



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Chat from March 19th, 2021 Coalition meeting

00:27:05 - Reanna Bettencourt: - I will be away from the computer for a few minutes. Good morning all.

00:27:59 - Diane Tilstra: - Greetings! Janet Runbeck invited me to this meeting. I'm here representing myself.

00:28:36 - Janet Runbeck: - Welcome Diane.

00:29:11 - Laurie Davenport: - Hello Diane!

00:30:46 - Diane Tilstra: - Rob, can you turn up your sound?

00:32:00 - Tina Vlasaty: - What a way to start off Friday! Thank you so much for sharing.

00:32:08 - Rosalind Wallace Brown: - That is bringing tears to my eyes. I'm celebrating for her!

00:32:37 - Jasvir Kaur: - Hi everyone,

00:32:44 - Laurie Davenport: - Moratorium has been extended:

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_20-19.6.pdf

00:33:18 - Jasvir Kaur: - I am Jasvir, a student with Shirley Carstens.

00:34:50 - Sally Perkins: - Welcome, Jasvir!

00:35:17 - Tina Vlasaty: - Tina Vlasaty, new Senior Program Officer with OnePierce. Just interested in learning more about the Pierce County community. Connected by my colleague Kimberly Bjorn.

00:37:40 - Gerrit Nyland: - At last week's Coalition meeting Slim told some of his story around being homelessness in Tacoma. A couple folks asked for a separate clip of just Slim, so we made one. You can watch his video at <https://youtu.be/OhOAKgBy3XQ>

00:37:58 - Jessica Grandon: - Jessica Grandon, Housing Coordinator for the Trueblood program in Greater Lakes Mental Health forensics department. I was connected by Kim Bjorn and my program manager Chris Prather

00:38:04 - Lacreasha Jackson: - Good morning I am Jackson returning supporter also Valeo recruiter

00:39:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Contact Mary Connolly if you are interested in helping to draft conversational norms

mteconnolly@gmail.com

00:44:07 - James Pogue: - Rob, can I share my screen?

00:44:31 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - There you go, James

00:45:07 - Maureen Howard: - Economic Impact Payments/Stimulus checks are out via direct deposit. Go to www.irs.gov and click on the GetMyPayment button.

00:46:16 - James Pogue: - you can access that either at www.pchomeless.org or directly at www.piercecountyresources.com

00:47:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - James & CLR Crew Great resource - thanks for restarting and for showing the page

00:48:20 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - My name is Abril Mitchell-Ward I am with Caires House Foundation. We are a new grantee in pierce county. We support families facing tragedy in our community. We can be reached at 253.227.6744. Or on facebook: Caires House Foundation (<http://caireshouse.org>) and our email address is: Caires.house.foundation@gmail.com

Please let us know how we can best support our community!

00:48:44 - Dionne Jacobson: - I welcome any resource fliers, as we frequently have walk-ins after outreach hours. Djacobson@scdptacoma.org

00:49:08 - Dionne Jacobson: - Oops! djacobson@svdptacoma.org

00:49:26 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Good to see you Nate

00:50:23 - Laurie Davenport: - LFO INTAKE DAYS coming up at R.I.S.E. center in April and May, see flyer - space is limited, RSVP required.

00:53:47 - Maureen Howard: - Valeri - can Pierce County accept self-certification for ERA income?

00:58:27 - Valeri Knight: - We do. W2 and tax are just one of the documents. after we collect what we can, we can do self certification on a case by case basis



