



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Chat from April 2nd, 2021 Coalition meeting

- 00:13:29 - Sheila Mirafior: - Collaboration For A Cause 3.0 TOMORROW 12-3pm STAR Center 3873 S 66th St, Tacoma 98409.
- 00:16:54 - RoxAnne Simon: - Good morning!
- 00:17:46 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Bad pennies
- 00:17:51 - Sara Irish: - Good morning everyone!
- 00:19:49 - Barbara AQUA: - Barbara Aqua Temple Beth El
- 00:21:00 - Kyra Doubek: - Kyra Doubek, Executive Director Washington Trafficking Prevention
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Kyra@traffickingprevention.org
- 00:21:07 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Hello Everyone!! Stephanie Schermerhorn from at CCS FHN .
- 00:25:22 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - There is conversation to expand and continue.
- 00:25:57 - Carolyn Read: - anyone have a link to the study session?
- 00:26:24 - Carolyn Read: - thanks!
- 00:26:35 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Here is the link to Study Session.
https://cityoftacoma.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=4670
- 00:27:36 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you, Tiegan!
- 00:30:12 - Courtney Chandler: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7219/Ad-Hoc-Committee-to-end-homelessness>
- 00:30:42 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - 311 calls are not a great way to measure the depth of the problem. Sometimes neighbors stop calling 311 because it is so discouraging to be told that someone will follow up in 10 days. Sweeps don't serve unsheltered people or the city as a whole. What we need: Small sanctioned self managed encampments rather than large, unsustainable mitigation sites.
- 00:31:51 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Amen to that!
- 00:32:36 - Maureen Howard: - Appreciate the County responding to our request that the Ad Hoc Committee's work be public and to really make it easy via the website, zoom link, etc
- 00:33:31 - Mandie Dean: - I'm in this room twice for audio/visual purposes. When doing breakout rooms I will only have audio on the square with my video, sorry if it seems like I am not participating in a breakout group if you end up with my duplicate!
- 00:34:54 - Julian F. Wheeler,PC-ACACchair(he/his): - The Pierce County Accessible Community advisory committee endorsed the letter written by Gerritt.
- 00:35:28 - Courtney Chandler: - Who should be at the table to help create the comprehensive work plan to end homelessness by November 1st?
- 00:44:14 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Rob - your new microphone makes you look like a shock jock!
- 00:49:12 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Room 3
- 00:49:25 - Mandie Dean: - Lived experience with homelessness
Non-english speakers in housing system
Formerly incarcerated individuals
Funders
Currently in homelessness



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Law Enforcement

Medical Professionals – Hospitals, First Responders

Pierce County Health Department

Medical Response Core

Emergency Response/Shelter Organizations

Outside Areas with Successful Responses - Kirkland? Guest Speakers?

Council Members – local & outside areas

Regional Planning – Land Trust/Banks – municipality response, long term solution to housing

Tacoma Housing Authority and other housing authorities local and outside areas

Private Sector:

Real Estate Agents

Landlords

Businesses Impacted

00:50:21 - Paula Anderson: - Group 11 Make sure there is representation from the cities...and education of all to create a level planning field. Also mental health/behavioral health

00:50:57 - Bea Givan: - Our group talked about the need for education to the community. There can be adversity between housing providers and people experiencing homelessness. We need open minds to learn about our neighbors.

We need more landlords/property management at the table to hear what the issues are and learn how they are an important piece of the solution.

We also talked about the importance of mental health support.

00:51:42 - Patty Schneider: - Legal, pro bono, fair housing,

00:51:48 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Room 3 looking at the smaller outreach groups of the Faith Communities and and advocacy groups. Such as; CHIRP, Mental Health Chaplains.

