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Rosemary Powers

Yes, and that's very important to hear that the little discussion time we had prior to the meeting. So we're updated on what's going on I hope we'll hear more about that. And it sort of makes me think a bit I was going to make a hopeful statement this morning and still I will. I know it's just barely beginning to be spring things are starting to bud, but what I was thinking about was the hopefulness I feel about this moment that we have with resources available from a variety of places to actually make the Coalition to End Homelessness, able to do its work in a way that hasn't been available, either because we weren't as connected as we are now or because there were not commitments from government agencies and entities to provide both the resources and the policy changes that are needed for us to make progress. So, that I am I am optimistic about. And the fact that we are in a moment when we can be committed as a group to reach out to others who care and similarly to us is really important for me personally and I know it reflects the power and the energy that's part of this group. I want to welcome anyone who's new, and to just mention that if you haven't looked at the web page for the coalition there's a wonderful variety of resources there and you'll find out a lot about the history of this group because of our weekly meetings, it sometimes can feel hard to know how you get involved in this group, and the meetings being described as provider meetings may make you wonder, Do I belong. Well that's just the name, the meeting God, and I think about half of us describe ourselves as advocates. We also welcome members who work with government entities and they're very much members of the coalition with us so



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if you're new and you maybe are making a presentation today, so that's why you're here or if you're new and you just heard about us. This is a moment to let us know who you are. And if you represent a group or are a part of a group to just say that it what group you're part of. We take just a few minutes for that and you'd have to unmute yourself announced that and if you prefer or if you don't, we don't get to you. We all, so ask that people put any information in the chat that would help us to connect with you and the ideas you may want to connect with. If you're reaching out to network with others so I'll just stop there and invite anyone who's new to let us know you're here and what you're related to.

Ahney King

I'm not new but I've changed positions, I used to attend when I was at Coordinated Care. My name is Adi King, I am now at begin in Pierce County and I am the Community Engagement Coordinator, I took over for Maria de Pyrrha who had left.

Rosemary Powers

Wonderful very much welcome. Thank you.

Haili Crow-Cyr

I also am not new but haven't been in a while, I'm Haley crow I work with Communities in Schools of Tacoma Oakland High School and I also work at a rescue mission, and today I'm here on behalf of the CLC board.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome Haley. Hi, good

Kari Hogan

morning everyone, I'm Carrie Hogan Director of Workforce Services with workforce Central, and I'm also here on representing the CSC subcommittee and so I'm glad to see so many friendly, familiar faces this morning.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome, Carrie.

Sean Harrison

Shawn Harrison I'm not new either, but I'm here on behalf of Tacoma needle exchange.

Rosemary Powers

Oh welcome Shawn and welcome back. All right, we'll be sure to put any information in the chat if you, if you didn't get a chance to speak now we'd like to catch up with you and welcome you to any meeting you have the ability to attend. So Rob.

Rob Huff



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Thank you, rosemary, so let's shift to talk about what's happening on the streets this week this section of the meeting is we hold every week just to try to get a sense of what providers what outreach workers, and what advocates are seeing. And I am imagining Jeffrey will want to provide an update on 38th and G. But others can speak up as well so I hand the floor over to Jeffrey to get started.

Reverend Boyce

Good morning everyone. We know that 38 G is now being cleared out. And I talked to the campers last yesterday evening, and let them know we had a I had been on the phone for several days looking for a church parking lot. They want to stay together as a group. There's approximately 14 of them. And so we talked about different options, and I could not find a parking lot fast enough. Still working on it for later on, but the access road, the old access road along the 705 corridor, only have one camper in it, and so they're all moving down there. This morning, the city will be there. Sweeping today. Nine o'clock they said they were going to be there. Uh, the, what I had heard from the city about possibly some tiny houses being available from parking lots available, turned out to be not so that there were two spots, maybe available at for tancet Salvation Army, or at least at the shelter. And so I'm a little disappointed in that. But everyone has that encampment is moving in, in, in force. This morning, down to the access road along 705 They were all in pretty good spirits, and hopefully it'll go smoothly today. I'm with grandkids today so I'm having a great time.

Rob Huff

Thanks Geoffrey. Does anybody else have some updates on what they're seeing on the streets this week. All right, pretty quiet, quiet group for once. All right, so we will, if there are other updates and you didn't have a chance or didn't want to provide them verbally, please do use the chat. For those, and we will move on to our first presentation. Laurie Davenport, are you ready to talk about the upcoming LFO clinics. Yes,

Laurie Davenport

all set. Thanks Rob.

Rob Huff

You bet.

Laurie Davenport

Morning everyone. Sun's out. So I have some really exciting news. And I wanted everybody here to get it as soon as possible. We're just putting this out but I think these things are going to fill up. We're doing a legal, financial obligations intake day or days. We're partnering with Gerald and the rice center, and also arms around you, Monarch consulting and Northwest Community bail fund, And these are the first live clinics we've done in a long time, they're going to happen at the rise center, they're going to be, there'll be a space for about 25 people in each clinic, and sign up is via QR code which will be in the flyer that I'll put in the chat if anybody can't get out the QR code, email me and I will send the link, we're going to put the link on our website, and we just don't have it out yet. So when we say I love photos, people say, what are LFO is and then they're not UFOs there, but nobody knows what they are, they're



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actually huge their obligations that are pretty much there for anybody who's convicted of a crime. It goes on top of a criminal sentence and nearly everybody who is convicted has them. If you have money, you just pay him and do whatever else you need to do if you don't have money, they sit there because they have a high rate of interest, it's actually impossible if you're paying something like \$20 a month to even pay off the interest on these little own actually get them paid off. They average about 20 \$500, and it's just more than people can handle. And it's a huge obstacle to keeping people from getting into housing, getting jobs. It's, it's something that just sits there and it can be taken care of, it can be waived, it can be reduced it can be put it can be put into a position where you can pay it off even if you can't get rid of it completely. It's a simple process. The other really important people we're partnering with for this, our superior court District Court Municipal Court both the prosecutors and the judges so if people are eligible to get those things waived, we can put them through fast, and since unfortunately we can't go to court in person right now. People who go through this successfully will just receive an order in the mail. So that's, that's it, it's actually a simple process but it's takes a while to kind of grease the way for people to get these things taken care of. This has nothing to do with the drug conviction stuff, which is just coming out, we can talk about that later when we kind of know what's happening better. Just briefly, the Supreme Court made a decision, which basically says if you have a drug possession, conviction, you're eligible to get that off your record if you're currently incarcerated you're eligible to have your incarceration reviewed. So it's huge and there's a link on the county's website to get started taking care of that. That's a separate thing allophones are just financial obligations, so I'll put the link in. Excuse me in the chat and I'll put my email in the chat if anybody has any questions. The other thing we want to do very quickly. We also have a program starting up for survivors of domestic violence. Normally it would be in the courthouse again it's not quite happening yet but we want to have the information out there for people who are running shelters who are, you know, running into people who need help with family law issues protection orders that kind of thing. We want to get those referrals so if you would like to get some of our business cards just email me and I will get them to you, because we want to get the word out there about that. So, we have many other things going on, but those are the big ones for today. If you have any questions right now I can answer them.

Surina

Well, Laurie, did you say you, you're gonna send the link, and then we give that link to anybody who might be interested in attending that intake for the LSS,

Laurie Davenport

yes. And we'll, we'll cut it off when we have enough people and we'll let people know we'll keep their information for future events. This is not the first time we're going to be doing this, you might know that we did this in end of 2019 around September, we had a huge LFO day with 750 people took care of this. So, this is just like the dribbling beginnings, but we have great partners in the rice Center and our other hilltop partners so we're really looking forward to doing more, so yes.

Surina

You said most of the time if somebody is convicted of a crime they actually have an LFO, or money obligation, how do they know that's on there or not,



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Laurie Davenport

it will be. I'm not an expert on this but it happens when you're, when you're convicted, it will be part of the order, whatever is issued telling you what you need to do. Okay, maybe part of sentencing I don't know that's a part a little while. I'm not a lawyer anyway and I don't know about nothing about criminal law

Jenny Lorton

and Surina, this is Jenny with inside passages we, we help our clients look up their criminal histories and their LFO is through the Washington courts website. It's super helpful, and I would say, 98% of the time those LFO 's are visible on their

Surina

site was that,

Jenny Lorton

I'll drop it in the chat so everybody has it, and basically you just need their name and you can look up most criminal history records through there. Some of them you have to have a links access but most of them are public, and visible, and so we help our clients look up that information there. And those Eliphaz will be available there and it'll show you exactly what the order was and how much money. So I'll drop it in the chat so everyone has it available.