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- 00:59:29 - Maureen Howard: - Good news - thanks Valeri!
- 00:59:49 - Diane Tilstra: - Thanks Sara! Nice to see you today.
- 01:00:17 - Julian F. Wheeler, PC-ACACchair(he/his): - Good work.
- 01:00:20 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you so much, Sara. We are glad you are here and willing to share!
- 01:00:32 - Laurie Davenport: - Sara, that was really valuable, thank you!
- 01:01:08 - Maureen Howard: - Can landlords legally require a social security number?
- 01:02:33 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Do you know about Guadalupe house?
<http://tacomacatholicworker.weebly.com/transitional-housing.html>
- 01:03:07 - Janet Runbeck: - ON Mar 3, TRM asked our coalition for assistance with Spanish translation. Do we have a resource?
- 01:03:55 - Valeri Knight: - TRM was connected to resources
- 01:04:09 - Valeri Knight: - for the language barrier
- 01:05:03 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you Daisy!
- 01:05:34 - Bea Givan: - TRM has staff who speaks Spanish, we needed help finding resources. like Sara and Daisy said, there isn't a lot to help this community.
- 01:06:24 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Would it be helpful to ask someone from Tacoma Community House to come to a future Coalition meeting to talk about language resources?
- 01:06:31 - Daisy Reyes: - Daisy Reyes dreyes@tpchd.org
- 01:07:06 - Rachel Mohr: - yes that would be very helpful!
- 01:07:31 - Kasey Burton: - It depends.
- 01:08:27 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How are agencies offering services to people without documentation protected from ICE etc.
- 01:09:50 - Daisy Reyes: - Thank you for the space and to Maureen for initiating this conversation.
- 01:09:54 - Maureen Howard: - Daisy and Sara - Thanks. Keep pushing us to be sure programs meet the needs of the LatinX community.
- 01:13:18 - Maureen Howard: - Beth Doglio sponsored HB1590 which made it possible for councils to adopt the 1/10th of 1%. Prior to that, it took a vote of the people. There's traction across the state now.
- 01:13:26 - Diane Tilstra: - I can fully recommend this film Camp Second Chance. Meaningful Movies Project screened this film with panel last year. MMP awarded filmmaker of the year to Melinda Raebyne. She is a Tacoma filmmaker on the rise.
- 01:16:12 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - AMI = Area Median Income
- 01:17:45 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - How would you prioritize prevention supports? What needs more investment? Where are the gaps in service?
- 01:18:02 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Types of support:• - Rental Assistance
- o - Rental Assistance Program
 - o - Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)
 - - Utility Assistance
 - - Free meals
 - - Entitlements and Benefits
 - - Hotel/motel stays
 - - Eviction supports
 - - Legal services
 - - Food banks
 - - Furniture banks
 - - Credit repair and advice
 - - Housing navigation



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01:18:08 - Jennifer Ammons: - Sorry, I have to jump off to respond to a client issue. My suggested resources are legal services for eviction defense and assistance for move-in costs so people can move directly from a bad living situation into a safe/healthy one without becoming homeless and losing everything.

01:18:29 - Sara Irish: - sorry I HAVE TO GO THANKS

01:31:34 - James Pogue: - Prioritizing Prevention Room 6

- 1) - More access to housing (right sizing the housing market to ensure that the capacity meets the needs and assists with rental costs)
- 2) - Looking at some cost negotiations to ensure folks on a fixed income do not have raised rent.
- 3) - Access to documentations
- 4) - More access to inpatient for folks with Behavioral Health Issues.
- 5) - Rental assistance with employment services
- 6) - Utilities assistance or assistance with getting the AMI documentation
- 7) - Access to expanded legal staff for tenants facing evictions and/or pre-evictions

8) - Assistance to pay off arrears form old credit/evictions/legal/etc

01:31:41 - Kristin Ely: - From Group 3: - • Having one-on-one conversations to find out what people need and connecting with agencies who can connect people

- • Deeper issue
- - ○ Address income inequality
- - ○ Changing zoning from single family zoning
- • Fast track housing - combination of all issues (language barrier, capacity and family barriers, literacy, financial)
- - ○ More stability sites/tent cities with case management and warm handoffs
- • Affordable housing
- • Community benefits agreement

Stop allowing people to buy up trailer parks where people can live cheaply

01:31:58 - Paula Anderson: - Group 1 Prevention prioritization

01:31:58 - Carolyn Read: - Need comprehensive plan to end homelessness with clear goals and measures of success. Hold agencies/organizations accountable for implementation of plan. Need funding for more low-income housing.

Rapid rehousing- offers rent but if you don't have a job. Eviction support. Pass a bill about not allowing a review of eviction notice. Keep people in housing. Legal supportive.

Look beyond band aids- mental health, jobs, training, addiction support, career development.

Funding is restrictive of who/when we can reach client. If the City can provide funding so we can set up full stabilization services. Close the gap of people that can be served. CTI- critical time intervention is a service delivery model for transition populations.

