna, that was great. It was fast and furious and really informative. So Brianna I just wanted to check. I'm in the community that has a lot of elders that have not gotten the vaccine, and it's been hard for them to work with the site they go and everywhere they go. It looks like there's there are vaccines available and then there aren't. And I wonder if there are any plans to have a clinic just to kind of clean up the people who are over 70 who still haven't gotten their vaccine. If there was something like that I would put a real effort out to collect these people I know about, and get them to such a place, but it feels odd that they still haven't, and they've been trying, it's not that they are technologically illiterate, it's just that they don't stay at their computers all day, and so they don't see when a when an opportunity comes up and when they try to schedule, they are not able to

Rob Huff

it, she goes I don't know. I don't know if Michael Orianna could respond to that.

Michael Pitonyak

Hi, just thank you so much, that's a, you know, a real concern that we've been, we've been hearing and we've been working with our teams to kind of strategize on ways for us to make sure these folks are getting vaccinated. You know they're a high risk, high risk than other folks. And actually we just learned today that we've been working with the State Department of Health, who has been trying to coordinate national guard teams to be going out to these sites to vaccinate folks who have been having trouble,



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you know, either getting signed up to go to a clinic or, or, you know, just having trouble getting to the vaccine site before, if if a sponsor closed up or the available doses there are, are used up so if you have identified various sites or we can work together on identifying some of those sites, we could share that with our team and we could let those folks know that these are areas that still have folks that need to be vaccinated who are eligible and hopefully we can get some some teams to go out and vaccinate those folks.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I think it'd be great if you could do it at a senior center and just make it for people who are 65 and older, and open up some opportunities we could get people scheduled in there I think we would fill it up pretty quickly.

Michael Pitonyak

Yes definitely, definitely. Yeah,

there are certain sites you think that might be. That might be better or have a lot of folks, please send them our way and we can we can share that information with our teams and we can we can strategize and plan for something like that, so thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Rob Huff

All right, so let's flip over to Maureen, to talk about advocacy.

Maureen Howard

All right, so the American rescue plan. Yes, Ms. American rescue plan that was signed yesterday and it is the gift that will keep on giving. All right, so the homelessness and housing part. I put that out early when we got that information I'll put it out again as I get additional information, but the two things that I want everybody to pay attention to today. One, the economic impact payments those stimulus checks, those are starting to come out this weekend to people who have direct deposit that's 14 income determined 75,000 annual income for one person 150 for two. It is 14 \$100 per person in your household, whom every you reported as on your taxes. So your college aged children count this time, if they're your dependent. If your mother is your dependent, she counts. It's going to be on your tax against your federal taxes so if you got money in these stimulus checks in the first round, or the second round, you will automatically get it for whatever the size of your household. They'll base it on your 2019 federal taxes. And if that's not enough because you didn't report children because you didn't have to file, you go to the get my payment portal on [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) I'll update that. How to do it sheet as soon as we get a little bit more guidance, but I want you to know that money's coming which means that some of your clients who got it by direct deposit will have those checks as early as this weekend that money in their accounts, some will come by paper check, some will come by those pre loaded debit cards, and we don't know who's going to get, what, what we do know is that prisoner, people who are incarcerated are eligible, it's clear, it's on the IRS website, people with green cards are eligible and a few other visa categories. Now, the caveat is, I am not an attorney, so don't take this as legal advice. If you have,