Laurie Davenport

Yeah, we could look them up to those things that need to be looked up on links and GIS, we can, we can find that information.

Surina

Okay cool yeah I've worked on links before, though. Yeah, awesome. And then the drug conviction, you said, just go to the

Laurie Davenport

county website. Yes. Superior Court website, I believe is where it is. I'll send that up to I'll find the link.

Surina

I just came up, guys. Cool.

Rob Huff

Thank you, That's great information. Any other questions for Laurie. All right, well thank you Laurie. Yeah, thank you. Yeah. And, if any, there are any other questions, and links to resources, please do again drop them in the chat. Carolyn read it, since we're talking about events do you want to talk about the event tomorrow, do one last push.



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Carolyn Reed

Oh Thank you Rob But that was a nice gesture. Tomorrow we're hosting a forum.

Rob Huff

Oh, you froze camp sector Yeah,

Carolyn Reed

we're going to show film about camp second chance that Melinda Rayburn did. And then we're going to have a follow on forum with three county council people. This is hosted by a small group of us called revenue for housing, we're trying to promote the 1/10 of 1% with the County, but we're not pushing any agendas at this we're just trying to learn what their plan is, and provide opportunity for the community to give them input. So I'll drop that in the chat. And we also have a hear music or something. Yeah. We also have a Facebook page now that we're gonna use to disseminate information. And I will put that in the chat if you could like it, that would be great.

Rob Huff

Thank you Carolyn. And does anybody have any questions about that upcoming event. Okay. So our next item on the agenda. And I don't necessarily see a theory in the meeting yet, but we were going to talk about the idea to create a swap meet style resource fair at Syria are you here and I just don't see your name in the list right now. All right, that may not be the case so we may have to shuffle things a little bit. So why don't we do a quick shift. I'm glancing at our agenda to see what items we have that we could talk about earlier. Since Cari and Haley are here, would you like to do your presentation about the continuum of care, stability and community partnership committee. All right, that'd be great.

Kari Hogan

Thanks so much. Well thanks for having us today. I'm happy to be here. During our last meeting back up a little bit so we have a subcommittee, and that we have merged under the five year strategic plan continuum of care. The strategic, excuse me, strategic priority number two, stabilization, and the strategic priority number four community partnerships we have merged those subcommittees, because so many of our objectives were very similar and just seemed to make sense to combine that work. And so we have been meeting really talking a lot about just stabilization, looking at shelter capacity, looking at the reasons why people are being turned away. Basically what what issues are impacting individuals seeking shelter. And also, during our last meeting specifically we really looked into what kinds of divergence and prevention plans were happening. What work was going on in the community. And would you have a specific goal around that, that I'd like to have Haley talk a little bit more about, oh, I think you're muted Haley.

Haili Crow-Cyr

Sorry, gotta do it. Um, Thank you so really what we're looking at. So if you look at, let me pull it up here. Um, one of our goals for the community partnerships, was to include intersecting systems coalition's and organizations, and they're collaborating actively, prevent and address homelessness. Um, but what we were looking at on last Friday was reducing the average length of stay in temporary housing



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projects, including emergency shelter transitional housing safe havens lesson 90 page, as well as all people, homelessness, accessible emergency shelter. And so really, you know, we had Garrett usually comes to our subcommittee meetings and he was telling us all the great work you guys are doing right now with your goal to end street homelessness by November, and really, with our goal of bringing the coalition, and other organizations to work collaboratively we really just wanted to put the ask out there to ask you guys if you would be interested in collaborating with us the work you guys are doing this really amazing. Um, we have a formalized care continuum that we have backing from the county with. And so we just want to see if you guys want to use the work you're doing and collaborate with us. We meet every other Friday on zoom at 1150 T, I think it's the correct time. Um, so we just want to put that out there and ask you guys and really recognize the work that you guys are doing. And if you have any questions or Corey if you want to add anything.

Kari Hogan

Oh, thank you so much, really what we're looking at is really that cross sector collaboration and really want to have the voice of this group be able to have the work that we're doing, so that so that we're informed and are making kind of collaborative steps so I think that Rob was so kind to put our email addresses in the in the agenda so feel free to reach out, we'd love to have you jump in and meet with us on April 2, at 1115 You got it Haley. So, um, please, please do join us or reach out to us if you're interested in that cross sector collaboration

Haili Crow-Cyr

and Theresa I saw your hand.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So I'm just curious, because some of us are already connecting with a group around shelter and homelessness through the CLC. Um, I'm wondering, is there any way that those two groups could merge because there are two things one is that the meaning that you're suggesting is still this meeting will still be going on. So to collaborate with us on a Friday during that period isn't gonna work very well for most of us, but the other is we is there any way we could collaborate with this effort as the Homeless Coalition, without having to attend two meetings.

Kari Hogan

I think so, Teresa, I don't want to limit voice. I think there, there be a way to do that. And maybe we maybe we can follow up with you and kind of talk about that. See what that would look like. I know everyone's always in a great deal of meetings. And we want to respect that. So maybe there's a way that we can kind of share updates and, and work together collaboratively without adding on to that,

Theresa Power-Drutis

because it sounds like. It makes a lot of sense for us to not duplicate efforts makes a lot of sense for us to share information and to work together. I just, I was hoping that that we would collaborate with the CSE in that, that other meeting but yeah let's talk. Sounds good. Thank you,



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Rob Huff

Maureen I see you have your hand up as well,

Maureen Howard

so that the two things one of the meeting that Teresa is talking about is the housing subcommittee which is co chaired by Amanda DeShazo from her role on the CLC. And so I think, you know, definitely a conversation about, does your committee want to take the breadth of housing under stabilization, and we've been kind of negotiating the CBOCs priorities from the five year strategic plan, with our own. So that's one thing the other thing is just the coalition itself is going through sort of governance growing pains. And so one of the things that we'll be talking about later this morning or not this morning, later is when is somebody, an official representative of the coalition and how does that happen from the coalition's side. So is anybody attending a meeting that open invitation, that's great. But, the other question is, are you looking for some sort of official coalition representative somebody you know can sort of speak for the coalition, which you don't have to answer right now but just out there. And then lastly the meeting time itself. I mean it would be up to us to decide what to do, that's our planning for the next week's provider meeting the nine o'clock, the meeting we're in right now, so it would eliminate some people who have been involved I know like in the housing committee, if they opted for the stabilization committee meeting, couldn't be involved. So, anyway, thanks.

Haili Crow-Cyr

Thank you, Maureen. I think that's definitely we meet next Friday so we don't have an exact answer about time that's something I'll definitely bring up to the group, because as a group. Last Friday we all decided that this was something that we wanted to present to you guys so I, I would think that if we could make another time work, the group would be willing to do that I know James and Garrett are always trying really hard to like hop back into our meeting from this one. So, um, I hear you, I'm, I'm writing this down and I will put it on our agenda for next Friday.

Rob Huff

Awesome. Any other questions. I see Al's hand. I also see Garrett with his hand up to add for

Al Ratcliffe

curated information that the Chamber of Commerce, also, is focusing on longer term plans for adding sustainable and affordable housing. That's another link you may want to pursue. You can do it through us or you can, However you choose to do it. Thanks.

Gerrit Nyland

Thank you for the presentation guys yeah so I was thinking a lot as I'm attending that meeting and these meetings that if the coalition. When the coalition put some really energy into developing and working with the new county ad hoc committee in the county on shelter that if we could just, if we could think about funneling that work into this CLC committee, right, so almost a joint committee but I think under the CLC umbrella, we get a lot of benefits for this work and I think it gets, you know, work that could be happening separately happening together that there's a ridiculous amount of value in that. So



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that's, that's my interest in pushing this is that we, we just make sure that if any work on shelter is happening it all happens in one place, and that the CLC committee around this might be that appropriate place for that to happen.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Garrett, any other questions or comments. All right, so thank you very much for coming to the group and for being flexible on potential scheduling going forward. That's awesome. All right. So, I see that azzuri has joined us. Would you like to talk about the swap meet resource fair idea this time.

