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Rosemary Powers

Yes, I want to welcome everyone to our weekly coalition meeting some of us have been hanging around here for years, so it's almost like a, I don't know a church experience I'd say for some of us, but our goal is to end homelessness and we're welcome everyone to our Open Table. To do this together. We've had some good news over the past couple of weeks with the county and the city, stepping up to do more than has been done and our, our participation in making some of that happen, I think, is something we should be very happy about. We're going to hear several times today, we'll have several times today an opportunity to weigh in on the meaning of this. Open Table in one way or another, asking how should be here. We want you to be done. So, as a sociologist, I'm often thinking about questions of power and structure and belonging. And so I want to encourage us as we begin today to think about our own experience being here, what it means to us to belong, what we get from this time together. What would help us feel more connected or that we might be able to use as ways to help other people who should be here, participate more. So how's this open table working is kind of my question. And as we have this time to welcome new people. I'd like to invite anyone who's here for the first time or who's coming back after being away to just let us know you're here, and if you're associated with a group or organization or project to just name it rather than have any long explanation so we can move into the rest of our, our work today. So, if you're here for the first time just unmute yourself and let us know you're here, put your name in the chat and your contact information if you'd like to connect with somebody, and we'll see if we can get back to you then too, so anybody can begin.



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Kira Dobeck

Hi my name is Kara doback I am with Washington Trafficking Prevention, been here before returning, good to see y'all.

Rosemary Powers

Well welcome back here. We look forward to having your conversation with you.

Barbara

Hi, my name is Barbara offline with Temple BethEl to Kuno long committee, my first time here,

Rosemary Powers

well welcome we're very happy to have you here, thanks for coming. Thank you. Well thank you for those of you who've mentioned who you are and if you're new and didn't get to do that. If you want to introduce yourself in the chat. We're happy to have your name there and then we'll be able to get back to you, if we'd like to contact you, so thank you and Rob I'll turn it back to you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, rosemary, so let's get started. As we do, every Friday with our this week on the streets portion of the meeting. This is a portion set aside to allow some space for those who are doing direct outreach work with people who are currently homeless to offer updates about what they're seeing on the streets what's changed, and any particular concerns that, that we may be able to help as a coalition to solve so I open the floor, if anybody wants to offer what they've what they're seeing on the streets this week.

Reverend Boyce

Well, this will be my last report on the 38th Street encampment. Five tents, went over to the access road to 705. On Friday, they got swept out yesterday. I not sure where they all are two of the temps I believe I saw up on 72nd, on the smiling camera up there. Three, excuse me for dance, went to Dojo road found one tent down by the power station on on Pacific. And that's it. They're all scattered.

Rob Huff

Yeah, there was a lot of conversation about that camp, both online and at the City Council study session this week so thanks for tracking that Jeffrey and for your outreach to that community before, before it dispersed.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Well I don't think the new folks here on G Street are necessarily coming from 38, but we have a real influx as we often do in the spring, and one of the things that's happening with folks, they're having a really hard time. People are having a hard time finding a place to repair their cars and our street is flat and fairly friendly so we have it looks as if we have a mechanic shop on the street there are six cars in various degrees of unrest. And I just want to put it out here that it's something worth thinking about trying to figure out a way where there is a place that people can do that kind of work with the materials



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they need because most people can't afford to hire a mechanic and if it's their home. I don't know, just putting it out there, it's not my skill set, but there you go.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Teresa. Does anyone else have updates or what they seen on the streets this week.

Maureen Howard

This is from the city, city council to come a study session, where they report on the hygiene place, you know that NCS set up there at 18 Yakima, I thought was very encouraging. It closes the seventh right now, but there has been a decrease in 311 calls to the area. There are no new tent visible. There has been an increase in 911 calls to the area but many of those are for welfare checks, and they said he did increase its garbage collection schedule to meet the need and that was something that I had asked about, would they adjust depending on need, and it sounds like they did so that dispels that's, I think that's the first on the street data, We have that will dispel the current sort of statement out there, which comes from People's Park, that it's impossible to do this. So I think that that's a good thing I don't think it's a good thing it's ending I don't think it's a good thing it's only in one place but it does give us something of a new baseline

Rob Huff

and Maureen, correct me if I'm wrong but during that study session. Wasn't there some conversation about potentially continuing that for a while.

Maureen Howard

I've totally, I don't know.

Rob Huff

I listened to that last night and it sounded like they were considering what that would involve so,

Maureen Howard

I think, yeah, I think you're right. If, if you do nothing else outside of your regular job, listen to this one study session. It's about half an hour on the NCS report.

Rob Huff

And thank you, Teagan for weighing in on the chat that there is a conversation to expand and continue the, the hygiene outreach and hygiene station there. So thank you diggin. Does anyone else have observations of what's happening on the streets this week. Carolyn I see your question we can provide a link to that study session, audio, I don't know if we'll be able to do it right now during the meeting or not but

Maureen Howard

it's in your inbox already Carolyn from yesterday, I think.



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Rob Huff

Yeah. All right, so not to belabor it. If there are additional things the observations that you've made around the city, and you want to share them please do use a chat to do so and we will move on to our first of what will be a series of reports on the work of the county's ad hoc committee and Courtney I'd invite you to, to offer an update of what happened in the first meeting.

Courtney Chandler

Morning. Happy Friday everybody. Um, so, the first meeting we kind of spent a lot of time kind of going over what norms, we were going to have as a group, talking about what data was needed in order to make informed decisions on what's coming next. And we went over kind of their outline of the action plan for the action plan. And so I'm going to give you kind of a brief rundown of what that is. So there's three stages for this action plan, ad hoc Committee, the first step, or no sorry not this ad hoc committee, there's three stages for the comprehensive plan. So the first one is to create the ad hoc committee. The second stage is the creating the action plan that will direct how the Pierce County Human Services develops the comprehensive plan. And that's due by September 24. The action plan is due by April 24 And then the stage three is the comprehensive plan which lays out the plan for the county officials to consider adopt and fund, and so on the ad hoc committee we're specifically working on the action plan, and they gave us kind of an outline and we kind of discussed the outline of there's eight steps to it so over the next couple of weeks we're going to be taking chunks of those eight steps to create that action plan and have it done by April 24 So, Next week's, we're going to next week we're going to be going over the overarching goals definitions and guiding principles. The comments on the scope what it is and what it is not. And then the people groups to include and how. So, when I talked with Garrett. When I spoke with Garrett after the meeting, that's kind of what we talked about maybe having the homeless, the Homeless Coalition focus on is the who needs to be at the table right that's kind of our takeaway from this is that it's really important to get the right people at the table when we create this comprehensive plan. And so, I was hoping to do some breakout groups, and everybody want to hear from the coalition, we want to hear from the coalition on who you think needs to be at the table to create this comprehensive plan to end homelessness, right, so people with lived experience people in the maybe different systems, right, like medical education, prevention side, you know, what are you thinking, Who do you think needs to be at the table, people of color. Organizations of color, right, outreach teams. People who have who are providers and work in this field right because the county was very clear that they are not the experts in this, and that they need the experts at the table. So now's our time to really do that, and to bring that to the bring that to them so I'm hoping that what we could do is have the breakout rooms where everybody kind of discusses who they think is important to be at this table, and it should be in this conversation as we build this comprehensive plan, and then we will sift through those, you know, synthesize it and bring it to a bring it with us to the next meeting, and really push for some of that. I also wanted to mention before we do the breakout rooms that there is a website. I'm going to post it in the chat. There's a website that they created that has everything on there, I think, Maureen has already sent it out in the week, the daily emails or weekly emails, but that's in the chat now so you can use that link to look at everything that's happening for this ad hoc committee and I believe this is probably going to be the same, that they use for the comprehensive plan everything is public. The meetings are public, you know, but they also have a, they have a public comment



