



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Chat from March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Coalition meeting

00:54:03 - Lacreasha Jackson: - Hello all Jackson here from Valeo!

01:12:40 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - <http://www.pchomeless.org>

01:13:27 - Haili Crow: - Haven

01:13:46 - Haili Crow: - Oops, Haven't been here in a while. Glad to see everyone!

01:13:51 - Sean Harrison: - Sean Harrison here. Not new. But showing up on behalf of Tacoma Needle Exchange.

01:14:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - Stacey with Tahoma UU's Safe Parking project

01:14:19 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Stephanie Schermerhorn, not new returning :) I work as Compliance Specialist for CCS. Good Morning.

01:15:59 - Ahney King: - For anyone that wants/needs my new email, [ahney.king@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:ahney.king@beaconhealthoptions.com)

01:16:47 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Sorry for the quiet voice, folks. I moved my mic to see if that helps.

01:22:42 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Legal Financial Obligations make successful reentry much harder for people with limited resources.

01:24:11 - Andrea Kelley: - LFO event in Sept 2019 was INCREDIBLE. Over \$2 million reduction in Superior Court LFOs alone!

01:25:37 - Jenny Lorton: - <https://dw.courts.wa.gov/?fa=home.namesearchTerms>

01:26:15 - Serena Thomson: - Thank you Jenny :)

01:27:52 - Carolyn Read: - We are hosting an event honoring the voices and experience of those among us who do not have access to safe, secure, or permanent housing. Our desire is that the community learns with us what is causing homelessness and what we can do to solve it. Solving the humanitarian and moral crisis of homelessness requires commitment and action from all of us—individual advocates, faith communities, non-profit agencies, and government at all levels. It is in our power—together—to create a community where all can survive and thrive. We, at St. Leo's Social Justice Commission, look forward to working with you to make this happen.

You can register here:

Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:00 am to Noon

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/144290985221>

01:28:54 - Haili Crow: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/87146/Pierce-County-5-Year-Plan-to-Address-Homeless-2020-2025?bidId=> You can find the strategic plan here for the CoC

01:31:10 - Andrea Kelley: - Here is the link to Department of Assigned Counsel's review of drug possession charges/convictions. <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/7202/Do-you-have-a-Pierce-County-UPCS-convict>

01:31:12 - Carolyn Read: - Please "like" the Revenue for Housing FB page. Here's the link to the Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/Revenue-for-Housing-Pierce-County-103741168480364/?notif\\_id=1616618199574937&notif\\_t=page\\_invite\\_accept&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/Revenue-for-Housing-Pierce-County-103741168480364/?notif_id=1616618199574937&notif_t=page_invite_accept&ref=notif)

01:32:24 - Laurie Davenport: - [vls@tacomaprobono.org](mailto:vls@tacomaprobono.org)

01:33:12 - James Pogue: - The meeting takes place directly after this meeting starting at 11:15am.