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what else I put out to clean up how to clean up the first and second payment. If there's a recovery rebate option. You may have clients, or you yourself might have to file federal taxes for 2020 Even though you don't owe any, that's what gets you into the system because money's coming through IRS through the Department of Treasury. The second gift that is going to give all yours. For those of you who are going to be income eligible and that's probably everybody on this call and certainly all your clients who have children who are 17 years old or younger the child tax credit. 30 \$600 for the current 2021 For everybody who is 17, or younger, they're going to have to have a social security number. No, I'm sorry 30 \$600 For everybody six years old or younger. 3000 is \$33,000 for everybody, 17, and younger, with different income earned income thresholds and all that sort of stuff. So half of that money can come in monthly payments, starting in July. So the combine for families with children. The combination of the economic impact payment. And these child tax credits, could be a substantial amount of money for a family. So, if for a woman. A woman with three children 50 \$600 in that economic impact payment. That could be a huge opportunity so please make sure yourself, your staff, all of your clients, your guests, your friends, your families, everybody gets every dollar to which they are entitled, and the extent to which you can help people use that money wisely, will really, I mean for some folks, this could be a safe vehicle, it could be, they can stay in housing, it could be, they can relocate to a place that's better, could be all sorts of things for them. So that's the, our friends and there's a ton of money coming. There's more vaccine money coming, local cities like Tacoma is going to get a set aside of just money. The Pierce County will get money the state will give money just to do business. Lakewood looks like it should get money. So there are lots of opportunities for advocacy that will line out in the future at the state level, the tenant Protection bills had two key ones cooters 5160 and Mac raised 1236 are still moving along the budgets come out next week, and we want to watch for that 70 million at least in rapid shelter acquisition means we can buy hotels, without money that's in the governor's budget is \$40 million for shelter expansion, that's also in the governor's budget, and there will be the Alliance meets at one o'clock today, those are always open meetings, go to wlha.org and you just follow the links to register, and we'll have the updates and then I'll just update virtually locally, 1590 is now looks like it has a second study session, this is the 1/10 of 1% for the City of Tacoma on the 23rd of March, and with hopefully it goes to council on the 30th, and I'm sure you'll, you'll get more than one reminder about adding all sudden one to the full coalition about sending us notice support email or call the county council members with the county, we know we've got the resolution going to on ending homelessness going to the county council. Human Services Committee on the 16th, and we have now. A message from the mayor of Tacomas office. The mayor Woodards has been in continued conversation with elected leaders in the county, on the issue, including county council member Young who chairs the council, she expects that the county may be amending the resolution to add someone from the city of Tacoma, Mayor Woodards is also developing a city of Tacoma resolution to support this work. So some of you had questions about where was the city and this is where the city is. So, with that, thank you.

Rob Huff

thank you, Maureen that's all a lot.

Maureen Howard



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Yeah. And you know, it just like really, once that bill was signed by the Feds by Biden, you know, it's like this money goes. This is not corporate money, this money goes to people, we are, and we serve. Yep.

Rob Huff

So does anybody have any quick questions for Maureen before we move on to the next item. If you do, you can drop them in the chat. Alright and Karen, do you want to talk about your next item. Gore.

Gerrit Nyland

Thank you Rob. As we've seen presentations, a few weeks back from the speaker's bureau. And I mentioned briefly at last week's meeting. We are looking as a coalition at acquiring funding in order to provide administrative support to a speaker's bureau. So, and today my goal is to get a vote from us if we want to pursue that a speaker's bureau is, we're basically taking the administrative responsibilities for a group that already has been started up by the workforce Central's community engagement Task Force, and the speaker's bureau his goal is to help people with lived experience tell their story to people that need to hear it. And just like skip did today did a beautiful job telling his story that's that's exactly what the speaker's bureau is designed for is to, to have a coach, get with a speaker, and sort of help them to hone their story so it has maximum impact. And the funding is going to do two things. One is going to provide some administrative support so that that program can grow, so someone can work to find this the coaches for the speakers, and to coordinate the speaking events, and help them kind of work that I get that wrong Slim's his name, I got it wrong, slim. Well I pay attention, folks. And thank you, Rob. And the second thing that the, that grant funding is going to ask for is money to pay a stipend to our speakers. So, part of a challenge of getting people lived experience to two audiences is their ability to prioritize their time so the speaker's bureau will include a stipend so if, if, slim had been part of the speaker's bureau, he would have had a coach helping him prepare things as a volunteer, and he would also have received a stipend for coming to talk with us today. And so that's basically the request, there's one funding source, we're going to try to tap into which is Justin Wheeler has oftentimes talks about the accessible communities Advisory Committee funding. And if that doesn't work we'll hit some other places, but it's not a huge amount of money we're not talking about a full time staff, but I'm excited for us to have this option to get this voice more readily into our meetings into our subcommittees and into the community as a whole. So, my. So do we have any questions. All right, there's a minister from Sheila about there already exists a speaker's bureau at the Pierce County clean engagement Task Force, Yeah, this is basically us taking over responsibility for providing administrative support for that existing group, right, so we're not creating something new. That's something worked for Central's not able to do. And so they asked if we would do that if our coalition would take that on, and the speaker's bureau will be lived experience with homelessness, but some of the other things that drive homelessness, substance use and mental health. Really places we need advocates in the community to tell their stories. Alright, seeing any more questions I'm going to toss the the actual poll I prepared this ahead of time, as opposed to last time where everybody's like, how are we gonna vote and I was like I don't know. So, we'd like pull taking music.