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section. So if you want to bring, if you want to make a comment or your organization wants to make a comment. You can do that on that website. And then, and then from there, those will be acknowledged and looked at and we as the ad hoc committee will be were tasked with looking at those public comments before this session, and then we will discuss those and bring those to light in the session as well. So I really encourage you that if you feel strongly about something that needs to be a part of this to, you know, advocate for that, in that section. There's also a few plans that they did. There's documents on there. I keep circling my screen like I'm showing you the screen sorry, there's some documents on there that are the five year plan to end homelessness, ending veteran homelessness recommendations and then the other plans and initiatives and the continuum of care plan timeline so if you wanted to check out what those documents already are, you have not, those are on there as well. Yeah but I mean, Garrett and I really feel like it. The Homeless Coalition has a really a breadth of knowledge that the county does not. And I know that I feel like we have some really great ideas of who needs to be at the table. So I'd really like to hear from you guys so we can bring that to the ad hoc committee.

Rob Huff

Perfect. So, Courtney, for the organizations that that are brought to the table. Do you know what that's gonna look like, or is it too early to know how those, those people in organizations will actually be involved in informing the action plan.

Courtney Chandler

I see, so they wouldn't be creating the action plan, they were talking about who needs to be involved to work on this comprehensive plan over the next six months. Yeah. And then what that actually looks like no I cannot tell you at this time what that looks like but that's a great question and I'm sure that we will get to that when we go through these processes of the next eight steps of, you know, outline that what that plan needs.

Rob Huff

Perfect. So if you think it would work well what I can do is create small breakout rooms. Do you have a sense for how many people you'd like to have in each room.

Courtney Chandler

Well, I have no idea how many people are on this call.

Rob Huff

Yeah, so we have 66 people right now so if I did rooms of, say, five or six people per room. We talked about doing this conversation for about 15 minutes. So that would give everyone involved in each of the rooms, a couple of minutes to be involved in the conversation about who should be at the table for the comp comp plan. If we start these right now we would wrap up our breakouts, at about 931 and what I would suggest is that we do this like we have breakouts in the past few weeks, that each person that each person will or each room will have a designated person to collect the notes, and then paste the



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notes into the chat. When the breakouts are completed so that we can capture all that information and make sure that Garrett and Courtney have it in hand, if that works for you, Courtney.

Courtney Chandler

Yeah, that would be fantastic definitely getting it written down so I will be heading out of here probably right around the time we come back because I'm going to get my first round of vaccine. So, so I anything written down will be amazing, so that we can. So yeah, please have a note taker please write it down, get it all in there, because remember at the end of the day like I'm representing you. Yep. Right, so I want to hear. Okay.

Rob Huff

All right, fantastic let's go ahead and go into the breakout rooms,

Breakout Sessions

Rob Huff

Welcome back everyone. Hopefully that was a good conversation and he didn't get cut off too prematurely, my reminder to everybody is the note taker from each room please drop your notes into the chat, so that we can get those, those items to Courtney and Garrett and Courtney is there anything you'd like to say to wrap up before we move along in the agenda. Um,

Courtney Chandler

I just, I'm excited at the potential and the possibility of this and I every time I sit in a conversation where I hear more and more people coming to the table and having ideas about how to solve this, I have more and more hope around it so I'm very excited to be at this table and really grateful that I was appointed this position and given this opportunity. I feel very blessed to be at this table so I really appreciate all of you and I'm excited to just start getting in there and doing the work. So thank you. Thank

Rob Huff

you, Courtney, and thank you for being here and being willing to do this work, it's fantastic. So our next item on the agenda is, I'll hand the floor over to marine Howard for an advocacy update as if there's anything going on that we need to advocate for.

Maureen Howard

Yeah. Fortunately, it's you know it's just really all quiet out there and, you know, oh, here we go. All right. In case you missed things, but I did send out an email sometime yesterday with this quick little survey in it if you would please do that doesn't commit you to anything just gives me an idea how to better manage what you need and are interested in from the policy and advocacy point. And it will help me stop flooding your inboxes, hopefully. So they're one of the things that I would like you to take a look at Rob is gonna stick it in the chat, and you can just, maybe we can screen share it for just a moment rob the priorities for the American rescue plan. So it'll be in the chat, and then we'll



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screenshare just for a moment, please take a look at that. Send me your comments and, or put them in the chat so that next week, we can bring something for a vote. Okay, this is the rescue plants already passed already signed and the money is in some cases here. All right now I worked off of. This is not for individuals, this is not like stimulus money that's separate the stimulus checks. This is the money that's big money that's coming. And so I looked at the money and I looked at our request list, and from the summit's, and I looked at eligibility for use of the money, and just came up with some recommendations of how we can use this, and I am totally open to your changes or corrections I will note that city of Seattle just came out this morning or last night with something called Seattle compassionate, or something like that and they're asking for 2000 new units for the city of Seattle so I'm thinking 1000 units for Pierce County wide, is probably a pretty good number. So, just please take a look and send me notes, or put notes in the chat, and scroll down a little bit. I followed the summit in terms of health and housing and services, Teresa, there's the car repair. If you want to increase that dollar figure, or, you know, however we do it anyway. If anybody sees anything that you absolutely cannot support, or you think should be changed. Please take care of this. Okay, so if you want to just take it off the screen. Rob And then. Alright, so here's where we are. The American rescue plan has within it \$5 billion, like boys for brand new housing vouchers, through the public housing authorities. The law says that these vouchers must go to people experiencing homelessness, at risk for homelessness or fleeing domestic violence. There are no allocations yet of these vouchers, the housing authorities do not know when they will receive their allocations, they have met across the country, and they are in conversation with HUD trying to get the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is where these vouchers originate, trying to get clarification on a number of mostly technical things, those of you who work with clients who have section eight or housing choice vouchers or VASH vouchers or whatever kind of vouchers you have through the housing authority for your client. Know your end, but the back office and of that is incredibly complicated for the housing authorities, and that's what they are sorting out. Now I've met with Tacoma Housing Authority I'll meet with Pierce County Housing Authority. I have asked for the following one, that we have a priority for people below 30% Ami, that we get these folks who are the have the lowest incomes that, and also shared housing is eligible with these vouchers. Now everybody may not want to do that because there'll be inspections and all of that chaired all of the housing voucher rules will apply, but that's a new eligibility and that we will want to do that. And we want to know if those can be used in hotel rooms, can they be used in mobile homes. How about pilots are there special projects that we'd like to try out the Housing Authority already partners with some of you on special projects do and I didn't name any because I don't know what they all are, but that would be one thing. I asked if they could work something with Pierce County Housing Authority and I'll ask the same of them, so that it's easy for providers, whether that's one portal or it's one web page or I don't, I don't know what it is, but just so that it's as easy as possible on your end, working with your clients or your guests. And that obviously a race and equity lens, maybe even some new partnerships with nonprofits that the housing authorities haven't partnered with before. So again, if you have strong feelings about how these new vouchers should be used. Please put it in the chat or email me separately. As soon as the housing authorities have their allocations, they'll let me know and probably a lot of us, and I'll put something out on the listserv so that people who want to be involved in everything. Can the second piece of money that's in there that's specific to homelessness is there the these homeless assistance grants, and these are going to follow federal home allocation