Landlord advocacy- work with landlords on getting clients housed and stable so more landlords are comfortable with renting to them... provide 24 months of transition and support

01:33:06 - Peter Benjamin: - congratulations Klarissa!

01:33:24 - Klarissa Monteros: - Thank you <3

01:33:41 - Valeri Knight: - Welcome Klarissa!!!!

01:34:08 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - Welcome Mrs Klarissa!

01:34:13 - Gerrit Nyland: - This is great news - I'm so glad you are back in the mix, Klarissa.



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01:35:02 - Maureen Howard: - Welcome Klarissa

01:35:20 - Laurie Davenport: - I can't remember our group number, we had myself, Rachel Ahrens, Mary Anderson, Alexandra Torres and CC Mendoza. We need much more support for legal services, eviction defense, LFO forgiveness, Orders of Limited Dissemination for past evictions, vacation of criminal records, etc. We need support for people who have vouchers but can't afford moving expenses and first and last month's rent. We need a central depository for documents (birth certificates, SS cards, etc.), access to e-mail addresses, mailing addresses.

01:35:35 - Alexandra Torres: - 9

01:35:42 - Laurie Davenport: - Thanks :)

01:35:45 - Sherri Jensen: - Exciting! Looking forward to working with you Klarissa!

01:35:53 - Paula Anderson: - Group 1 prevention prioritization-1. Rental Assistance 2. affordable housing 3. Utility/Food resources 4. Transportation services-car repair/gas vouchers 5. Education/services for landlords 6. Personal care /hygiene services...laundry, showers, haircuts=confidence for jobs 7. Career services brought to their location, resume building, job interview clothing, etc.

01:36:25 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Welcome, Klarissa!

01:37:57 - Diane Tilstra: - I want to talk about Purple Bag project.

01:38:36 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Hi Diane. We should have some time to get into other items of interest at the end of the meeting.

01:38:44 - Diane Tilstra: - OK

01:39:03 - Jessica Grandon: - Group 2:
1) Need for effective and targeted income based tracking and support services to identify at risk community members 2) More efficient methods to allocate financial resources and more investment in keeping people housed 3) Targeted management and allocation of flex funding supports for maintaining housing and creation of a safety net to prevent the loss of housing 4) Supportive collaboration regarding financial support for rehousing 5) Utilizing current resources like coordinated entry are challenging for clients and require resources that may be challenging for individuals to access and use - additionally case managers can track and report on the number of individuals who have attempted using sources like coordinated entry and have not had success

01:39:22 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>

01:39:45 - Rosemary Powers: - group 5— our group confirmed the importance of the rental assistance, eviction assistance, legal assistance programs. We identified the most important prevention strategy is sustainable wage employment, as there are few actually affordable housing options for those with extremely low income. Assistance with financial literacy to help identify areas of risk for those who are unstably housed is important. More section 8 housing options. City changing zoning to promote more kinds of options. Consider not only the missing middle of expanding housing options, but also the "missing small housing" that is a recognized continuum from sanctioned safe parking, encampments, mobile home parks, boarding houses, ADUs and DADUs. Also need to consider how to make unused publicly owned land for a variety of housing options.

01:40:31 - Michael Yoder: - Group 11: 1. Build infrastructure within agencies that serve people living homeless so they have capacity to adapt to changing circumstances.

01:40:55 - Michael Yoder: - Group 11: 2. Emphasise Peer Support and Case Management to help people break the cycle of circumstances and learned behaviors with the goal of becoming more self-sustaining

01:42:27 - jo davies: - i was in group 7. my suggestion to provide additional accessible rentals: city/county provide support (grants, loans) so non-profits, land banks, etc. can purchase foreclosed properties from banks and then make those properties available for affordable rentals.