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- 01:34:55 - Sean Harrison: - Of anyone needs any services from Tacoma Needle Exchange please reach out [davepurchase.org](http://davepurchase.org)
- I am also the Peer Care Counselor for anyone struggling with SUD, OUD, or mental illness. You can contact me directly @ (253) 316-6508 or email me at [seanh@nasen.org](mailto:seanh@nasen.org)
- 01:34:58 - James Pogue: - Stabilization is focused on shelter, the housing subcommittee is supposed to be focused on the longer term plans of adding sustainable and affordable housing
- 01:35:01 - Sean Harrison: - If\*
- 01:42:35 - Sherri Jensen: - This would be great to add to PCC!!!
- 01:44:34 - Michael Yoder: - [Michelec@associatedministries.org](mailto:Michelec@associatedministries.org) coordinates Project Homeless Connect at Associated Ministries, 253-426-1507
- 01:47:03 - Kari Haugen: - The Pierce County Community Engagement Task Force is another fb group that lists/posts resources and requests.
- 01:47:30 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Great idea, Kari.
- 01:47:49 - Jennifer Ammons: - It IS a great idea! And very useful for people without internet.
- 01:51:11 - James Pogue: - [jpogue@cmhshare.org](mailto:jpogue@cmhshare.org)
- 01:51:27 - James Pogue: - [www.piercecountyresources.com](http://www.piercecountyresources.com) (select mobile clinic)
- 01:58:20 - Sherri Jensen: - It seems to me that the leaders from the coalition who developed the coalitions plan to end street homelessness by Nov 21 would be the best candidates to represent us
- 01:58:40 - Laurie Davenport: -  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlGkW3UaMLnL4uYCrE7F3PxRovDMc0r7U87VamlyolaeCteg/viewform>
- 01:58:50 - Laurie Davenport: - Link to LFO Intake Day Registration form
- 02:00:26 - Janet Runbeck: - I (Jan Runbeck) nominate Gerrit Nyland as one of the 2 Coalition members to represent us on the Ad Hoc Pierce County Committee.
- 02:01:08 - Haili Crow: - Was there language about the reps needing to have lived experience?
- 02:01:12 - Laurie Davenport: - I second Jan's motion (Laurie Davenport)
- 02:01:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I second Jan's nomination
- 02:01:34 - Cynthia Stewart: - The resolution requires at least one person with lived experience
- 02:01:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - ok, I third it : )
- 02:01:45 - Sean Harrison: - Just drove by 38th and G. Sweep in progress
- 02:02:28 - Sarah Rumbaugh: - Such a great question.
- 02:02:41 - Michael Yoder: - I nominate Courtney Chandler, program manager of CE at AM, a woman of color with lived experience and knowledge of the King County system
- 02:03:31 - Kathryn Green: - Is this plan going to have a equity & inclusion lens? And including Minority?
- 02:04:17 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Sean.
- 02:04:29 - Kathryn Green: - How about the selection of people of color included at the round table discussion
- 02:04:57 - Carolyn Read: - We need sustainable funding, such as 1/10th of 1% housing sales tax!
- 02:04:59 - Maureen Howard: - When we get to my ARPA report, we can talk about funding...lots of money.
- 02:05:35 - Kari Haugen: - The Pierce Count Community Engagement TaskForce Collaboration for a Cause 3.0 Community Distribution Event will be held on April 3rd at Metro Parks STAR Center, 3873 South 66th Street, Tacoma. List of give away items include duffel bags, hygiene items, first aid kits, face masks,



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hand sanitizer, Employment resources, and COVID home test kits will be available through PC Health Department.

02:05:56 - Sherri Jensen: - Great to hear Maureen!

02:06:39 - Sherri Jensen: - Maureen Howard

02:08:58 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Gerrit & Maureen & other shakers/movers for setting the goal of ending street homelessness by November 2021. Thanks also to the county for taking leadership in moving this (absolutely attainable) goal forward. Let's do this!

02:09:56 - Sherri Jensen: - (I nominated Maureen)

02:11:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Maureen would be great too!

02:12:04 - Jeffrey Boyce: - second on Maureen Howard

02:13:22 - Laurie Davenport: - Third on Maureen

02:13:32 - Gerrit Nyland: - I would like to nominate Haili Crow - she has a great deal to add to this work.

02:14:11 - Greg Walker: - For those who don't know Courtney Chandler, could we know who she works with/for now?

02:14:17 - David Sims: - Second on Courtney Chandler

02:14:31 - Reanna Bettencourt: - I can't nominate anyone, but love that this is happening.

02:14:33 - Courtney Chandler: - Yes, I apologize - I am the CE Manager for Associated Ministries.

02:14:41 - Courtney Chandler: - CE Program Manager\*

02:14:47 - Sean Harrison: - Third for Courtney

02:15:00 - Greg Walker: - Thanks!

02:15:40 - James Pogue: - I also recommend, that whomever is not selected, but wants to be involved, please attend the ad hoc committee meetings and ensure that you feel empowered to reach out to the representatives to give your recommendations and feedback. The coalition might even want to have a subcommittee to talk out the suggestions and the process.

02:15:43 - Duane Parker: - 4th for Courtney

02:15:45 - Sherri Jensen: - Second Paula!

02:16:09 - Kenny Coble (he/him): - 5th for Courtney

02:16:25 - Sherri Jensen: - Mike would be great as well!

02:18:45 - w rose: - Paula too

02:19:27 - Sherri Jensen: - Democracy is hard, in this instance!

02:19:37 - Sherri Jensen: - (and maybe all instances....) )

02:19:43 - Laurie Davenport: - What a great list!

02:19:55 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Is the poll anonymous?

02:20:28 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Great!

02:20:36 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Where is the Poll?

02:20:49 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Impatient here :)

02:21:28 - Greg Walker: - I voted twice on your behalf Gerrit

02:21:41 - Greg Walker: - :D

02:22:45 - Carlos Castanon: - congrats to you both!

02:22:48 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Congratulations!

02:23:01 - Courtney Chandler: - Thank you!

02:23:12 - John Barbee: - Courtney can I get your email?



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02:23:15 - Haili Crow: - Yay, congrats!

02:23:31 - Sean Harrison: - Perfect team.