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process, but not the allocation formula. And so I don't know how those are coming yet I just haven't had a, there's nothing on height about them yet. And there's nothing from the National Income Housing Coalition yet, but I'll follow up with Jeff Robinson with the city, and Brian Schmidt with a county and see what they know, again, these are coming with rules out of the federal legislation, one of which is acquisition of existing units. And so, while everybody may not want to use federal money for acquisition. This is a real opportunity for those of you who do. And so, here's the thing out of California California acquisition of existing units is five times faster and three times cheaper. All right, so if you saw the, the presentation on the 1/10 of 1% for the City of Tacoma. Those new units, new newly developed housing units are running anywhere from 250,000 up to 400,000 per unit. Alright, we can't do that, we've got to bring units in underneath \$100,000 a door. \$100,000 A unit, the only way we do that is we acquire existing units, we use hotels and motels and we use some apartment buildings that are starting to come online so that's that part, um, the, the money, it's called relief city and county relief money. And this is an enormous amount of money there will be over a billion dollars coming to local jurisdictions in Washington State, through this part alone. It has wide eligibility for use, and even the town of Reston and is going to get some of this money. All right, I mean that's goes all the way down. I know that Lakewood is already talking about how they're going to use theirs, and the Pew Allah has a decent amount that it's coming by size, the city of Tacoma will have 63 million, M, million dollars, they will get half of it by the May 10 They will get the second half, one year after words, the Pierce County will get about \$175 million. Half of it by May 10 Half of it. The following year, so we want our eyes on that money. Um, let's see. Yeah, so that's it for the rescue plan again, put it in the chat or email me, all that sort of stuff. Now, on to the state. The I'm gonna leave this call early for a special meeting on 1227 which is the document recording fee, which will the increase in the document recording fee will fund permanent rental housing fund it will fund the operations and maintenance for permanent supportive housing and the landlord's fund so what I need you to do is that I need to know that I've got a couple of people in all Pierce County districts. So either put it in the chat or email me or email Kevin, I want a couple of people from the second, the 25th, the 26th, the 27th, the 28th, the 29th, the 30th and the 31st. If you live and vote in those districts, that's what I'm looking for. If you work in those districts, that's okay, just make a note that you work you're not a voter there. So that, so that if we need to get to people really fast. I've got names and email addresses to get to, let's say, 1220 Yeah, 1220 is an executive session now in Senate Ways and Means, this is what adds shelters to the Growth Management Act, that they would have to be part of the, the eligible uses the local jurisdictions have to plan for placement of shelters 5160 cooters bill, which is basically the right to counsel basically for tenants that passed out of committee last passed the house last night. Is that possible. That's what my notes say anyway. Just Cause. 1236 is in Senate rules. And what else do I know money. Okay, quickly, the city and the county. I sent out the length from Teagan Thank you Teagan can't thank you enough for sending that link to us, so that it's easy for everybody to click on and see the Neighborhood and Community Services report on a city council study session on Tuesday, and the there were, there was one thing in there that is of concern to many of us, and that is the city is is has identified a site, which would be a large, they're calling it a mitigation or stabilization site. That is not what we want our requests from the summit are very clear. We want small safe sanctioned encampments to 20 to 40 people Max, And so, we will be in conversations with the city about that going forward. I'm the 1/10 of 1%, affordable housing tax passed unanimously, unanimously and council. Thanks to everybody who



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worked on that. And that money starts being collected in July, it turns into real money I think by December, there's a process of stakeholders being engaged in creating a spending plan, the council will approve an overall spending plan, they will not approve project by project going forward. And so we were on the initial group of stakeholders, I presume we still are. And again, it'll be a matter I think of setting our priorities that the people, I mean this is me, by the people that are never on the table, or those below 30% Ami, and we just I just believe we've got to use every resource available and we are never going to have this kind of money again, unless the next Biden bill passes. If the infrastructure bill passes. There's 231, billion as in boy, dollars for housing in that infrastructure bill, but that's got a long haul on it. Um, let's say with the county court we've got coordinators report on the ad hoc committee. I thank the county for doing what we asked, which was to make the process public. And they did that, and for the revenue for housing Carolyn Reed and crew who got their comments in really fast. And that made the county had to create a way to accept public comments right away. So, so that's a good thing. Um, what else, the County. I'm sure when Valerie comes to talk. Hopefully we'll have an update on the dashboard on the rental assistance program seems like that should be up. And as always, we want to encourage the county to now start including if they haven't forward rent for people experiencing homelessness, who have a willing landlord, and Elise. As I mentioned, Seattle has just announced Seattle compassion, which is a apparently it's a provider and business group, and they will bring something to the one of the people in November and I don't have any more details on it. So, this is what I have. If you have questions. Yeah, Colin.

Colin DeForest

I would just say to echo what marine said about the kind of the, the large mitigations style stabilization style camp at the city is talking about if you have any interest I'd have to hop off at some point here but if you have any interest in being involved with that conversation we will be dedicating time in our Monday, every Monday noon meeting around safe, parking, so now be safe parking and really that managed in caminar encampment conversations, please feel free to join us, you can reach out to me, you can reach out to Jan You can reach out to anybody and get on it. So yeah, we would love to have you. Thank you, Maureen.

Maureen Howard

You're most welcome. And I don't, when tieghan reports later or Clarissa. One of the points from this study session about the five year homeless strategy from the it's being developed out of NCS out of Linda Stuart's the director of Neighborhood and Community Services and tieghan has been working with us on that project, there were statements by NCS staff about outreach to people experiencing homelessness. And so I think that's something that we will want more information on how the outreach is being done and the questions that are being asked and, you know our NCS staff doing this, and that's this is not a critique these are just questions, and our people in every encampment are only that out of town ones are just kind of what's the process on that so, because that's all information that is public domain information and will be of help to us on the greater countywide comprehensive plan going forward. So, anybody else.

Rob Huff



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One question I have Maureen, maybe you can shed some light, what are, what's the best opportunity for individual members of the coalition now to actually advocate. Are there still opportunities to make a difference with state legislation, what do you what how would people prioritize their time.