01:46:25 - Kristina Lamb: - Do you have any link for help with back money owed to landlords? Other than calling NWJP

01:46:49 - Kristina Lamb: - prior unit



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- 01:47:07 - Dana Peregrine: - Also heard in group 7, that financial barriers are significant . For example, double deposit requirement for rentals.
- 01:47:40 - Kristina Lamb: - Just keep me updated because this is barrier for many GOSH clients.
- 01:49:16 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Our group decided to have each of us write our own recommendations from the break-out session, here are mine:
End rampant rise in income inequality
Oh ... too big a goal for our current group?
Ok then ...
We will never end homelessness or “prevent homelessness” until we create and protect adequate low income housing.
Penalize land and property speculation (yes you can). Either we believe that shelter is a basic human need/right or we don't.
Focus prevention support on 0-30% AMI
Increase SROs through financial support and end zoning requirements that were instituted to close boarding homes and other low income options
e.g., End Single Family Zoning
Land Banks and Community Land Trusts
Require (or at least reward) Community Benefits Agreements for new developments to mitigate impact of gentrification in neighborhoods such as the Hilltop
- 01:50:45 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - National Examples of Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)
http://somervillecdc.org/sites/default/files/scc-minimal/files/national_examples_of_community_benefits_agreements_cbas.pdf
- 01:55:39 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Community Vaccine Presentations
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=8365>
- 01:56:23 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you PC Health Dept!
- 01:56:57 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- 01:57:26 - Maureen Howard: - Reanna - wish we had a ticket for you to 70 degrees
- 01:57:46 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - Great work health dept. Thank u for this exciting news. Very excited to share this valuable information!
- 01:58:34 - Sarah Rumbaugh: - Thank you for the great meeting. Have a work zoom.
- 01:58:45 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Vaccine Education Info. rbettencourt@tpchd.org
jschoeppe@tpchd.org
- 02:01:32 - Gerrit Nyland: - Document Recording Fee funding is some of the most flexible money coming into the homeless system - this potential increase will be a valuable increase in the funding that helps so many in our community.
- 02:02:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes to Gerrit's comment
- 02:07:59 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - I saw Valeri sigh. Lots of work ahead!
- 02:09:33 - Valeri Knight: - GAME CHANGER :)
- 02:09:47 - Sheila Miraflor: - As Maureen has been saying, let's get some buildings that can be used for housing!!
- 02:13:13 - Reanna Bettencourt: - I have to jump off. Thank you all for the work you're doing. Have a great weekend.
- 02:13:29 - Valeri Knight: - Hey Folks, any fast way to notify all of the faith based organizations, churches, etc of the RA program? or is it calling each and everyone individually
- 02:13:55 - Verna Lilly: - I'll be doing a Trauma Resilience Team presentation on mental health/stress management for the volunteers at the new Safe Parking site at Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Church on Monday.
- 02:14:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Valerie: I would check with Mike Yoder @ Associate Ministries



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02:14:27 - Valeri Knight: - will do thanks

02:14:33 - Paula Anderson: - Valeri, I can help you notify the Freezing Nights churches

02:14:44 - Valeri Knight: - Thanks Paula!

02:15:01 - Maureen Howard: - Valeri - TMA

02:16:05 - Michael Yoder: - Yes, AM has and will continue to get word out to local faith communities about RA

02:16:23 - Valeri Knight: - thank you Michael! we just don't want to miss anyone

02:19:38 - Diane Tilstra: - Survey Monkey the group?

02:20:31 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - If you want to join the talk about governance, email me: rhuff@mdc-hope.org

02:23:04 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - I enjoy the connection and information to best support N take info and issues back to the community. Please lmk how we can best serve. I will gratefully be in attendance of future mtgs. As a well connected advocate i communicate actively for our underserved pops legislatively. I volunteer out of me and my family and organizations passion to serve persons and families among us who do not have a voice. Looking forward to doing survey

02:24:40 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I really like these polls - Thanks Gerrit

02:29:03 - Abril Mitchell-Ward: - Thank you everyone for your hard work and info. See you next week!

02:29:57 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - RE: getting ID in order to access stimulus funds and social services. No Fee Birth Certificate for Homeless Persons in Sacramento County. Come on Pierce County, lets copy good programs. <https://ccr.saccounty.net/Pages/NoFeeBirthCertificates.aspx>

02:31:36 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you for joining today, everyone! We will continue meeting for a few minutes right after this to schedule items for next week's meeting! Stay on if you would like. We love to hear your voices!

02:31:57 - Diane Tilstra: - I have to get to another call. Thanks for a very informative meeting. Hope to be here again.

02:32:03 - CC Mendoza: - Gracias!

02:32:14 - Jasvir Kaur: - Thank you Everyone ! you guys are doing awesome job!

02:32:29 - Jessica Grandon: - Thank you everyone