Ahtziri Perez

Oh yes, so I will introduce myself real quick I My name is Ed Ziri I work for the district court a safety ambassador. So I was inspired by a video that I saw on social media of someone who had a framework in their community and the idea was to have people bring in things that they didn't need anymore like clothes, shoes household items, stuff like that and so people could bring in donations and then they could, you know, walk around and pick up anything that they needed. So I thought it would be a cool idea to have something like that in Pierce County, and I thought it would be beneficial for people experiencing homelessness at the moment. And so I would like to set up something like that but this would be my first time planning an event and I'd like some suggestions or feedback. I'd like to know if anyone's done anything like this before and if so, you know what was the process like I was doing some research online and I feel that United Way does something similar to this with the Resource Exchange, I believe. And so at the moment they're not doing it because of COVID. So that makes sense, But they are putting, like they are receiving donations and like you know passing them by distributing and stuff like that so I just I'd like some, some opinions and feedback. Great. So

Rob Huff

let's have a free discussion here for a few minutes about this and so we can exchange some ideas I see Maureen has her hand up.

Maureen Howard

So thanks for bringing that to us, is very, um, are you thinking about, individuals who will either bring something or receive something. Because if so the mutual self help groups, via their Facebook, you know, their social media postings, not just Facebook are doing that in, in some parts of Tacoma and maybe in other parts of the county that I just don't follow but.

Ahtziri Perez

Well, I was hoping that it could be a community event, but I, I just thought it would be beneficial.

Yeah, yeah, okay.

Mike Yoder



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So, Pierce County Human Services, contracts with us at associated ministries to do resource fairs, which we haven't been able to do during COVID But hope to resume later in 2021. That is where we generally find a gymnasium type space and bring all the service providers together in one room, so that those experiencing homelessness can get connected to services primarily we do have a number of free giveaways there but if there was some kind of a community swap meet that could be held concurrently with that I think it would actually convene more people and there could be a, there could be a magnification effect where if people are coming for services they could get, you know, free materials, or if they're drawn by the by the free giveaways, which is one of the ways that we do get people to come to the resource fair, that's how we connect them to coordinated entry and connect with the DSA HS and veteran services by offering a free lunch and usually have free socks and giveaways and we have free haircuts and free dental care and. And so the more free things will bring more people together, plus we organize that and provide bus services from the from the day centers and places all over the county to come into the Project Homeless Connect resource fair so if there was like a swap meet, set up at the same time, we're already bringing people who are already running bus lines in and out of that so I think it would be awesome just to maybe dovetail with Project Homeless Connect and you could talk to Michelle cotton in our office at associated ministries, I'll put her email in the chat.

Ahtziri Perez

Okay. Yeah, I was thinking, well, one of my locations that I thought would be great, which would be right park just because I know there's a lot of tents set up around there and so I you know I thought it would be good for people who are already nearby and in close proximity do stop by and pick up anything that they needed, but I'm open to all ideas I know, Derek suggested a church parking lot so, yeah,

Mike Yoder

that's where we've generally held our Homeless Connect events.

Rob Huff

Theresa I saw you had your hand up.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So what a, what a great idea to find a way to distribute three things, and we have some of that going on with our community porches project so I would love to work with you on this, as you go forward and I think Mike's idea about doing it, where we already have a resource fair is really smart because sometimes it's hard to get people to bring resources together but it's a lot easier to tag on to something that's already going. The other thing I'd say is in terms of right park, there is a, there's something at least to consider as you do that, but the communities around encampments can be sort of sensitive to a lot of new physical things being brought into a space, so I would just suggest that if you do that you really talk with the people bringing things about the size of the things they bring and kind of perishable, more likely than non perishable, or things that people absolutely need like sleeping bags and so forth. So, instead of things that could end up like becoming another problem between the community and the campers



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Al Ratcliffe

also need to consider how you will clean up after the event because the neighbors get really dicey if there's a lot of stuff left around.

Carolyn Reed

Hi, I'm Carolyn Reid, I think this is a great idea and I was wondering if you're looking for a permanent sustainable way of providing stuff and getting people who are willing to give stuff to the people that need stuff is.

Maureen Howard

We,

Carolyn Reed

I've heard people suggest and it was Teresa about doing maybe a web page or some kind of Facebook thing where you could have resources, you know, plucked up through the internet so caseworkers could help and such. I know for myself you know my mother just passed away and I have a lot of stuff. And it'd be great to make that available. You know, people that need it.

Ahtziri Perez

Yeah, I'm hoping well ideally I'm hoping that this can become maybe like a once a month kind of screen so that you know people have access to do things that they need more often and so, but it all just depends on how this works out and the amount of people that show up and how many people bring in donations and stuff.

Jennifer Ammons

I've mentioned before, sorry Jennifer Hammonds Northwest Justice. I've mentioned it before on the listserv that I'm a member of buy nothing group, which we have a lot of and they're very active here in the Tacoma Community. And so I've suggested that workers post those requests on, on the Buy Nothing groups, and maybe browse them a little bit more so I don't know if it would be possible. They're, they're typically aimed at a particular neighborhood, I don't know if it would be possible maybe to create one for homeless service providers, or if that would be useful. But I know that works really well during the pandemic because people do a lot of porch pickups.

Rob Huff

All right, any last questions for Azzurri.

Carolyn Reed

Well I was just going to add that, you know web based program would make it easier with the logistics of storing and moving stuff unnecessarily, because then you go right, direct delivery to who needs

Ahtziri Perez



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a class question I just wanted to say that I think this is a great idea, and everybody's given some really good feedback. I think, I'm sure, just working with people, a lot of times they don't have, you know, money to pay their phone bill so then they're not able to get on the internet so I think like a physical space could be really helpful for those people who aren't connected to Facebook pages and stuff like that. And then it would also be great to be able to take, like if it's a once a month thing we can you know take advantage of people. And instead of trying to get individuals connected or might have more engagement if we could take a bunch of families at one time or something like that. Yeah, I think that would be a good idea. So my last comment would just be, what would you guys suggest, be my first step to making this happen. Obviously reaching out to you know location, wherever wonderful this event, but besides that I'm not really sure where to like my next step,

Rob Huff

one, One suggestion could be, if people are interested in helping get this off the ground, they could drop their information in the chat. Their contact information so that you can kind of pull together a list of interesting interested folks to be able to pull something like this off. So that'd be one suggestion.

Haili Crow-Cyr

Another suggestion once if you do get a bunch of providers, I know one of the things that associated Ministries has done really well with the Homeless Connect meetings is making sure to partner with other organizations that can provide transportation. I know that I've drove with clients for Homeless Connect because if you have a big resource fair but there's no transportation for folks to get there. And it's just like one of those little things, but I know associated industries doesn't really good job of trying to do that. Okay.

Rob Huff

Anybody else with some ideas.

John Barbee

I mean only. This is James pogon last week we shared that our agency, our homeless outreach team does do sort of on site at large encampment reset resource navigation and support and we partner with other professional agencies to join us. We could look at something like that we do have the information on the PC homeless.org website you can go there click Resources and when you get to the resource page, one of the buttons says, I think, we call it mobile clinic, even though I've encouraged my team not to use the word clinic. But But either way, it is more of a mobile resource fair and you can see which encampments that we've determined, are the, the ones that meet our criteria of like accessibility size willingness, things like that. And and Or there's a, there's a section to request an encampment to be added to our mobile clinic. This could be a way that we bring little pockets I wouldn't suggest the whole you know Farmer's Market style vibe to go into an encampment but we could look at ways that we could collect some either items or people who want to get the information out there or the resources out there on top of the kind of social work type stuff that we bring. And I can put my email in them in the message during the chat if you want to brainstorm directly.



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Ahtziri Perez

Yes, Thank you.

Rob Huff

So thank you very much for bringing this idea, and I think there's a lot of interest in it in the group so I hope we're able to move forward with it.

Ahtziri Perez

Me too, I appreciate the opportunity to be able to share my idea, with all of you.

Rob Huff

Thank you very much.

Ahtziri Perez

Thank you.