Maureen Howard

I think part of it depends on your organization's advocacy policy. So, that and only you know that you always have a right as an individual to advocate except feds have special requirements, but everybody else, you always have an individual right to advocate. But be careful, my caution is use your personal email address, Use your personal technology. If your organization allows you to advocate or if you are the person who does that. Wonderful. So there are opportunities at the state level, and they come pretty fast, and I, what I've been doing is forwarding the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. They generally have a big red button you can click on, you can always email your representatives directly, but a lot of this is like sausage right now. And so it's being careful everything's carefully negotiated so that bills can get through the process, because now we are against time. So that, that's one thing at the, if you have not developed a relationship with your state legislators, do that. Alright, so we had three Republicans vote. Across the aisle and vote in a bipartisan way on bills that are our bills. We had Senator Gildan from Puyallup, we had representative called the air from the 26th, and we had represented Barcus is the senator representative. Oh, this is embarrassing. Anyway, Marcus from the second. I'm not my district, so I don't have it in front of me I'm in bad shape. Anyway, apologize for the wrong designation, but, and, and I'm sure that was due to people like you who reached out and said, This is what this bill means for the people that we care about, and all of that education just has to keep going on, if we've got people of goodwill who maybe don't share all of our values, but are willing to take in new information, then that is important. The other thing is, at the federal level, so we will as a coalition. Remember in the summit we had videos from our four congressional representatives and we've got liaison with the two senators, so we will circle back with them, just to try and let them know where, where we are as a result of this summit and things and to encourage them to go forward on this infrastructure bill. This infrastructure bill would make the difference for people that we care about, because those are going to be jobs, they're going to be a lot of union jobs and they're going to be a lot of living wage jobs in there. And so, and and, you know, all I got to do is look around at the state of the bridges and the roads and know that we got, You know plenty of work to do. Um, then locally. We're really lucky that our city and county council members are very accessible. And so reach out develop a relationship if you haven't had time to do that, do it, and always, you know, they're like three parts, you know, thank you. This is what's right or what's wrong or please reconsider whatever or here's information you need to know about this certain aspect, you know, whatever it is, the issue is, and how can I be of help, please let me know. And you'd be amazed at how many times we send a thank you, you This probably happens to you, we send a thank you for a vote, and we get back, not only You're welcome, but I'd like to talk to you about X, sort of stuff. So, and the same thing with the staff develop relationships with the staff. These are not the I mean, the counselors are supposed to set policy the staff are supposed to implement policy. And so they have different roles, and it's, it, so it's not one against the other. It's what we've tried to do with the coalition is we've tried to keep those lines open so for communicating with the council, we try and communicate with staff, who handle that issue at the same time so everybody knows, what, where we stand on something so I'm part of it, it's just frankly it's



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personal, it's what excites you, some people get really excited about federal level, some people, state level, some people local, look at the structures in the city of Tacoma. Every neighborhood has a neighborhood council. All right. We should have somebody on every neighborhood council in the city of Tacoma. I don't know how the county organizes but you got umpteen small cities and we should have looked at how the League of Women Voters does things how they organize having people attend meetings, or watch meetings and report on meetings. And so, it's the same thing what with what's important to you. Every school district has a school board. Every community jurisdiction has got some sort of economic development board you want to find out where things are going to happen. Follow economic development. So, anyway. Okay, that's magic thanks

Rob Huff

Maureen,

Maureen Howard

thank you. Thanks, everybody.

Rob Huff

All right, so I'd like to invite Paul Anderson from the Puyallup area at New Hope to talk about the work that's being done by the Puyallup Homeless Coalition. So I hand the floor over to you, Paul. And you're on mute right now. There you go. Are

Paula Anderson

you okay. Hello everyone, thanks for having me here this morning to talk about the Puyallup Homeless Coalition and some of the issues that are existing in Puyallup, I thought maybe I'd start with the beginning so I honestly don't know when the beginning was the Puyallup Homeless Coalition, I do know that there was a group, a small group of service providers that met kind of under the radar, led by sister pat of St Francis house which has been around almost 50 years now in this pile of area, maybe more, and then some staff from open hearth, when that that agency started up or that ministry started up. I know that there were people on it. At that time as well on over the course of the year, more or the timeframe, more people have joined but I do believe it's been around since about 2000 Maybe a little bit earlier than that, in about 2007. A couple of people that were on that committee so Charlene Hamblin was Sharon care house had been around for a long time was on the Coalition for a long time. She and Ted Brockman, and a couple other people put together a nonprofit called Homeward Bound in Puyallup. The reason that was developed was so that there was an administrative structure over the ministry of open hearth, to be able to come to, because they serve just basically families in Puyallup area, and then also for freezing nights what had which had come around at that time. We wanted to have some sort of administrative structure. When I joined the appeal of Homeless Coalition, it was about 2009, lots of, lots of energy around trying to help the homeless NP wallet. The biggest agency that was well known not even an agency but ministry was a freezing nights ministry that was started by the churches, about 18 years ago so they needed a place to kind of have administrative structure as well so that donations could be taken to one place and distributed and used appropriately, and that type of thing. In 2011, the Puyallup Homeless Coalition, which was also in the development of that 501 C



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three called Homeward Bound in Puyallup went together with a coalition and homeward bound. And we created kind of our own Project Homeless Connect if you will, something in, in that realm because there were not services in Puyallup area. As many as there are in Tacoma in that area so we gathered together a bunch of different service providers, went to the War Memorial which is interesting because we're not allowed to use that now for any kind of Homeless Services, so far I know my boyfriend has been trying for years to get us into a location in there during inclement weather. But just to give you an example of what we pulled together on that we were able to provide medical services free food, the clothing brand the different service providers there. And also we joined with appeal at school district, and as part of the advertising, if you will for what was going on we had school children draw on paper plates faces of kids, because at that time there were over 100 children that had self identified as being homeless or their parent their families being homeless, so we literally had 100 steaks and 100 of these paper plates put up in the yard, or in the grassy area around the Memorial Center to gather, get some interest in what we were trying to tell people, which was that there are a lot more people homeless in Puyallup and in our area than anyone in the community might understand including families and children. So moving forward to 2013 we created through the Homeless Coalition, a comprehensive five year plan to end homelessness imagine that we had participants on that. We had several meetings with different organizations and people in the community which included three of our current Pierce County Council members. Bruce Dan Meyer Han Zeiger and Chris Beal, all provided input for this comprehensive plan, and then it was presented to the city council from that, from 2013 to 2014 The city had a community task force that had participants. One participant at a time from Homeward Bound in Puyallup. And then, the chief Jeter, who was the chief of police at that time, city officials. And so they came together to try and decide of the strategic plan basically what kind of solutions they might look at or ways that they might be able to do some of these things, they came up with. One of the strategies that they came up with was to have the day center because at the time they were receiving a lot of complaints about the freezing nights ministry in that they were happy to see people off the street, but it was the time period when they were released, which is 7am Every morning that freezing nights was operating, folks that were in that program were then released onto the street and so that was a big area of contention, along with, where are they going to meet in order to be picked up to be taken to the freezing nights ministry for overnight sleeping so there was just a bunch of buzz about that so the city had actually put on there. Maybe you need a day center, which was all we needed to look at because we didn't even put that on our original thing that that comprehensive plan, it was more like a combination lightning activity house the night shelter and de center. So, a group of church people, people that participated in the piala Homeless Coalition in 2014 went out and found for one for Spring Street which was an old Domino's building that is currently where new help Resource Center is located. And that's how a new hope was born, the churches, and individuals, put together \$40,000 In two days for a downpayment on this property to get us in there. That's how serious people were about trying to find a day center. We had a sweet honeymoon period with the city for about maybe three or four months and then and then things started to kind of unravel. And there was because we were located in the, in the place that we were located. It was highly visible as to how many adult homeless we had in the Puyallup area. We were right next to a business beauty salon, and they were not happy with having homeless shelter right next door to them. I can understand some complaints on that, out of that birth, the negative cleanup Puopolo all up Facebook page that then just was bombarding our community with