00:52:10 - Verna Lilly: - Room 5 - • - People with lived experience, and include youth, adults, vets, victims of sex trafficking, substance abuse

- - Reps from organizations that attend PCCEH (this meeting)
- - Legal services – Tacoma Pro Bono
- - Public Health
- - City and County council members
- - Neighborhood community services
- - Our Sisters House
- - Domestic violence/sexual assault services
- - Puyallup Tribe

00:53:03 - Sandra Sych: - Organizations representing immigrant communities

00:53:03 - Michael Potoniec: - Room 4: We should be at the table to create a comprehensive plan to ending homelessness?

I. Entities need to work together more so than individuals.



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a. The Coalition to End Homelessness

i. - Maybe this is the group to rope everyone in together?

b. Chamber needs to be involved.

i. - Need to connect Government and private sectors.

c. Housing Builders/Developers need to be incorporated into the conversation to create supportive housing.

i. - There needs to be movement and creating more housing options

d. Investors

i. - Provide funding for various housing/homelessness plans.

ii. - Know how to work and communicate with them.

iii. - Single-room occupancies: work with investors to create solutions.

e. Lived experience: homeless population's voice.

i. - Get their experiences and input on the matter.

f. Policy/decision makers

i. - Work with people who can break down barriers to ending homelessness.

g. Roping everyone together

i. - Representation from all groups to homelessness.

ii. - Gather expertise from all groups to create a com

00:53:08 - Dana Peregrine: - Room 10 - Those that have faced challenges with landlords and found a solution. Also have landlords represented, both large and definitely smaller landlords. The youth voice. Lawyers that serve the unsheltered. Those with lived experience who have gotten out of homelessness and especially what helped them get out. Healthcare and mental health reps at the table.

00:54:12 - Serena Thomson: - Room 9 Those with lived experience homelessness, Someone with a disability/mental health, Those who have lost jobs, outreach worker, legal representation, Maureen or those with political experience, a youth voice, those who are truly passionate, non profit, people of color and experiencing racial disparities, LGBTQ community, Government officials and municipalities, Someone from the medical field and educational field, city, county, Community and County to better distribute services and shelters in other areas not just in Tacoma.

00:55:40 - MARK MERRILL: - Room #6: We all agreed that voices with lived experiences, currently homeless, currently navigating the homelessness system, those having navigated the systems... We also think that all points of the continuum from preventing homelessness through being permanently housed need to be represented. Lastly, the committee should do research to find what is working well in other areas of the country such as shelter systems, behavioral health treatment, permanent housing option etc. and learn what is being done right so that we can adopt it to Pierce County.

00:56:05 - Sheila Miraflor: - Group 7- Have a representation from: 1. a diversity of "lived homelessness experience"-those who have navigated or attempted to navigate the services system; 2. a timeline of experience and attempt to navigate the system, or if individual was able to work out their own housing solution; 3. include Providers, esp those who work closely with people of color; 4. Partner with an organization (ie: Associated Ministries) who help individuals with ID-DL, SSID, I-9 documentation; 5. Partner with faith community to help with soft skills training/development; 6. Partner with business community (ie: Chamber of Commerce)



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00:59:20 - Kathryn Green: - Is there any talk about assisting home-ownership for individuals who are at least 50-75% AMI?

00:59:34 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - These are the notes from Carolyn's group, just to make sure they make it into the chat file:

01:00:32 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Never mind...

01:00:58 - Erick Hohnstein-Van Etten: - Our group discussed:

- Including people who have lived experience of homelessness (potentially by utilizing members of the recently organized Pierce County Speakers Bureau).

- Make sure that service providers and agencies currently running local shelters are able to be involved from the beginning of the planning process. Whoever is going to be tasked with running the day-to-day operations of shelters should have a role in creating the plan.

- Identifying successful approaches that other cities have used and adapting their strategies to our community. Avoid having to reinvent the wheel.