Rob Huff

So I'm going to shift over to John Barbie from Pierce County to talk about the resolutions of the Pierce County Council passed this week, and an opportunity for a couple of for us to select a couple of representatives from the coalition to serve on an ad hoc committee related to one of those resolutions. So John, the floor is yours. Great.

John Barbee

Thank you Ron. Good morning. Happy Friday everyone so I just briefly want to talk about the resolution that was passed this week. So resolution are 2021 Dash three, zero s was passed by the County Council this week. This resolution is to establish a comprehensive plan to end homelessness, as well as to convene an ad hoc committee to facilitate further planning to end homelessness. Also, the major one of the major priorities and commitments by the Council is to end street homelessness by November 1 of 2021. So, essentially what's taking place is there's an ad hoc committee that will put together an action plan to move forward. And that consists of 10 members. Three from Pierce County, one from the city of Tacoma one representative from the city of Lakewood one from the city of piala, Two from the CLC and two from the coalition, and so hopefully by the end of today, the meeting today you'll have selected to folks to sit on this committee on this ad hoc committee, I can tell you from the county's perspective side of things, Director Moss, myself, and Jeff Rogers, who's our homeless supervisor are the three that from the county that will sit on this with Director moss and myself, I'm co facilitating the ad hoc committee from the city of Tacoma Clarissa Monteros will before represent the city, James Pogue and Dr Lamont green will represent the CLC. Tiffany spire will represent the city of Lakewood, the city of Puyallup and the coalition have yet to be to be determined on who those representatives will be these meetings will start as soon as next week we have a pretty tight deadline for the ad hoc committee to come up with an action plan. We have one month. So, to present it to the Council on what the what the action plan will look like. And then the next phase will, will, there'll be a committee of some sort that will be determined by this action committee of what the comprehensive plan will look like and the



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council has given us six months to write, or less, up to six months to write a comprehensive plan to essentially end homelessness and again, ending street homelessness by November, 1 of 2021 So, in summary what it looks like is there's really three stages to this process there is an action plan that's developed by the ad hoc committee, There's a comprehensive plan that will address homelessness, and how and further planning to end homelessness and then the third stage would be the implementation of this. So, that's, that's in a nutshell I can I quickly want to just talk about what the roles so what the roles of each committee would be the ad hoc committee will write the action plan. The action plan will direct Pierce County Human Service directs how Pierce County Human Services will develop a comprehensive plan and that's due within six months so by the end of, essentially September. And then there's a comprehensive plan and the comprehensive plan lays out the plan for county officials to consider adopt and fund. So those are essentially the three stages. The commitment is going to be pretty intense. I think it's starting next week we'll have our first ad hoc committee work plan meeting. It's a two hours we haven't picked time because we just don't know all of the other committee members yet and, but essentially we're looking at two to three hours per week for the next four weeks to get this action plan work plan submitted and completed the scope of work in the action plan will be defined in the actual plan things also in the action plan that we need to consider are what are the goals, what are definition and guiding principles. People's groups who we need to have in this public engagement forums goals and what that process also would look like. And then also, obviously, a tie some type of timeline, and then finally also, you know what resources are needing as this funding coordination meeting supports those types of things staffing, etc. So this is all part of things that could be considered into our action plan that this ad hoc group will be working with. So now, questions, I know that that has everyone's mind spinning, and it's exciting time great opportunity so we look forward, we look forward to this convening next week.

Rob Huff

Great. So I raised my own hands. I guess I'll ask the question. So, the, the action plan is going to guide the comprehensive plan, is there going to be, how's the action plan going to address the that goal to end street homelessness by November 1, that will there. Will there be work that takes place it what I'm curious about is if work in the this define in the action plan will take place while the comprehensive plan is still being worked on,

would say yes, that would be my initial answers that work needs to start immediately in the planning and coordination of November 1 to end street homelessness that needs to. And there's I don't, I don't necessarily want to I mean, that the ad hoc committee could be part of the comprehensive planning group as well right moving or people or people on that committee could move forward at the recommendation of really that that first initial stage is really to set the framework for what and who and how we needs to be needs to come to the table to develop this comprehensive plan that makes sense so we essentially the ad hoc committee is really like an organ, organizing this work. We're going to have to hit the ground running, to your point, on November 1 is right around the corner so it's going to work simultaneously there even could be some overlap, and it might be decided. out of that out of this



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ad hoc committee that this is the group that then just carries over and maybe starts to write the comprehensive plan.

Rob Huff

And one other quick question. I understood there's going to these ad hoc committee meetings will be public. Do you have any idea how that's gonna function yet or is that to be defined.

That's to be defined, but we did meant we did have a brief conversation about it yesterday. It will, that will be more like pretty much like a, since it's an open forum and the county people will be able to attend via zoom, just like we do our county council meetings.

Rob Huff

Okay. And though the public be able to provide input as well.

And my guess is that there'll be a public comment on segment on the agenda for sure.

Rob Huff

Got it. I'll stop taking the floor and see if other folks have questions.

Carolyn Reed

Hi, Carolyn. Um, so you already have a comprehensive plan for ending homelessness, how it is that it, you know, Incorporated and are you looking at ways that we can actually have some measurable goals and how we hold people accountable to meeting those goals.

So when you say that we already have a comprehensive plan I believe you're referring to the county's comprehensive plan, which is kind of a subset of some of the work that the five year strategic plan that the CSC has done. So that may be some of the, the framework around, we may build off of that, I could see that being instrumental and not, you know the duplicity of work and processes but using that to implement into this plan as well. And I think, you know, data is going to be a big thing in driving a lot of potentially a future programs what we need and assessing and I think that's, that the accountability piece I think is really going to be something that that's going to need to come out of that action plan and have that as a section right What does accountability. Accountability look like what does data performance outcomes measures look like. So I don't necessarily have the answer there but I think that's what part of this ad hoc committee will work through to define.

John Barbee

I also just say real quick from the CSCs perspective we did not build a comprehensive five year plan to end homelessness, we developed the five year strategic plan to expand and be more efficient and



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address homelessness we specifically changed the language because that was not our targeted goal with the resources we had.

Rob Huff

Thanks, James. Other questions. So John is any further words for us. So I think what we're going to do now is we're going to shift over and and try to determine who the coalition's representatives will be, but I wasn't sure if you had any other further thoughts or advice.

John Barbee

No, no, I

think, again, looking at this ad hoc committee as this is going to be just the building the framework, and there's going to be there needs to be a lot more representation from the community from our agencies from our providers 30 coming, it needs to really be robust, but we needed a starting point and, and, and the council felt like having this type of ad hoc committee right can kind of get us headed in the right direction with some type of framework and structure around that so I look forward to the two nominees and the selections that this group has to add to our, our team.

Rob Huff

So I do see Haley asked a question that that might be good to address that was, was there language about representatives needing to have lived experience.

Yes, there is that there is language around that. I do believe we have one person doesn't mean it can't have another writer, but we do have one on the committee that does have lived experience. So, but that is, that was mentioned as well in the resolution I didn't mention it here cuz we've filled that but definitely I would prioritize folks with lived experience.

Rob Huff

Jeffrey you have a question. And you're muted right now.

Reverend Boyce

Yes, John, how you haven't mentioned faith communities, you are you intending on putting faith communities. As part of this plan, or just leaving us to our own volition.

I believe that that's part of the community process and segment of it so I don't think anything, any group has been excluded or even included at this point that's that's for this group to definitely take into consideration about who needs to be at the table what key players and so definitely noted on your point there were not anywhere at all in developing who needs to be at the table, per se. I think all the above. I



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think we need representation from both looking geographically throughout the county, what needs to be at the table to keep players, whether it's faith based communities, whether it's current providers that are doing some of this work, people with lived experience. The I think we need the whole, the whole spectrum to be present and I. But again I will save some of that for the ad hoc committee to determine who needs to be there.

Rob Huff

Thank you so maybe time for one more question before we move on to talking about nominees which is already happening in the chats. Any last question.

Sherri Jensen

I've got a question, Rob. Yeah, go ahead. Sure. Sorry I'm eating as well. Um, so whatever plan that comes to fruition is going to need substantial funding. I know funding was mentioned earlier is their plan for the county to, to address that, how, how are we going to bring more funds in.