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negative things about the homeless about what New Hope was trying to do about any, any of the services that pertain to helping adult homeless, and so we battled through that also out of that because of all the rhetoric, if you will from that Facebook page, came a lot of response from the City Council, which then ended up initiating with homeward bound. And the city litigation, to the tune of about four lawsuits. So currently, in the city of Puyallup, they are doing, they're taking the most steps I've ever seen them take. They are had the motel in effect right now where they're sheltering 20 people at a time that are adult homeless, trying to find ways to put them into a more permanent stable living situation, they are not really asking too much help from New Hope, and I think that is because of the litigation. We have a lot of knowledge about the people that they're trying to help and so that feels like a little bit like we're clipping the wings of the, of the social workers that are actually working with them from CCS but things are happening, and we continue to provide whatever services we can, and, and work with them. So right now the Puyallup Homeless Coalition. We're not necessarily a political activist group. I think over the course of the years when we were stepping into that we were being kind of led by a couple of very strong advocates in that arena. There was people stepping back from there because the heat got a little too hot when the city started, you know, creating some, some opportunities for us to provide litigation so I I'm really chopping that up but you guys can understand what I'm trying to say. And so, um, I think we lost especially some of the agencies that work with families and children that are in the area, not all of them, but we don't have participation in the Homeless Coalition meeting with that because they never really had those city had issues with what they were doing. It was all directed towards adult homeless. And so the fact that the city is now partnering with the county that they have put this together and partnering with CCS is a fantastic step forward. I, I am praying and hoping that they will continue that program. And as that program goes. My hope is that the city is more educated on homeless issues, And on the work that other service providers do and how we network and we all work together because it takes all of us to be able to remove the barriers and stabilize and house people no matter what their needs are. So, I'm super excited about that. I wish I was able to participate a little bit more, but maybe that's a good thing I think it's an opportunity for setting up you all up to work with another agency that has a wonderful track record for doing all the kinds of social services that, that we do here at New Hope, and then some. So, we have several people in this group here that are either, either live in the city limits of a wall up or have businesses in Puyallup and so many of them participate in the Homeless Coalition. And at this particular time, if any of you would like to participate in the Puyallup Homeless Coalition, I'll put my email in the chat and you're able to call, or to email me and I can put you on the list. We meet once a month, the second Tuesday of the month from nine to 1030 Usually, and then Rob had asked what can we do, or what can this committee do this, this coalition do to help us here in Cuala. I guess I would say the biggest thing is on. When you get a chance to speak to somebody who either lives in Puyallup does business in Puyallup, sorry, you can tell her by the train tracks I don't know if you guys can hear that or not. If you know anybody that is in this area, and might have some false information about homelessness, about those that are experiencing homelessness. Just do your best to talk to them and share your story and share stories of people that you serve. I believe that probably 60% of the population NPO all up is just kind of on the fence. I think we're like a lot of other towns that are suddenly. Not suddenly, but have over the course of the year experience more and more people with who are unhoused, and I think it's important that people understand who these folks are and that they're not all drug addicts, or people that are going to rob you blind or, or all of



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those things that we know that are some of those prejudices that can be thrown at the folks that we serve, so anything you all can do on that respect, I enjoy being a part of this this keeps me informed at a higher level of what is going on and I think that is super important. And as far as the county, and other groups getting the city of Puyallup involved and doing this. Thank you, thank you, thank you, because that is the only way that we're going to be able to educate. So I appreciate that.

Rob Huff

Thank you for the update Paula, and how many folks participate in your monthly meetings right now.

Paula Anderson

So right now we probably have 10 to 12 that are on the email list we typically get it went down. We did have people from other agencies for example when CLR was, had a contract with the city of peel all up and was working to talk with the businesses in Puyallup about homelessness and helping to, you know, remove people from in front of the buildings and that type of thing. We had a lot of participation from from them. The veterans, and, and the like and DSA HS, the school district participates now on a regular basis. But DSA HS can't because of their computer system, so I just have to do a direct call to them. They used to come when we were in person, then they didn't have to use their computer. So, yeah, once we get to back in person, I think we'll have more but right now, we're a very solid, strong, 10 to 12 people.

Rob Huff

Great, I see that. Maureen has their hand up.

Maureen Howard

So, Paula. The county, worked with the city to make possible that shelter if you're all up, but the state of Washington had the money in the budget. That's the shelter expansion money folks, it's in the capital budget, again this year. So, when the word comes out to advocate for a \$40 million for shelter expansion, you all remember what Paula said, and what a difference that made. So kudos to the county for making this happen. But it was the state of Washington, legislators that got the money in the capital budget, and we're asking for it again, and now we're asking for 70 million in addition for acquisition of hotels and motels, so yeah. So everybody remember Paula's story about the difference that money made.

Paula Anderson

Thank you, Maureen

Rob Huff

money helps so anybody else with questions or comments before we move on to government updates. All right, so thank you for joining us again, Paula, and for the overview and your perspective on what's happening on the ground and piala. So let's shift gears over to, well I guess it's related to talk about government updates. We will start with the City of Tacoma and I'm not sure if I saw Clarissa on the call. But



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Tiegan Tidball

the whole present, Rob,

Rob Huff

okay great, thank you, Teagan.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah, absolutely. It's good to see everybody, and some really great conversations today, so the things I want to highlight is that I'm obviously we're still working on this five year strategic plan I appreciate Maureen highlighting some questions about that, about our outreach to persons with lived experience is my I was going to ask for volunteers of anybody who wants to support this process we're still in the works of it and getting it, get it going. Just survey that will be able to be done on a mobile phone, via QR code so if you want to hand it or give it to people to do on their phones as well. We're hoping to keep it brief. In the terms of demographics, and at the same time have a lot of space to hear someone's actual story, because we realized that there's a lot said in the nuance of stories you hear and you pick up needs that people are having. So this is still being developed, I know that people have reached out to me before to support this process and I will be reaching out to you but I want to make that call again if there's other individuals that want to support this and be a part of it too, please reach out to me I'll put my email in the chat box. I know earlier we heard about the ad hoc committee, so I won't go into that tons, we do have representation sitting on that so Clarissa Monteros is sitting on that for the city. Um, so I already sent the link to study session please review that if you have questions, please reach out to us and we can talk more about that. Also, which was brought up earlier was the temporary mitigation stimulation site. So I hear what you're saying I've already taken notes of it. We were hoping to set up some engagement time to talk about it more in depth with the community, those are still being developed, and I can share those when we have them. Um, the city funded temporary and emergency shelter sites we have performance up on our website, so you can look at that we post it weekly usually Monday, we wait till we get all the data it's supposed to be Monday but sometimes we get a little bit later and it's Tuesday but we're trying to really streamline that process to to make sure that it is responsive and fast. I will also put that link in the chat box, everybody also stated earlier was the warming shelter at the Salvation Army, so that temporary warming center will be extended through the end of April. We have been working with them and so they currently been serving about 29 people daily. Um, like I said, and that'll be operating until April 30 of this month. Again, I know we also discussed you guys did a lot of this update for me a little bit. So, the hygiene station at eighth and Yakima is going to hopefully be continued we're talking about it we're exploring it. The pilot provides restrooms hand washing stations overnight security and again in garbage and trash debris collection, as we as we shared in study session we haven't seen an increase in tents, there's been a decrease in 311 calls, and the 911 calls have been a little uptick, and that's been for welfare checks. So we'll be returning to a study session next week to discuss that project, a little more in depth as well. I know the county will explain this a lot more but again I'm going to highlight our collaboration with them with the rent. Rental Assistance Program, the portal still open. Um, so I will provide that link as well unless scholar beats me to it. I think those are the majority of my updates at the moment.