Rob Huff



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You don't want me to sing, and then and then and then and then, Doo, doo. All right guys, we got five more minutes, hold it together. All right,

Gerrit Nyland

I'm seeing, largely in favor. If you have any concerns with this get a hold of me and I will get doing some grant writing, I've got somebody on the task force is going to help work on the grant with me but always like to have more so leadership opportunities abound folks thanks everybody.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Garrett. And thanks everybody for voting so we of course have at least two more items on the agenda, and about four minutes left but what I want to do. I saw a column here, I don't know if Colin had any updates, he wanted to provide for the safe parking network, real quick.

Colin DeForest

Hey Rob, how about you check with the other person and then I can give a real quick one at the end, I'm just in the middle of something.

Rob Huff

Oh sure, no problem. Well, the other perfect person happens to be, Kevin. Yeah. So go ahead, Kevin.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Thanks, and either, can I either screensaver or Garrett, can you put the draft plan in the chat.

Rob Huff

Here I can make your co host real quick.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Alright so I'm just briefly and it is just a few minutes here and hopefully we can have a more extensive conversation later, I will send this out to people, but recognizing that the county has kind of taken on what we had committed to in terms of developing a comprehensive plan for addressing homelessness, and then also the goal first goal of ending street homelessness by November 1, working with Maureen and Garrett and others I've put together a, it says draft in the background, a draft plan of just kind of looking, stepping back from November 1 to now what steps do we need to take in order to get to November first and have made progress towards ending street homelessness to rough plan. What I, if we can drop it in the chat and also I'll email it out to the coalition. Today, or we'll make it available somehow and then if people could just give me feedback things that I, as I said when I emailed her the first time to Maureen and Garrett is like the perfect has become the enemy of the good and I'm just wordsmithing myself into oblivion. So I just wanted to get something to start the conversation there are sections that need to be added both under terms of who we're going to engage and what has to happen and when it has to happen, but this is a starting place so feel free to look at it either in the chat or we'll send it out, let me know and maybe we can have an a more extensive conversation next week, perhaps with some breakouts and talking about the different areas.



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Rob Huff

Yeah that's a great idea. So thank you for that Kevin,

Kevin Glackin-Coley

I don't know how to stop screen sharing. Oh there we go where it says stop share.

Rob Huff

And I don't know, call in if he has, yeah it looks like you're back on camera so maybe you have a moment.

Colin DeForest

Yeah, I'll just say that things are going good, more for you know our east side, just on this call right now, or on the meeting today there was two different referrals that came through that I'm having they're basically on a waitlist right now so it's awesome, but it's also like it now it's frustrating that we're full, we don't have other sites but that being said, you know, as you heard from the key pan coalition, we had a great conversation earlier this week with them, they're trying to do stuff that is even outside of the box of where our minds were so some, some pretty innovative stuff, met with the Vice President of TCC yesterday between Sarah rumba, myself, Janet. Jeffrey there's, there's been a lot of we're applying pressure basically they tried to set up a meeting with us a month out, we basically said, That's let's try to do this quicker, and really kind of put some pressure on them so I am going to meet with him yesterday. He's going to go back and share that with the President. They're going to try to get me they've moved me up to where I'm hopefully going to be meeting with them on in the next two weeks, so that's good. So they adjusted to us. I'm optimistic about that things are going good, you know, things are going really well. We're moving people along but as I said, we're kind of full right now. Keep the referrals coming.