Good question. I think that the timing couldn't be better, because we know we have the American rescue plan funds coming we have not been awarded them yet as a county so there are potential fundings, and there's also, again, this is going to be something that I think one of the huge, large section of the action plan needs to include resources needed right which would include the funding piece of that. So I think we're in position to the county is in position to support, support that with dollars that we do have coming from stimulus dollars. Also, when we get to the comprehensive plan, what does that really look like I don't even know what the timeline would look like for that is that a three year plan is that a five year plan and so I think again, the resource piece is going to be really, really huge, but yes, to answer your initial question yes there are funds available to put towards both the November 1 deadline, which is the ending street homelessness and then also to put it into the comprehensive plan.

Sherri Jensen

Right, good to know. Thank you.

Rob Huff

And I did see one question, questions in the chat. Yeah,

yes. Um, so, equity of. For the from the county's perspective, both geographic equity and racial equity are priorities and they've been priorities for the county over the last two years and so we have, we have some representation on our committee already that we'll be looking at, we're going to look at things through that equity lens that will be part of a huge component of that piece.

Rob Huff

So thank you John, I think we will shift, and, and move on to selecting, folks. And right up front I think I'm going to be asking for a little bit of people's patience with this process. What we are going to do is



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Garrett has created a simple poll that we will use to Britt to put the names of nominees there and we will do, I will make this very democratic and we will vote as a group on who the two representatives should be. So, I saw that we've had a couple of folks names, get popped into the chat for being potential members of the representatives for the ad hoc committee. Do we have others and feel free to speak on mic, Because we know this will be a little messy but we want to be fair and here everybody. Morning, and you're muted right now.

Maureen Howard

So I try and behave. Um, I think one thing that's really important. As people are considering nominating themselves, to make sure that you have the authority from your, if you are in an agency that you have the authority to take this amount of time. So hopefully, people saw the email that Rob sent out yesterday and had an opportunity to do that. And from the continuum of care, we know we have James Pogue, and Lamont green. And we know who the other folks are except for pew Allah. And then the other thing is just, yeah, I think that's it, you know, that, that you can commit the time, but only for the month. And if the committee decides as John had suggested that the entire ad hoc committee should continue for the next six months after that, then that's a different decision I think that needs to be made, but for the next month, can you commit the time.

Rob Huff

And thank you, Maureen for mentioning that particular criteria we did list in the email that I sent out to the list a couple of days ago, four different criteria that we thought would be useful for selecting a representative from the coalition, and I'll go over those real quickly, Maureen hit on the one about having the permission and ability to commit the time. If you're working for an organization in this space. Another is that you're engaged with the coalition so you're not brand new to the coalition but that you have a working relationship with coalition participants, ideally, and also that you have the ability to publicly support coalition positions. So those were the criteria that were in the email that I sent out on. I guess that was Wednesday night, that hopefully folks were able to see. Rosemary I see your have your hand up.

Rosemary Powers

Yes, I just wanted also to say that in our discussion on Wednesday about this. We were thinking of the commitment of time maybe would lead us to think of having a variety of people who might be able to serve in this role. And so one of the things we thought was rather than recommend that the county do a different kind of approach to this, demanding time schedule that people who are willing to serve might be willing to be all alternate, when someone who, who is on, who is the sole chosen person isn't able to be there. So, I'd like if people are interested in doing this but don't think they have all the time, that, that if you're willing to consider it that we could perhaps have people attend, who are able to earn an alternate basis.

Rob Huff



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Thank you, Rosemary. So let's, Let's start considering some names I so far have seen Garrett be nominated and Garrett I think because his let us know he's interested in being on the being a representative,

Gerrit Nyland

train and this is something I care a lot about that. I was part of making it happen. And also that I am the widest most privileged person in the room, typically, and so I've kind of got that going against me. So I put out the goods and the bads there, so I'm excited that this work is going to happen. and, and that's my nomination speech.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Garrett I see Maureen's hand up as well, you're muted

Maureen Howard

muted, I got it. Thank you, John, are you okay with us having alternate sort of official alternate so if somebody can't be at the meeting, the coalition still has full representation.

I guess if that's what you select, I'd prefer for just, I mean I think for continuity and consistency. Right, I think it would make it would make the most sense just if we could get to people who could commit. I'm gonna guess it's gonna be 10 to 12 no more than 12 probably hours for the next, from now until the end of April, or the last week of April. So I do like the point about the capacity of folks. Maybe if there is one alternate though that might be that might be an option. I also want to be respectful that this potentially, we're not necessarily meeting in person, so we can be really flexible we've also built in that maybe our meeting times need to be in the evening to accommodate people's, you know, work, work life balance so to speak, so I think there's a lot of flexibility. Yeah, so my recommendation would be, would be to stick to two if, if you needed to have an alternate. And I think that's that would be okay.

Rob Huff

Thanks Teresa

John Barbee

so you had a question,

Theresa Power-Drutis

just to say this, that when we were talking about that alternate thing it was when we were here, they were going to be six months, so I think that you're talking about something very different here with that one month plan. Perhaps if you do decide to keep it going for six months, that would be the time to put this other piece in which does give us some continuity as a coalition instead of just an individual hope that made sense. That did I



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first part of what you said there. Um, so, but I caught the last part so for that, for the ad hoc committee having the two people, but as we move forward with the planet potentially having a larger robust group is that, that I hear that right.

Rob Huff

Got a thumbs up. So other names that I've seen be mentioned Courtney Chandler was nominated by Mike Yoder Courtney, would you like to say a word. Yeah. Hi,

Courtney Chandler

I'm Courtney Chandler. I am newer to the coalition I didn't know that that was one of the requirements but I am dedicated to ending homelessness into this work, and I have lived experience as well in homelessness, I am a woman of color so I think I can add a good, great perspective to the committee. And I would love to be a part of this process, and if it is that you want people who have been on the committee for longer I completely understand that but I think that my voice is very powerful and then I can add a lot to this, and if not in the ad hoc committee I definitely would love to be part of the longer committee. So, yeah.

Rob Huff

Thank you very much, Courtney. And I see a number of folks have also mentioned Maureen as Maureen Howard as a potential nominee. So, go ahead. Morning,

Maureen Howard

okay. My, thank you. Um, my personal preference is to be the alternate for the two people who are selected, because I'm trying to go after as much of the rescue plan money, as is humanly possible. And that's where I'd like to put us energy, I'll commit to attending the meetings virtually reading the materials, but that would be my own preference, and I thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen and I see Garrett has nominated Haley Crowe, Haley, would you like to say a word.

Haili Crow-Cyr

Yeah thanks Garrett. I know I have been less. At these meetings since COVID But I was pretty active before COVID hit. I serve on the CSC as a youth voice as a system involve you. And as a person with lived experience. I work at the Tacoma rescue mission and I run their street outreach program, and I also work with communities and schools at Oakland where 25% of our students are homeless so I'm pretty involved, although I know I have been less involved specifically with this video for the last couple months, I do have a good relationship with a lot of the people here. So, thanks for the nomination.

Rob Huff

Great. All right, in other names they want to be self nominated, speak up now.



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Gerrit Nyland

I have one more problem. Okay, I'm calling everything is not able to make it because they're in the process of moving one of their trailers right now Paula works for new hope in Puyallup and has years and years of experience with homelessness in rural areas and in East Pierce County in Puyallup particularly, and is also interested in serving some. I would like to put her name in the mix and she would like her name to be put in the mix, so like to add that as well.

Rob Huff

Great. And Mike I know before the meeting you were talking about an interest in being a representative as well.

Mike Boisture

Yeah, I'd like to be a part of that team. You got a lot of high caliber people putting nominations in here. What's good, I would love to do it. Like I said I retired. And now we got spare time. So as far as time is concerned, I haven't. Just got done with a couple of things in Tacoma, and been doing homelessness for,

Rob Huff

I think 18 years working with Paul as well. So I tell Phil my name. Thanks Mike. And I see Maureen that you have your hand raised.

Maureen Howard

Thanks. I just want to remind everybody that the criteria that we've provided are not official, those are suggested they're in process. So, as you're voting. Please don't make the presence or absence of one of those your deciding factor.

James Pogue

And yeah, I agree.