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Rob Huff

Great, Teagan Thank you. Let's move over to Valerie and let her talk about Pierce County updates

Valeri Knight

and mourning. Yes, so in the chat about Puyallup so great news for you all it vaccinated everyone in their hotels yesterday, and they were doing anyone else who was interested from sharing chaos and helping hand house so that's fantastic news. And then in phase two, they actually opened up, they're at the park from nine to four today vaccinating anyone who shows up who's experiencing homelessness or incorporates or goes to a congregate setting for like food banks. And so, just big shout out to you all up so that was a big lift to get that done and we have actually contracted with them with Jenny, to learn how they did it so we can replicate for a lot of the same things I'm sure Jenny will give an update on vaccines, but every shelter is set to be vaccinated and Tacoma rest of Pierce County here very soon so great news there. So rental assistance we have over 12,000 applications started, that is of anyone who's registered we did see about 900 folks who are outside Pierce County. And so we're slowly cleaning those out but now we've implemented a new requirement where if you're not in Pierce County, you can't start the application. But, you know, they kind of snuck through when we first started so 12,000 applications on right at 5200 have completed submitted application so all documents are up there, and every one of our nine providers are up running contracts are fully enforced and checks are already being cut. My understanding from one provider is they spent just under \$400,000 In a week so dollars are getting out the door, very quickly. We are in collaboration as Teagan said with the City of Tacoma. So the city received their own funding and they are actually going through our portal for some of their referrals, and they've allotted a set amount of dollars for TPU so TPU has a huge chunk of past students in their program and so what we are doing as all of our providers are able to draw down from that TPU bucket, and that extends our funding to go to additional rent and utilities for everyone else throughout the county so just a big shout out city of Tacoma and Pierce County, I feel like I talked to Allison, three times a day. So we're just really trying to collaborate as best we can and get everyone in Pierce County served for the portal update Marine, yes we are still working on it, it will absolutely be on the website. I personally promise. What I don't want is to put it up there and then wish we had thought of something else or put it up there and the data is not right. We had a issue with our vendor where people were registering as white or African American, and the portal was changing folks to Asian Pacific Islander, and so we are going through line by line and correcting and checking race and gender demographics, because that's just not something we're willing to put out is bad data so, working through that and as soon as it's up and running, we are going to report on number of applicants served, number of applicants received, we're going to report on all the race Demographics The veteran status the age breakdown and their region for the hotspots, and that's going to be how we really change how we can work through how we can work through who was applying and and change our outreach techniques. In the last week we have printed and sent out over 7000 of our flyers, we have flyers in five languages. So if you are in need of any flyers, let me know and we will get them printed for you and sent to your organization, Goodwill's doing a big event tomorrow and we sent them 600 flyers stand out, but that is just part of our outreach. We also sent it to every single school district Bethel School District sent it to 30,000 households in one day. And so that's huge. And so we're just trying to make



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sure we're hitting all the marks, food banks have told us how many fliers they think they can hand out so we have mailed them all their flyers, so that we're just trying to be responsive and meet those needs. I know Heather and central Latino will be on VT radio here very soon, doing a commercial to really get the word out about the services and what we can and can't do. And then we're just pushing forward. What I heard last week from the state, we're currently the only program up and running, which is mind blowing to me, but every other Rental Assistance Program is expected to start sometime end of April, early May, which to me explains why so many folks are applying for Pierce County, because they can't apply in their county yet so just pushing through, we still have it on the list for homeless households, we're still having that conversation Maureen, we are also still having conversation about whether or not we can pay vacant units. So a tenant has moved due to COVID Can we pay their past dues, the Treasury originally said yes and then in a previous in a recent meeting they were like, We don't know what that looks like yet so we're holding on that until treasury. We don't want to start doing it and make people pay money back right so we are keeping a list of landlords who are contacting us about making units and we'll reach out and we'll do specific fliers if that rule changes so just pushing through we know More money's coming down the pipeline which makes my blood, like pressure go all the way through the roof for a hot minute, but the need is definitely there and we'll just keep pushing until we get it done. And I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Rob Huff

Alright, I'm not seeing any questions yet. If folks have follow up questions, do feel free to put them in the chat. Because Valerie will be right on top of that. So let's shift to our next updates which would be from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Rianna Do you have anything to update before we go into the presentation from Jenny about vaccines,

Reanna Bettencourt

um, just a couple things so I'll let Jenny go into most of it, shelters and encampment planning but the health department is in the planning some static sites around the county and so they're going to be in some different areas and running, probably about three days out of the week. And so, these are not pop up, they're going to be just static and in place, and ongoing so look for that in the near future. Bass finder is going away. We won't be using that to determine eligibility anymore, so it's the honor system. So, when you see registration sign up and get vaccinated. On April 15 It's open season, everybody is eligible in Washington State. So that's great news and then I'm gonna put our webpage in the chat, and you'll find lots of stuff here on our vaccine web page. And also, when we have clinics the registration links pop up on our web page. And so you can register here, there's vaccine data, FAQs. This everything, so put that there and then to replace the base finder, Washington has a vaccine locator tool. And so I'll post the link to that in the chat also. And I just wanted to say like I see ice. I see a few of my friends on this on this meeting, from, and they're doing other things, But it's great to see them in here doing work with the county and things like that so I think it's super cool, kind of,

Rob Huff

thanks Rianna I see Kevin has his hand up with a question.



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Kevin Glackin-Coley

Yeah, thanks for I ran up, Mike. we say everybody tells when I watch the lower end of the age limit, because I've been.

Reanna Bettencourt

Okay. Yes, and depending on that 16 and 16 and older and then all it, Jenny, differentiate between the vaccines and the age group, because I don't have it up right now here. So,

Rob Huff

perfect. Well that's a great lead in to, to Jenny's presentation so for ready let's go ahead and shift over there.

Jennie Schoeppe

Sure. Hi everybody, um, I know this is gonna sound terrible after a year or more of doing these virtual meetings but I've never shared a screen side presentation in zoom so I'm going to try that now, and you can let me know if you see the slide.

Yeah, it works. Okay. And do you see my face as well or can I turn myself off so that you don't have to see me and

Rob Huff

that's optional on our end. For folks who have hearing disabilities it's okay to be able to still see your face.

Okay, good, good, good, you won't mind if you see me reading, reading some of my notes, I'll do my best. Um, alright, so thank you everybody, um, thanks for having me back. I was here probably a month or two ago and Riana updates you every week but I'm glad to be here to talk to folks. My name is Jenny sheppy I'm a health promotion coordinator at the health department on my focus the last couple months has been helping to plan helping plan our vaccine rollout to people experiencing homelessness, and those serving them and I've been working with internal colleagues here including Rianna, one of our awesome community liaisons that working very closely with Valerie and, and many other community partners, including some of our coalition members here so, um, what I'd like to do today, and I tried to pare these slides down from a larger presentation, please feel free to reach out if your questions at the end here don't get answered but like to just give a high level summary of our approach, what's happening now and what we're planning, we'll have time for some questions but again just email, reach out to me the last slide will have my information on it and I can put it in the chat as well. Um, so Rianna just highlighted this so eligibility. Basically, bottom line, everyone working in this, this setting, and everyone who's experiencing homelessness is eligible now as of two days ago, and then on the 15th of April, it's open season so we encourage folks to get vaccinated. Now, if you're in this eligibility track before it opens to everyone so if you need help with that we are here to help you the link here I think is