01:02:31 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - District 27: Theresa Power-Drutis tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

01:03:43 - Jeffrey Boyce: - I am too. District 27, Jeffrey Boyce jeffreyboyce425@yahoo.com

01:03:43 - Mandie Dean: - mfdproperties@gmail.com District 27

01:03:56 - Mandie Dean: - Mandie Dean

01:04:26 - Laurie Davenport: - vls@tacomaprobono.org, District 27

01:08:11 - Carolyn Read: - If you want to advocate for revenue for housing with the county council, contact me. We want to see the 1/10th of 1% housing tax approved to obtain sustainable funding

01:10:03 - Carolyn Read: - readcarolyn@comcast.net

01:10:09 - Jeanette Crute-Bullock: - I will gladly participate as an experienced landlord who sheltered 2 homeless families in one of my rental properties. I think Landlords need a voice at the table to share thoughts. I was left with 7 loads of garbage, \$40,000 of repairs and no rental compensation because the tenants left the house in December. 253-439-9378 jbulloc13@comcast.net. I live in NE Tacoma - Browns Point. My rental is on the East side of Tacoma.

01:12:03 - Jeanette Crute-Bullock: - I represent Caires House Foundation a local Non Profit 501c3.

01:13:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Jeanette: sorry the consequences of your generosity were mixed, Thanks for joining the meeting - good to have your perspective.

01:15:32 - Jeanette Crute-Bullock: - I represent Caires House Foundation a local 501c3 we would like to support homeless folks via homes, shared or not, but need to find grants to support the goal. Jeanette Crute-Bullock. jbulloc13@comcast.net or 2534399378. We will speak on committees as needed

01:16:21 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you for your heart in this work, Jeanette! It is great to have you here.

01:17:13 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Thanks Jeanette - very grateful to have you join us.

01:18:20 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Jeannette, your perspective is needed.

01:19:54 - Maureen Howard: - Jeanette - be sure to check the State's Landlord Mitigation Fund

01:20:43 - Sherri Jensen: - AWFUL GROUP

01:20:56 - Sherri Jensen: - (Cleaning up Puyallup, not THIS group!)



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- 01:22:08 - Sherri Jensen: - :) Figured I should clarify haha
- 01:24:05 - Maureen Howard: - Re Puyallup - money comes from State Budget...and work of Pierce County
- 01:25:45 - Maureen Howard: - More Room eleven on Comp Plan -
- 01:26:26 - Carolyn Read: - Can we invite the Puyallup to the table for the county comprehensive plan? East side of the county needs representation.
- 01:27:03 - Janet Runbeck: - Paula is a miracle worker.
- 01:27:05 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Paula - thank you for your persistence and optimistic spirit. What a tough political environment to get anything done in. Glad you are in the work.
- 01:27:39 - Sheila Miraflor: - Isn't there a State Rep from Puyallup who experienced homelessness and shared her story at one of the Coalition's meetings at the Salvation Army?
- 01:28:14 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - She was a candidate
- 01:28:15 - Kyra Doubek: - Would love to encourage people to not use the language of "these homeless people aren't just drug addicts" narrative when trying to create community compassion.
- 01:28:30 - Mike Boisture: - It is not the state rep it is a family member. That is what I know of...
- 01:29:46 - Maureen Howard: - Rep. Morgan is one and there may be others.
- 01:31:15 - Mike Boisture: - FYI... I just got a call from Puyallup EOC and they are doing vaccines for the homeless population today until 4:00 in the Grayland Park in downtown Puyallup..
- 01:32:13 - Valeri Knight: - They are. No registration required. just show up and get vaccinated :) its amazing
- 01:32:42 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great that Tacoma is looking at addition safe campsites, Thank you for that!
- 01:32:56 - Mike Boisture: - Yes, that is correct... It is the one shot vaccine.
- 01:33:46 - Maureen Howard: - Back to homeownership - there is mortgage assistance money in current American Rescue Plan - I don't know what is available for new homeownership in the Infrastructure bill.
- 01:34:14 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Temporary & Emergency Shelter Performance:
https://www.cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/cms/NCS/City%20Authorized%20Emergency%20Shelter%20Sites/data-COTShelters-2021-03-22.pdf
- 01:34:39 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - Rental Assistance Portal: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>
- 01:36:16 - Paula Anderson: - If you would like an invite to the Puyallup Homeless Coalition, please email me at andepaa12@msn.com
- 01:36:37 - Maureen Howard: - Re rental assistance portal - we can wait until you get it right. I just want to share with national colleagues!
- 01:37:08 - Kyra Doubek: - To help prevent discrimination towards our community members who have substance use disorder, here is a study explaining the relationship between substance use and childhood trauma. Happy to provide more education to people who are interested:
kyra@traffickingprevention.org
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3051362/>
- 01:39:47 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you for the information, Kyra!