Rob Huff

Great. Thanks, Colin. Yep. And what do you know we have hit the 11 o'clock hour, that doesn't mean necessarily that everybody that the meeting is over, we are going to do our traditional planning for next week's meeting here over the next few minutes. After a short break but I want to be respectful of everybody's time so if you need to leave at 11 Thank you for being here and have a great weekend.

Jenny Lorton

Rob Can I really quick, I'm not sure if everyone's aware what happened was st Leo's. Sure, go ahead. Um, they were broken into night before last. They had their windows smashed out, and the majority of their food supplies were contaminated by human waste. So they had to hire professional cleaners to come in, and the only thing that they were able to salvage was their canned goods. So they are requesting donations of pretty much anything and everything else produce pastries spices, anything that anyone can think of. So, if we can spread the word. They are looking for a massive amount of donations, I'm sure I don't have to tell any of you that they are a major food bank provider to our



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community. So if anyone is able to assist, they have called in every available volunteer to accept donations over the next few days. So spread the word.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

I talked to the operations manager that I used to be the director down there and I talked to the operations manager and she said, In a rare thing they're actually asking for food donations rather than money because they need to get the food in there quickly and so really, any kind of non perishable items that you can get down to them so they can get restocked. It's amazing how quickly they were able to turn back around. And so just now it's having to be able to restock the. And just to give a sense of their size. It's about 140,000 client visits a year so it's about 12,000, people a month coming through so they've got a lot of food they got through about 1.6 million pounds of food a year.

Megan Capes

Yeah, I was, I dropped by yesterday and they were back, open, so folks can just go on over and drop off donations on ever they're their operations are open, so that's today until about for

Kevin Glackin-Coley

another former food connection employee Hi

Megan Capes

man I worked for Kevin, I was dropped by yesterday.

Rob Huff

Um, does somebody want to post that information to the coalition mailing lists so that folks who aren't here can actually contribute as well.

James Pogue

I had one more item prob, yeah.

On the agenda.

Sure.

Gerrit Nyland

So with the new funding from whatever the Cares Act is called now. On the previous Cares Act we put together recommendations on funding and sent it to the County Council and the city council, and at the steering committee meeting we discussed that that would be a good thing to do again, and I just, we don't need a formal vote but just kind of wanted to hear back if people had concerns about that or if they were largely in favor of that so again it would be us identifying in this time maybe a prioritized list of



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areas we would like to see investment and it may not be something we can turn out in a week or two weeks. But the sooner we understand what's possible. So, yeah, some thumbs up would be good and if you have some thumbs down, um, kind of, let me know again, we won't do anything without a vote of the coalition on the letter itself, and I'm sure we'll be covering this during the steering committee, and if we have another meeting just about this, that will certainly go out with plenty of time for you to either attend or provide some comments. So I'm seeing positive response which is good. These things are all things that you all can take leadership on right so when we talk about the coalition doing it defaults to some of us that end up doing things but you know these are opportunities if you want to learn how to do this or get involved, like if, if that would be a stretch we're there to walk, walk with you as you take something like this on any way we can help you kind of work on career goals blah blah now I'm taking too much time. Rob But, but this isn't us doing X, and bring it back to you right this is all of us doing it and if you want more involvement in that, talk to your boss about giving him two hours a week to work on professional development, and do coalition stuff that would be amazing and bosses given the time.

Rob Huff

Thank you. Good idea, and see Maureen has her hand up,

Maureen Howard

so will I. On Wednesday at 230. Prior to the steering committee, we do in the weeds, and I'll do in the weeds around the American rescue act rescue plan, act, and we can look at so we can have part of this conversation at that time.

Rob Huff

Perfect. And my apologies. Yeah, we didn't actually get that one on the agenda. All right, let's take a quick break before we do our planning, discussion for next week.