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the same one Rana just shared, um, she mentioned, a phase binder is obsolete. And that's, that's, that's what we know right now we're just rolling with it every single day, sometimes by the hour. I'm so want to share set up sort of overarching principles that are guiding our work we are humble, we make mistakes all the time we're happy to learn from, from all of you and all the other service providers but we're basically trying to understand the need by looking at data, talking to the people doing the work to understand where the need is and how great the need is applying community informed approaches to vaccine delivery including the use of mobile teams to meet people where they're at and Garrett asked me to explain that just a little bit so I'll go into that. When I finish going through this, I'm trying to reduce barriers and maximize efficiency so we're bringing the Janssen, also known as the Johnson and Johnson vaccine to this population we've prioritized that as a health department, we're advocating to do h to make sure we can, can get that on. We're also making sure most of our events will be not No registration required and vaccinating everyone on site when we go to a site. I'm working with community engagement to address education concerns and other communication concerns, collaborating with our federally qualified health centers are FQ HC partners like CMR and ch c and Pierce County Health Human Services to streamline things so that we're not duplicating efforts, meeting regularly with service providers on a weekly basis sometimes twice weekly basis to hear feedback using the trusted messenger approach and trusting the experts in this area, trying to be as flexible as we can and communicate with as much transparency as possible, and we appreciate your patience because as I said, things change all the time. So we're always balancing wanting to communicate with folks but not having to walk something back the next hour, so that's a tricky balance sometimes for folks that don't understand the term mobile teams I use that a lot in mobile team as a, as a group of medical personnel that bring vaccines to a community where they're at. It consists there's lots of strict guidelines around things and COVID-19 is no different, on it. For us, it did involve someone administering vaccine one or more people administering vaccine, someone managing the vaccine, and someone documenting doing consent forms entering data into the required Washington State immunization surveillance system. So that's what that would look like. When I say mobile teams and we partnering with others, obviously.

Jennie Schoeppe

So,

I realize I don't talk to you all the time and it may feel like a lot of stuff is behind the scenes, but there's been a lot of work happening. I have been honest with the fact that I'm new to this to this landscape I'm new to the world of serving folks living homeless and so I've been just trying to learn meet with people, internally and externally. We're meeting regularly with shelter providers, managers and outreach teams like those at TRM and tivity house, smaller shelters outreach teams like comprehensive life resources in greater lakes and

Jennie Schoeppe

new hope.



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I'm trying to push out vaccination event opportunities through various means. I'm again partnering with human services, Pierce County very, very closely as well as the community health partners providing vaccine education and continuing to try and solicit feedback from folks whenever we can, um, this plan that I'm sharing today was actually shared and vetted by a key group of the shelter and service providers, and has been their feedback has been incorporated as well. Okay so let's get into what you want to know. So what this is, I'm going to go through like what we're doing for shelters and other housing sites or static sites and then talk about our plans for addressing the unsheltered folks as well so the process I've gone through is identifying key contacts, reaching out and determining who's interested in having an event on site because not everyone wants to for certain reasons. Understanding space capacity, just any sort of considerations that we should be looking at identifying other partners that we can work with so we're not duplicating efforts. And then I made sort of initial prioritization to bring to our mobile teams folks, based on size congregates setting vulnerable populations and also outbreak status so whether a shelter were sheltered had a recent outbreak, they are prioritized to get an event sooner rather than later. Proposing events to the mobile teams working with them with our logistics and planning, as you can imagine at the department, we've got all kinds of different teams, and then continuing to liaise between our teams, and those site managers to, to kind of make sure that these things are run efficiently and successfully. So what is happening. Valerie mentioned this, I'm really excited to share that we have several events planned in the next two weeks, um, folks. We've gotten some questions, even internally like why isn't this happening sooner and we really listened to shelter folks tell us that the first 10 days might not be a good time for shelter events. We also are working with mobile teams who are still working hard to vaccinate adult family at adult family homes Long Term Care Center so all those other vulnerable communities that you're aware of so lots of stuff coming up, this is a living breathing document I actually heard back from another provider this morning, right before I got on this call, so we'll be adding an event, and our wonderful friends at common rescue mission and CCS have invited others who are unable to host but would like to have this kind of access to attend events at their sites, um, this next slide isn't super pertinent but just shows that, you know, we know that sitting Puyallup is doing efforts in some other areas, we're connecting Salvation Army folks to hopefully to an event TRM or another, and then trying to connect with others with either an event or getting them connected with, with all the other community resources we have. So, if you don't see a name here, or you just want to reach out to me and say hey have you connected with so and so please feel free. I'm not an expert. I have I think we've with Valerie we've made a pretty wide, wide reach and cast the net wide but please don't hesitate to reach out.

So next, this is just the process that we are kind of getting into really getting in the dirt with this, with working with outreach teams for looking at where folks are unsheltered and encampments and otherwise. So, we have had some great strategy conversations recently and that is his work is really moving along, identifying a lead for each of the community outreach teams understanding where they go, who they serve what their capacity is how we can plug in, um, we're currently mapping things out with the help of outreach teams, so that we can look at both where we should be going if appropriate, and when I say we I mean in conjunction with FQ HC partner CMR ch see potentially other health



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systems, partners, and where it's more appropriate to bring people to us so if there's a location that makes sense to bring several known encampment areas to us, we are listening to the experts and trying to map out a plan that makes sense there so this is all in process, um, Another thing I just want to let people know, and I apologize if people know this but there's you'll hear people talk about enrolled providers and we would love nothing more than to say the outreach teams go out and do this, you have an RN go do it. Let us know how we can help, but with with vaccines, there has to be an enrolled provider through D O H that is on that site or in that environment to deliver the vaccine as well as manage it. So that's why TPC HD CMR ch see other health systems partners need to partner and kind of go out with outreach teams as well as obviously we understand that they are the trusted folks in the community and so we're not going to be like hey we're the government we're here to help. Um, so that's, that's kind of the plan right now. Other great work going on CMR and ch c, c ch c vaccinated and is continuing to vaccinate folks at CCS stability sites and Holiday Inn Express which is awesome seamers using their existing infrastructure, to continue to work with folks experiencing homelessness, and we partner with them because we get, we have some power to get them allocation of vaccine that they need to advocate with the state pharmacy partnerships are happening, you may know that some folks who were 65 Plus, last month got vaccinated Valerie worked with Luis and with Safeway to get that done, which was awesome to have co ops been talked about already ran I mentioned static sites that we will keep you informed about. And of course there's always health systems vaccine clinics and the Department of Emergency Management run mass vaccine clinics which folks are always welcome to go to but we understand their barriers to that and that's why we're trying to have a multi pronged approach. So we're just going to continue to plan events. We are going to continue to work with, I'm going to continue to liaise between my teams internally and site managers to make sure these events are successful. And we're gonna continue to we're working with coalition working with Garrett and Kevin to see if we can provide some goodies at the shelter sites, and if that's not possible, we'll work with others to bring you know food and and coffee and things like that. um, and Valerie and I, along with Rana support are just going to continue to work on the outreach angle, helping support outreach teams, and we'll document those plans and bring them to folks for input, of course, um,

Jennie Schoeppe

that is it from me, Um,

I welcome your feedback and questions I'll let Rob say how much time we have, you can always email me or call me if you don't get your question answered.