John Barbee

I also wrote in the chat that two people need to be the representatives of the coalition at the ad hoc committee meeting, but they are open to the public and I would encourage everyone to attend and then maybe the coalition needs to add to either this agenda or to our Wednesday meeting agenda steering committee, to try to solicit the feedback of those that are that are interested that are attending that are participating but weren't selected. So the voice doesn't have to be limited to just the two representatives. Hopefully the representatives are representing the coalition and so please if you feel like you're missing out on an opportunity, there's lots of ways that this word can still be influenced by your voice, and we can be creative to make that happen.

Rob Huff

Yeah, thank you for that point James That's why I asked John about the public, public meetings and public participation because I know that's where I think my interest is going to be as well personally, is



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to try to be involved in the, in the meetings that way. So, so we have a number of names Garrett if you've been able to capture all of the names so we can put them in the poll.

Gerrit Nyland

I have Garrett Nylund Courtney Chandler, Haley Crowe, Paula Anderson, and Mike moisture five me. Did I miss one morning.

Theresa Power-Drutis

She's, she marine said she would like to be considered as an alternate, so I have a quick thing too, as far as I'm hearing it seems that Courtney is the one person who is identified as having lived experience, Ollie. Haley also Oh say, So Courtney and Haley, so I just think that's an important thing to keep in mind, and I was gonna say what Maureen said that there isn't anything set in stone about this these are preferences that somebody be a long time member of the coalition but I I'm just excited to see this great Greenfield the horrible thing is that everyone is perfectly qualified to do this.

Maureen Howard

And as a reminder, there, there will be other opportunities to officially represent the coalition. We are getting more of those requests so please don't feel that this is the only chance you're gonna have this year.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen. So I think we have a pretty good list of folks. Have you been able to put those into a poll at this point, or. Okay, great, yeah there I see it. So why don't we go ahead, we've got 76 folks here. Let's go ahead and start commencing with a vote and we'll see what we land, land with with our top two vote getters.

Gerrit Nyland

Reminder, there's. So there's five people, if for some reason you're unable to vote in the poll, if you could put the two people you'd like into the chat. Hopefully everyone can do the poll fine in the poll you can vote for as many people as you want, but we would like you to pick your two favorites to be voted on

Rob Huff

and Rianna asked an important question about is the poll anonymous,

Gerrit Nyland

the poll is anonymous, clearly if they check the anonymous box.

Maureen Howard

So if you need to use the chat, it should just go to rob. Not everyone.

Rob Huff



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That puts a lot of pressure on me but yes. All right, so we have an

Maureen Howard

error it's running so you know right

Rob Huff

yeah that makes sense. Stephanie we haven't launched the poll yet so we're about to do so.

Maureen Howard

Okay, there's some confusion, are we voting for two people or. Okay, two people. Okay,

Rob Huff

so do you want to launch the poll Garrett,

Gerrit Nyland

I do. Man I can't vote.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I can't either. So,

Gerrit Nyland

but, you know, when I play card, usually when I keep score I wind up saying anything about winning and losing.

Maureen Howard

You can put your votes to run for Rob, Rob, yep,

Rob Huff

yep. Now Greg don't start causing problems. This is not a vote early and often situation.

Maureen Howard

We're not in Chicago.

Rob Huff

I was trying to avoid the Chicago joke. Oh, give us just a little bit more time we've got 57 folks who have participated so far 58 So still, still some folks voting. Alright Garrett, what do you think we should. We haven't had any new votes in a few seconds here. I have not received any private chats.

Gerrit Nyland

All right, so we'll just put them up.



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Maureen Howard

All right, big deal.

Rob Huff

Thank you very much and I appreciate the patience of everybody I know this is a little messier than our normal messy Friday meetings but this is important stuff. So,

Maureen Howard

one last thing. Would you like, make me an official alternate. And they'll back these two.

Carolyn Reed

How long, thank you, but also how do we get the information about the meetings and stuff. Do I need to send my email to somebody or, Oh, am I just fed. Thanks John. Okay. I will respond to John, thank you.

Maureen Howard

It's gonna go out to the entire list sir folks, we're gonna be totally transparent about our role on this.

Rob Huff

And I think it's fair to say that for the next few weeks we will be reporting out on this item, at every Friday's meeting as well, just so that we can move forward with that and I see we've got the quick poll about making Maurene an alternate.

Gerrit Nyland

We could do this more complicated. Or we could do it this way if you want a more robust process. Just we can stop this and get going.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I think we've got a pretty clear vote there so let's go ahead and do that and move on with the agenda and I appreciate everybody's patience again. I look forward to hearing about participating in as, as I can ad hoc committees work going forward,

Gerrit Nyland

close it out. So, again, our role is to represent the coalition so we need to be getting information from all of you. And we need to be bringing it there and representing all of your needs and taking information from there and bringing it back to you. And the larger process will certainly involve more of us. And, and so we're gonna have lots of opportunities to be heavily involved in all the details of this and I'm just kind of excited that this is going forward and I will do my best and I need to hear from you. When we're when we're not doing what you are your agency or you feel is appropriate. So, we are we are there with a, with a I think a big responsibility. So,

Rob Huff



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thank you. Thanks Garrett. So, we're gonna shift gears and and do some small group breakouts. I invite tieghan from the city of Tacoma to come forward and talk to us about what what she wanted to ask the breakout groups to consider this week to help inform the city's plan, almost as plan.

Tiegan Tidball

Hey good morning everyone. It's good to see everybody. I got my peeps going very spring infested so I'm excited about today's conversation. So today we're going to talk about sheltering. So to ground us a little bit in it. I want to talk about shelter period so shelter is an intervention that provides short term residence for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, the city currently invests in three different types of sheltering in the city's borders and so the first one is permanent shelter, so we can start with permanent shelter long standing permit shelters in the community. We also have emergency shelters and those are considered shelters that operate under our emergency declaration for public health and safety. Our third one is our temporary shelters and those are shelters operate are under our temporary sheltering ordinance, that's often a lot of the faith based shelters that we have in the community. And I think what's also important to highlight is is a lot of different models of shelter. Currently because of COVID we have them all operating 24 hours, seven days a week which is really important, but in the past there's been different models of that different ways that we do it sometimes, like the stability side that's an emergency shelter. The way that's operated has been under the tent, there's the units there, we have the Lehigh temporary micro shelters as well. So I've done a lot of different models that are happening. Um, one thing that I think is important to notice and take mindfulness of is our performance. What is success for our children. What do we want to be getting out of it. So currently under our contracts we have a few performance measures, and those are usually they pertain to exiting individuals into housing. So whether you get them obtained or they retain housing. They maintain it and then also we've got some additional successes for unaccompanied minors. So those ones that are exit into a safe placement which can include family reunification, foster care or group homes, so we know we've got a variety of populations. They're special and unique, the entire shelter and they all have different needs. Another thing I want to highlight is the racial disparities and homelessness. When we were looking at the SPARC report there's, I think every single one applies to shelter work. I think the two that I want to highlight though is housing. So people of color have the unavailability of safe and affordable housing options for some both risk of homelessness and barriers to permanent exiting also economic mobility is another issue I want to highlight. So that's a lack of economic capital within social networks that precipitates homelessness for many people. So we know that persons of color experience disproportionate rates in homeless, the homeless system at large is I think that's important to note, to think about as what kind of interventions or supports are in shelters for those individuals to get them into secure and safe housing. So, the guidance for this one obviously there's a lot of legislation around emergency shelters. One I definitely want to highlight. And what's interesting about the legislation is a lot of it is by state, and there is some that are federal the federal one that I want to, that I want to highlight is the McKinney vento homeless act, and that's ensure each child in homeless, that's homeless or homeless youth will have access to education. So there's a lot of state things, there's some federal ones. And so when we think about shelter shelter should be a short stop for anyone experiencing homelessness, and the goal is to use shelters a stabilization mechanism on their way to housing. So that's the goal is is a short stop to get them there's not a



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permanent place to stay. These are the things I kind of want to think about as we're building out like, how do we invest in prioritize what we're doing in the shelters. So I have three questions and of course I'll put them in the chat. So, one is what shelter models work best, like I said, we've got three going there's a variety of models. There's more than we're even using the second question is what services are needed in shelter. And then what support services that are there should be enhanced. So I think that's the part if you're in shelter. How do we get you into that safe and stable housing next. So, those are my three questions, like I said I will put them in the chat, and I'm excited to hear everyone's feedback and ideas.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you again and what I will do is, in addition to taking putting the information into the chat I will relay that information out to the breakout rooms. What we're going to do is handle this, like we have previous breakout rooms so I'm going to set everybody up in rooms of roughly five people, and we will have the next 10 minutes to consider the questions that teens putting in chat. What we would like is for every room to determine who's going to take notes, and when we come back here to the larger group. Paste your notes from your, your breakout room into the chat so we can capture that and Teagan has access to all that. So, unless anybody has any last moment questions, I will launch the breakout rooms.