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- 01:41:03 - Maureen Howard: - More from Room 11 on the Ad Hoc Committee: Metro Parks and all local parks districts, JBLM, mobile home parks, hotel owners association, rental housing org's, local law enforcement agencies,
- 01:41:23 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- 01:41:47 - Jennie Schoeppe: - 16+ for Pfizer only. 18+ for J&J and Moderna
- 01:41:51 - Maureen Howard: - More Room 11 - local economic development councils, planning and zoning
- 01:42:00 - Reanna Bettencourt: - <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/>
- 01:44:41 - Reanna Bettencourt: - "Open season" probably was not my best choice of words. :)
- 01:44:56 - Valeri Knight: - But it does fit well :)
- 01:48:50 - Jeffrey Boyce: - I am forming a group to support the campers in keeping their camps clean, by providing brooms and garbage bags to encampments. "Brooms & Bags" email me at jeffreyboyce425@yahoo.com
- 01:52:32 - Reanna Bettencourt: - Shelter & Encampment Vaccine Planning questions- jschoeppe@tpchd.org

Vaccine Education Info.-

rbettencourt@tpchd.org & mptoniec@tpchd.org

- 01:54:53 - Janet Runbeck: - Will the TFD transport van be enlisted for the drop team events?
- 01:55:33 - Jennie Schoeppe: - JSchoeppe@tpchd.org, 253-753-4887
- 01:58:23 - Reanna Bettencourt: - TPCHD Vaccine registration call center number: (253) 649-1412. We're available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7 days a week.
- 01:58:45 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thanks, Reanna!
- 02:02:49 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Those questions: 1) What brought or brings you to the Coalition meetings? 2) Are there structures that would help you enter more deeply into the work of the Coalition, or help the Coalition be a more effective space? 3) What resources (human and financial) are needed to ensure the Coalition is inclusive and sustainable?
- 02:05:05 - Jeanette Crute-Bullock: - Please add me to the list serve jbulloc13@comcast.net
- 02:06:12 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Hi Jeanette. You can sign yourself up at pchomeless.org
- 02:06:31 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - I really like point 8. Some times quieter people don't participate in discussions right away, need some silence to space to speak
- 02:07:32 - Megan Capes: - Thanks for tackling this. Gotta roll, but good to "see" y'all. This time from my classroom. :D
- 02:07:32 - Kyra Doubek: - Suggest making a recurring registration rather than having to register for each.
- 02:07:33 - Reanna Bettencourt: - I have to leave the meeting now. My contact info. is in the chat. Have a great weekend everyone!
- 02:07:57 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Okay. kglackincoley@pchomeless.org
- 02:10:27 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Safe parking was provided for one of my clients. The process was smooth.
- 02:10:39 - Mark Melsness: - I must log off. Thanks for a wonderful meeting. Looking forward to more.
- 02:10:54 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thanks Mark!
- 02:14:19 - Julian F. Wheeler,PC-ACACchair(he/his): - Julianfwheeler@aol.com
- 02:16:18 - Jeanette Crute-Bullock: - Thank you
- 02:16:44 - Sara Irish: - Thank so much for a great meeting!



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02:16:57 - Erick Hohnstein-Van Etten: - Y'all take care!

02:33:31 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness is a loose network of individuals, non-profit agencies, government agencies, and community businesses working together to serve people experiencing homelessness. Our end goal is to help folks establish safe housing as quickly as possible and help them to retain that housing so their homeless episode is short and never repeated. We also work to address many of the factors that drive homelessness.