02:23:34 - Sean Harrison: - Congratulations

02:23:38 - Duane Parker: - Congrats both!

02:23:53 - Laurie Davenport: - Congratulations Gerrit and Courtney!

02:23:59 - Gina May: - Congratulations!

02:24:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thanks to everyone who was willing to participate - please stay tuned for alternate work in the months ahead

02:30:14 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - That only works if we have enough low income house to "transition" people to

02:30:21 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - • - What shelter models work best?

- - What services are needed?
- - What services should be enhanced?

02:43:33 - Kristin Ely: - Group 5:

02:43:34 - Kristin Ely: - Questions:

What shelter models work best?

- • People have knowledge of where to go, for example, if encampments are removed, people know where the mitigation site or appropriate location to camp is
- • Housing that is available and affordable for people
- • Housing types aren't meeting people needs-generally adequacy of facilities

What services are needed?

- • Mental Health Services
- • More available housing

What services should be enhanced?

- • Advocating with landlords to make it easier for people exiting homelessness to get a unit- Landlords put a lot of barriers in place that are difficult to overcome- such as owing over \$3k in collections and requiring at least 2 years of rental history or lack of credit. In these cases they have to have a co-signed who makes 5x the rent.

Access to income (SSI, HEN, etc)

02:43:43 - Gina May: - Great news!

02:44:25 - Kathryn Green: - What Shelter model works best?

02:44:33 - Maureen Howard: - Shelter -

02:44:40 - Maureen Howard: - Non-congregate shelters

02:44:44 - Maureen Howard: - Built for Zero

02:44:50 - Maureen Howard: - Felony friendly options

02:44:52 - Janet Runbeck: - Room #8. Bad model = large congregate, & short stay. Best model =smaller (6-10 residents); scattered (multiple sites); home-like setting (privacy). Most needed service = intense case management; after-care (2 years follow up)

02:45:17 - Kathryn Green: - No Congregate living- Safety in shelter living is key and important.

02:45:54 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - more day shelter access is needed for single adults with access to computers for ce, job searches, rental searches.



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02:46:16 - Andrea Kelley: - What shelter models work best?

- - Modeling after HB 1754 – it's fair and equitable.

What services are needed?

- - Basic needs must be addressed first: hygiene stations and disposal stations.
- - Long-term affordable housing.

What services should be enhanced?

- - Tiny house communities
- - Coordination of services – lasting/long-term support.
- - Coordination of systems – housing, mental health, medical, criminal justice, etc.

02:46:31 - Colin DeForrest: - Multiple Managed outdoor sites for individuals not wanting to go into indoor shelters.

02:46:35 - Serena Thomson: - Team 6 notes .....Shelter action direct pathway to permanent housing/ long-term action to housing. Updated Resource list of units that are felony friendly, sex offenders etc. Places that can accommodate pets. Resources needed or already there need more = Mental Health services, Coordinated Entry day 1 developing exit plan. xtra disability services and hands on case management. more accessibility for Vets and more engagement of faith based community

02:46:46 - Maureen Howard: - Support the staff - fair wages, benefits start Day 1, professional development, distribute shelters, services include employment

02:47:40 - Al Ratcliffe: - Adequate pay for staff, to ease burnout and replacement of staff. Access to entry level employment - ala Albuquerque model.

02:48:07 - Colin DeForrest: - Hey Jeffrey. I am out here right now. Slowly moving along.

02:48:09 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>

02:48:50 - Sherri Jensen: - Al, with the Albuquerque model, they served nearly 3000 people and only 70 accessed employment services (not necessarily (FTE) and only 22 were moved into housing. NOT a good model.

02:48:54 - Reanna Bettencourt: -

<https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/Blog/Blog/31963/333?seltag=457>

02:49:32 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - How will the tent population be serviced?

02:49:34 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=8365>

02:50:08 - Rosemary Powers: - group 7 best working models for shelter as defined by Tiegan include low barrier settings with strong wrap around services. Also, no one model is best but need to have a variety of options so people unable to agree to some shelter options (like open congregate settings) can still be sheltered. Purchase of hotel type settings to provide non congregate option along with real options for those who have not been eligible for SRO type setting. Still need strong case management in these settings that can help with stability. What is needed includes mental health services right at a shelter sight as some individuals get started with therapy, lose transportation, have to start over again. If services available at shelter, could help with consistency. also needed are more case managers to have the time needed to really assist persons who need more than is currently possible.