Breakout Rooms

Rob Huff

Welcome back everyone. I presume that was not enough time. So, I can imagine that there's going to be some pretty interesting information to share in the chat I urge everybody who was in a room, taking notes to do that. But if you did have ideas that came up that you didn't get a chance to discuss in your room, do feel free to include those in the chat. I do apologize for the short time but these meetings lately have been quite packed so appreciate everybody's understanding. So let's shift and pivot over to government updates, and we will start with updates from Pierce County I saw Jeff Rogers on the call Jeff would you like to give us an update.

Jeff Rogers

Her Valerie is out today so I'll give an update for the county, a real Assistance Program, as you know is up and running, we have made one change this year that we're working on, which is. Up until now we've been prohibited from paying future rents, even though we can pay up to 12 months of rent. So we've been given the green light, this week to allow providers to pay future rents, so that's great news. You can review the need, from households and pay up to three months reassessment every three months and pay rents. Every 90 days versus every 30 days so that's a good thing. And the second thing I'll share is that we are in the process of preparing to release a funding opportunity for our, what we call landlord liaison program. If you're not familiar with the landlord liaison program it's currently program being operated through associated ministries, and the goal of the landlord Liaison Program is to engage recruit and create partnerships with landlords and property management companies in Pierce County to provide access to rental housing for the folks who utilize our programs. We typically put out a new funding opportunities for these ongoing standard programs, about every four to five years. It's been four years since we last put it out, And we're excited for this one to put it out because



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it's a collaboration with the Tacoma housing authority. So it's in partnership with them. So, the LLP, moving forward, will work not just with the folks that are in our programs that are homeless, but will also work with some folks that are eligible for housing subsidies to the Tacoma Housing Authority who challenge finding rental housing here in the Tacoma Pierce County area, was the venture, working with them. It's a partnership and we'll, we'll see where it gets us here in the community helping homeless and low income folks are working through Tacoma housing authority to identify and secure rental housing. So that's the two things that we wanted to share today.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jeff. Any buddy have follow up questions for Jeff,

Maureen Howard

I do.

Rob Huff

Go ahead. Morning.

Maureen Howard

Jeff, glad to hear about the forward rent. Now what about the and I'm assuming that people who are homeless and have a lease will come in under that forward rent part.

Jeff Rodgers

Not at this time. This is only for at risk, persons who are currently under lease. So if it's a homeless person who is literally homeless has found housing, and is looking for assistance, they would still be expected to go through our standard processes through coordinated entry and work through that process. So, the rental assistance program is only for those housed with the lease. That's not a brand new lease in their name to help them with back rents and rent moving forward and to qualify for that program they have to have be in arrears currently

Maureen Howard

under the rescue plan, the homeless folks will be eligible, so we'll just keep putting this on the table for the county to consider

Jeff Rodgers

where we understand. Yes, we clearly understand.

Maureen Howard

Good. Thank you.

Rob Huff



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All right, any other questions before we move on to the Health Department. All right, not seeing any right now so Rianna from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, do you have updates for us this week.

Reanna Bettencourt

A few small updates. Good morning everybody. Um, let's see, we are. I'm, I'm working with Jenny Sharpie in the, in the vaccine area of the health department to start getting some shelters on the calendar, and so we are actively doing that right now. Jenny, I'll be here next Friday, I believe, to give like a high level kind of share about that. So that's where that is, I'm going to share our vaccine web page. It has all the resources that you might need on it. Oops, sorry. Um, it has provider information, blog posts, just everything vaccine data, FAQs about all the different vaccines. And also, we did a event in the hilltop community. The other day, and I met super we use like 300 doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccine that just it was just a great experience for everybody, including, including us, seeing people that hadn't seen each other in a long time, and just get together to try and move forward from all of this. So I will share that in this blog there's some information about the Johnson and Johnson vaccine that we've sort of been waiting for. So I will share that and also to, oh it's today. Today, from, I believe it's three to four, we have a community presentation. If you could join us so I'd be super. It's, you know about all the vaccines. So if you want to come and just bring your questions and get some answers I see a lot of questions all the time and I'm just encouraging everyone to join us for these there's another one. In April, but if you can come today, that would be great. And I'll put contact information in the chat and then I see that. I think there's a question from Korea. I'm sorry I'm not gonna say your name right, Um how well the tense, population be serviced, and that planning is in the works, and I'm not directly on like making that plan, but I know that it is happening, so I think next Friday Jenny will be here and she'll be able to give some more insight about encampments and whatnot.

Rob Huff

Yeah, we are going to pick Jenny's brain a little bit, have a conversation about that. Okay, as part of next week's meeting. All right.

Reanna Bettencourt

Yeah, so. Oh, one last thing it's not vaccine related but I, in my other in my normal work in the Healthy Homes program the health department. I have shared that we hired a housing policy coordinator, and he started this week and so he's sort of getting settled in, but just a little intro, he's not here but he will be here. Maybe next week, hopefully. So, so our housing policy coordinator is Adam Rankin burger, and he joins us from. He used to be at solid ground where he focused on equitable access to healthy food and housing, and has lived in various parts of the country, and is now living in the Pacific Northwest for the second time. And so we look forward to joining this conversation. So but

Rob Huff

that's great news. So does anybody have any questions for Rianna. So I'm not seeing any right now so thank you very much for the information and we'll look forward to the deeper conversation about vaccination next week. So I don't see anyone from the Pierce County Emergency Management Group



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with us this morning. If there is and you want to speak up with a quick update, that'd be great if not we will move on in our agenda. All right, so we've shuffled our agenda around a little bit if anybody's following. I think what we will do next is shift over to Maureen, to hear about the coalition priorities for the American rescue plan act, spending.

Maureen Howard

Super. And so folks, we're going to Rob's gonna put Maureen shopping list on the screen, and also in the chat. More Yeah,

Rob Huff

I hate to interrupt but I did skip over Teagan and she tells me,

Maureen Howard

Oh, okay,

Rob Huff

she does have some updates from the city.

Tiegan Tidball

Sure. Thanks, Maureen and Rob, so I have a couple updates. The first is that I want to share that I attach the responses that weren't addressed when Linda presented on March 5 I put it on the listserv earlier this week, but I'll put it in the chat as well. So I want to make sure that we get those out to everybody on this. The second thing I want to share is next Tuesday we'll be presenting now NCS staff will provide an update on the city's efforts to address homelessness on March 30 during the noon study session, and I will also in the link in the chat put in a link to how you can access those videos are in that streaming. And the agenda. The next thing I would like to share is the youth, the young adult dropping in young adult overnight shelter know providers elected to respond to the city's request for proposals to operate the young adult shelter, the RFP was open from January 29 to march 23, which included an extension of the city met with a group of service providers to address questions about the RFP on March 4 and also arranged for a tour of the facility we did a few of those. The city is determining next steps and we'll update everybody soon. And we're investing \$1.3 million in facility improvements at the location of the shelter which is the beacon Activity Center, and those improvements are scheduled to begin in April, starts very soon as next month. I'm also I'll just, again, I know Jeff already gave his update on the rental assistance. The portal is open. Residents may find more information at the Pierce County, Washington gov seven ones, such that, I'll just put it in the chat again. The program provides up to 12 months of assistance dating back to March 2020 And I think those were my big ones I went a little fast so I want to get back to Mario.

Rob Huff

Thanks to you again and sorry for skipping over you there. Alright so marine back to this.

Maureen Howard



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Okay, so those of you who've been following the \$1.9 trillion bill that was passed and signed by President Biden may already know some of this, but there is any this, I've been calling this the gift that keeps on giving. Because every time you look at the 600 pages, there's something new and wonderful at but the, what we need to do is that we need to get ahead of decisions that are in process. So, Rob is going to put our draft up of priorities that the coalition might look at, and he's gonna drop it in the chat as well. So here's this has gone through the steering committee in the weeds, this week and then the Steering Committee during the meeting. So, and it's all still open, so feel free to send edits make put in the chat or whatever just email me. So it seems to be there two things we want to do, we want to this is money we are never going to see again. Pierce County, out of the state and local relief the state of Washington will get about 4 billion as in boy, peers, county will receive about 1.3 170 3 million, or 175 City of Tacoma 63 million. Even Reston gets some money. So, this and this money, this particular pot is going to come in two tranches. The first half is going to be out by probably mid May, and the second half will be one year after that. So don't think about that first cares funding and how fast it had to go. This is money that has disciplined timelines. So, so part of it for me is it to invest in long term housing, an organizational assets, and also meet immediate needs. I think we should prioritize the poorest households, those below 30% Ami, and the organizations that have operating budgets below a million, and everything in this money has to be COVID related, and it's got to meet the federal what's called ARPA, or you'll hear ARP it's the American rescue plan Act requirements. So this time, Unlike in December. This is coming with fairly clear requirements. In many parts. Now sometimes the clarity is that there are no requirements, which is amazing. Okay, so what I did is I followed the summit format and then added in a couple more. And some of these dollar figures are pure guesses on my part. And some of them actually have some substance. So, and again, I mean if we don't ask, we're never gonna get existing housing units are like five times faster, and three times cheaper than to build new. That's what the state of California is doing. So I say let's go for it and let's get 1000 existing units, FEMA Public Assistance Part B would cover hotel rooms as a political decision locally. The forward rent. It looks like we're gonna get, well, we're gonna get the homeless, Jeff. Jeff Rogers, I hope you're still on. I'm figuring 500 Homeless households. Money for self managed encampments a parking site rooms and using that shared shared housing model. But, and then also how we ask the housing authorities to prioritize the new housing choice vouchers that are coming out of our H vac systems, if you're running a congregate shelter and you've not taken care of your H vac, You got to do it, move in expenses money to pay off judgment, so feel free to add and then Robin if you can scroll down a little bit.

Rob Huff

Sure.

Maureen Howard

Just keep coming. Yeah, good. Okay, health, that there's a ton of money coming to the State Department of Health. They normally pass that on to local health departments, I don't know how much is coming directly to local health departments, but I'm sure the health department people do. This was just the top of my list that we're sure that we've got scheduled testing and vaccinate and vaccinations planned on into the future, both for congregate shelters and encampments that we've got money into street medics and yes I know they're gonna move on and that's okay, they'll take their knowledge with



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them to the next place they live, that we've got money for ongoing outreach testing and vaccination campaigns, that's not very much money so somebody give me more. I know that we can increase the mobile and telehealth services. Under services I tried to stay away from things that are already on being funded, but these were the ones that seemed to me a vehicle repair garbage services for the encampments, no I don't think we should have to pay but they got to be clean transportation options technology so people have access to broadband they've got cell phones, they've got tablets, they've got minutes whatever is required. And then that we've got adequate funding for human trafficking because that's been on the uptick under the pandemic. I added two categories to the summit work one is staff that we have a housing benefit for staff who are below 50% ami. And I don't know what that looks like, but I just wanted to put a marker down that we've got hazard pay going forward for our frontline staff who are below \$20 an hour that we do for them what Seattle has done for grocery workers \$4 an hour, and that we make available individual and very private financial counseling opportunities so that people, if they take a housing benefit that they don't inadvertent, there's not an unintended consequence that actually costs them some benefit that they currently have. And then, organizational stability, sustainability, that we look at these nonprofits who want to be looked at, who have pre COVID operating budgets of under a million, I just picked that I figured anybody over a million is probably felt fairly stable, and that we look, we offer them the opportunity to stabilize their financial management systems that seems to be, to me, to be the critical one. And then, I don't know if this is even a problem. But if the rental assistance folks have to secure loans to provide cash flow that we either cover the interest on those loans, or we secure as some other jurisdictions have done, local banks that are doing the loans at zero. So, this is the shopping list right now, and we don't really have time to talk about it but I really want your thoughts, and we'll just keep. I'll keep trying to refine it. Is there anybody opposed to having a shopping list. Okay. All right, so just help me okay now quickly. A campaign a national campaign has started around rental housing and I'm just going to put that out on the listserv, it's coming from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, in terms of the state of Washington, it is budget week. We're still waiting for the Senate operating budget to drop. I've got a comparison chart of the key elements that affect housing and homelessness, if you want that, let me know in terms of the county. In addition to everything we've done in this meeting, I think we should be thinking of friendly jurisdictions where we believe that the jurisdiction would be willing to have a safe sanction encampment, or safe parking or tiny houses or something, they all get this pot of money directly. I didn't even talk about the money that's set aside and ARPA for housing and homelessness, that's a different part. And if you're working with people in the immigrant community. The public charge is pretty much gone it's back to 1999 and Jennifer Emmons Thank you put out to the whole list serve the appropriate language with respect to the city. Jeff Robinson did probably the best presentation on the 1/10 of 1% at both the study session, and then the council meeting with a really good slide deck and I will send that slide deck. This comes up, should come up, coming Tuesday, the 30th for the final vote 1/10 of 1%. As you know the Chamber of Commerce is behind this publicly, which is huge. So, thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen for all that you're doing. That's a lot. Any, any questions for Maureen before we move on next item. All right, I'm not seeing any hands and we are rapidly running out of time but I did



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want to make sure that we at least got our safe parking network update for today. Collin I see that you are showing live video of the encampment removal at 38 G Street. I don't know if you can talk.

Colin DeForest

Yeah, I can, yeah I'm just sitting here, you know, okay, it's kind of ironic that we have another vegan, so I'm not gonna bash really but it's ironic we're talking about what he knew when we're sitting here and we're seeing what it is not doing as watching yet another camp. We were told on Wednesday, there would be alternative potentially alternative outdoor sites for individuals to move on to. That's a report was recorded, Jeff, the voice of the campus, as most definitely did not happen. If you drive down 38th Street for specific and basically indirection was like a bomb went off and there's people just dragging whenever they can, and shopping cart, no city presence here outside of. There may have been earlier in the morning but it's pretty disappointing to see this just happening again. It's most definitely it's week one it, but it most definitely is. So this kind of preoccupies me as far as the a camping goes, of course, safe, parking, good update to UC had their community meeting yesterday. Nothing came of that no negativity, Cindy and her colleagues went out and talked to a lot of the neighbors, some of the businesses about that so that was moving forward the portable servants are going to get dropped next week, they're spending up their hand washing station weekend and laying gravel so what are the portable fluids to go. So my guess is they will be opening up in,

if not the end of next week the following. We have another site coming on which is super exciting. We also have also should hear back. The latest data they gave me was the 30th from PCC, which will be, should we should be hearing back from

Colin DeForest

the president of TCC on whether they're going to move on it or not, kind of like their final final days. So that's great news.

And outside of that, the other sites are doing well, we still have openings and move a couple people into this conversation this weekend but we still have room, so keep on sending referrals my way. I'll do what I can to get them somewhere. We also have two other private sites that have people camping with them which is exciting, so his cleanup crew read on us. So, anyways, you know, last I would just say is I mean it's real simple. You know we need safe places outside, where these people go, I don't know why we keep asking the questions because I hope we all know the answer. So, thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you calling, and, and thanks for being there to put a camera on what's happening I know folks, appreciate it. So, we have a number of other items on the agenda, but I know that. Kevin was going to offer an update about the discussions that are going on around coalition formalization, he's going to send that out to the to the mailing list here later today. So I guess we got a couple minutes left. Why don't we just open the floor for any items of interest general interest that folks have to share before we



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move into our planning meeting after 11 Anybody have anything. All right, so I guess I will set everyone free I wish everybody have a safe and healthy weekend, and thanks for being here and for your engagement around this, this topic that brings us together every week, we will have a small group of us doing planning work here for the next few minutes after this meeting, So if you want to help with that, please stay on everyone's welcome and otherwise, have a great weekend and we will take a five minute break.