02:51:36 - Dana Peregrine: - Breakout 2. RE: What shelter models work? As entry point to end homelessness, need shelters for stability, that provide individual privacy space, safe storage space,



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basic needs met, long-term commitment (i.e., 90 days). Examples are stability sites and tiny homes. Also important to think outside of the box about other assets available in the community with space and service potential, for example, faith communities. The idea to have a congregation serve a family for extended time. The matching of a congregation to a family very important. As far as services needed - shelters do sheltering, not also provide services. Have network of providers go into shelters. Mobile services vital for efficiency and being able to be mobile to serve those in need, to go into shelters for example.

02:52:26 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Shelters that work best: Non-congregate; distributed throughout the county (recognizing that cost of property is a factor); diverse options including mobile homes/RVs, safe lots and safe campsites; as much self management and leadership building as possible at camps/lots); criminal history must be considered on a case-by-case basis = better risk assessment will serve the entire community better than "check the box" approach. Shelters need to be planned for the LONG TERM (reality check: homelessness growing/low income housing shrinking/income inequality at worst level ever in US/ where are all of these "new" housing options coming from)

02:52:43 - Kathryn Green: - Need SRO' s; shelter for individuals with felonies; serious support for individuals working the front lines: livable and fair wages, benefits, insurance upon hire, training, vacations, mental health days, ect. Access to entry level job. Place more services closer to shelters, DSHS, MH/CD services and screening as well as other services needed for stability. Transportation ability by providing ORCA cards.

02:52:47 - Reanna Bettencourt: - For vaccine education outreach info.: [rbettencourt@tpchd.org](mailto:rbettencourt@tpchd.org)

Vaccine planning questions: [jschoeppe@tpchd.org](mailto:jschoeppe@tpchd.org)

02:55:38 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Study Sessions - City of Tacoma City of Tacoma - Calendar ([legistar.com](http://legistar.com))

02:55:56 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: -

<https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22635&GUID=58DDFCD5-5FA2-4415-8921-5B6F51A0A80B>

02:56:21 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - That is the document that is on screen right now.

02:56:38 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>

02:56:47 - Kathryn Green: - I have noticed that the Pfizer vaccine is mainly offered to out-laid communities with higher income and the Moderna is offered closer to lower income level areas. Is there a reason why the Pfizer is not offered within the lower community income?

02:57:32 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Away from computer for a moment.

02:59:37 - Kathryn Green: - Thank you for following the Federal guidelines and not putting rules on the federal money that excludes people. I commend your progress with these funds. .

03:00:00 - Janet Runbeck: - If our goal is to end street homelessness, why do we want funds to support encampments?

03:00:40 - Jeffrey Boyce: - We need the funds to help now.

03:00:44 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - I believe this would be for sanctioned encampments, which might be part of the solution for street homelessness

03:01:31 - Janet Runbeck: - Just being the Devil's Advocate

03:02:02 - Greg Walker: - Would the "staff support" be limited to staff funded through existing city or county funding streams?





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- 03:04:25 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - If people are interested in seeing what Coalition topics are coming up, you can visit this web page that updates as I update my notes:  
<https://www.craft.do/s/7HoHqJRqTjimpEF>
- 03:04:34 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Tiegan: Any attempt to end homelessness in Pierce County becomes more attainable when plans include developing SRO's, micro housing, permanent urban campgrounds (where low income people with RVs or tents can rent space and have some stability and belonging). Critical services include transportation, employment, hygiene facilities (including showers and laundry), garbage services, storage, community integration/outreach, Pierce NOTE: Transit grant funded buss pass program is making a real difference!
- 03:05:51 - Maureen Howard: - Re staff support - any organization/not listed to city or county funding
- 03:06:45 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Nice going Cindy and crew!
- 03:06:47 - Maureen Howard: - Re supporting encampments - we will likely have sanctioned encampments as part of ending street homelessness....but for sure from now until Nov. 1
- 03:07:02 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - I posted on the listserv about donations of sanitary hygiene care bags, and I received lots of interest. I will be reaching out to those that would like donations.
- 03:08:48 - Jeffrey Boyce: - sanctioned camps are great, however Unsanctioned are essential. Lack of trust in the system is a problem.
- 03:08:57 - Julian F. Wheeler, PC-ACACchair(he/his): - good work
- 03:09:15 - RoxAnne Simon: - Thank you Colin. Depressing but necessary to see
- 03:09:43 - Gina May: - Bye everyone have a great weekend!
- 03:12:05 - James Pogue: - I am here. Just trying to eat.
- 03:17:10 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - <https://www.craft.do/s/7HoHqJRqTjimpEF> of the factors that drive homelessness.