Rob Huff

Yeah we have a little bit of time so if you could stop your screen share.

Jennie Schoeppe

We'll do.

Rob Huff



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And then, we can see if folks have questions we are running a little over on the agenda but her will work that out so don't worry about it if you have questions, please, please ask them now. I see Janet with her hand up

Janet Runbeck

a tub of fire department has transport van. And are you enlisting them in illiquid Salvation Army can't host who will bring those folks to us site.

Great question, Jan. Thank you for asking that. Um, I have not been in touch with them but I am aware of that as a transportation resource also are great, you know, the managers at the sites have have stepped up and offered to bring their own folks to another site, but, but we will definitely be offering community resources to lessen the burden there so thank you for the reminder about, I think that's something I had spoken with about with Garrett previously and having my, all my notes about transportation but thanks for that reminder. Yeah,

Jennie Schoeppe

thank you. Anyone else,

Rob Huff

Theresa.

Theresa Power-Drutis

This is just a shout out a several weeks ago I was saying, there are a lot of elders who can't manage the technology, and then really soon after that, some of my older neighbors had someone knock on their door and sign them up for a vaccine that is very, I'm just very impressed that I don't know if that was the health department, who was engineering that but it was a wonderful thing to do. So thank you.

Thank you, Teresa for bringing that up and and I didn't want to share too many slides and talk too much today, but if, if you ever have questions or know of anyone who needs to be connected. And it's not sufficient, you know, to go to the website and look for events, we have call center we have a call center at TPC HD Rianna or I would be happy to connect folks to actually help do the registration or those folks can can do that as well. I might ask Breanna, well, I don't know if she'll have the number right off the top of her head, but I can share that with the group as well.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So thanks.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. So any last questions for Jenny before we move on to our next item. I see. Thank you so much for. Yeah, no problem. Did you see something,



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I saw one more question from Jeannette, about how are you reaching the home challenged on hilltop individual and small and cameras on streets and corners, great question, and that is part of the work we're trying to do now as quickly, but as thoroughly as possible is to map out where folks are at, and to work with those outreach teams that already have made those connections and have those relationships so we're going to do the best we can, we know things move around, that's the nature of some of this and if you have any concerns about specific areas you can feel free to reach out to me or Valerie and send us that information so we make sure that we're looking for that. Thanks. Sorry to interrupt, Rob.

Rob Huff

No, no problem at all. All right, so thank you very much for taking the time to make sure we're informed about this and hear our concerns. The next item two items on the agenda we may end up kind of melding into ones that's we're running a little short on time so I hand the floor over to Kevin, to talk about the work that's been being done around formalization of the coalition and discussions about meeting norms.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Thanks Robin can you enable my screen share.

Rob Huff

I certainly can.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

So there's been a group of us who have been meeting to look at, well two different groups one looking at meeting norms and another one to look at coalition governance and our hope for today had been to have a breakout group but I'm thinking we're running short on time, around the coalition governance so I think what we'll do for that section, Rob if it works is the questions we're going to have we'll put them in the chat, along with my email address and then I'll send it out to the listserv as well. Today, and then people can just get their feedback and I can share it and so the, the governance subcommittee is Dana Peregrine Laurie Davenport Rosemary powers, Mandy bean and myself. And we've been trying to do some work around. You know what's brought people to the coalition, What are the structures that would help, and to help people enter more deeply into the work. And then what resources, both human and financial are needed to continue that work moving forward so we'll we're going to have a breakout about that today, but we'll send those questions, maybe we can do a shorter breakout next week but our goal is really to kind of get a feel for how is the coalition evolved over time and certainly over this last year with COVID, and then to move forward, what do we need to have in place or be aware of as we're moving forward because things are moving so quickly so that part will come later and then another group has been meeting around come on work can I share my screen. Still not letting me share Rob.



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Rob Huff

Well, and I made you a co host

Kevin Glackin-Coley

oh here we go. Now it's there. Sorry. No problem. So we are a group of us really kind of pulled together by Mary Connolly, and then also Rob Hoff, and to Teresa power to deny just been working on some brief meeting norms that we would like to get some feedback on and again I'll send this out to folks. We did a quick little breakout on this top about zoom norms, just because that's the new reality and we'll be in one form or another for a while, probably, probably the, the most important one there is asking folks to limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call. Or if you have to eat a really big bite of your sandwich community norms just kind of, and we're trying to fit we what we want to do is be comprehensive, but would not be so unwieldy that it's hard to manage. So kind of the really key points and these are the, the bolded items being aware of power dynamics, the power we bring the power we wield in a space, and how to step back and let those who might not have as much, or have a different sense of that power dynamic be part of the meeting. Listening to learn not just being able to respond. Some of the basic things one person speaking at a time, speaking from your own experience, one that's really important for me make space take space. If you're someone who normally likes just is comfortable and in weighs in on everything as to tend to step back and recognize how am I creating space for others to share their insight, those who need it might need a little more time or two more and more encouragement and I think Rob does a great job of kind of facilitating that process if we're moving along. Another one is just assume the best intentions and take responsibility for impact. I've heard that phrase different ways in different settings so always assume that person is speaking from the their best place, and try to hear it in that way. And then at the same time for yourself is to be aware of how the word you're speaking might be landing for other people in the room. And then, finally, be aware of time and agenda and I know a lot of times in this setting now we're doing a lot of chatting with Rob about how we might switch things around. So again these are just proposed norms. And the goal was just to kind of share this briefly today, and then get some feedback from people so I can I can send this out to folks, and if any if I missed anything TP or Rob, in, in this conversation, that would be helpful. And then we can do some follow up in the coming weeks, but it's really just to make sure we're on the, you know, how are we gathering together in a way that allows everyone to share their truth and to have the space they need in order to feel comfortable doing it. And I will stop sharing. But Rob, I mean, TPD Is there anything that I'm missing or rob anything I'm missing that norms conversation.

Rob Huff

No, I do think we have enough time that we if people have some thoughts or reactions, real quick, this would be a good opportunity to kind of react to the idea of some of these suggested norms.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Maybe I'll put them back up again just so people can see them if that's helpful. And I'll take notes.

Rob Huff



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Do please speak up if you do have a comment because I can't see everybody on the screen right at the moment so

Carolyn Reed

I don't always see the little hand just saying, I don't know why.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Yeah, I have that problem as well so we'll have to do some finagling with with that technology. You mean the raise hand function.

Carolyn Reed

Yeah. But

Rob Huff

part of the problem is, yeah,

Carolyn Reed

it looks real good, yeah.

Rob Huff

Other thoughts.

Rosemary Powers

This is Rosemary. I think these look good. Excuse me. One of the things I liked about seeing the Zoom norms is that sometimes it can be distracting. More if people are typing or if they're on a phone if they're working with the screen on the phone, it's you can see hands a lot. So that's just something to be aware of that, it for people who are sort of distracted by by things happening in front of them that sometimes it can make it hard to follow, conversations if there, that's happening on the screen so I like that.

Reminder being there for all of us it's not obvious sometimes what's happening. I know on mine, sometimes I have papers rustling around my microphone and makes a terrible racket So, lots of things to pay attention to. Thanks for including that.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Alright, thanks everyone again if you have any other comments please email me, and I think our poke was to kind of share it a little bit here we'll bring it back to the steering committee next Wednesday, and then bring it to a vote of the coalition next Friday. Rob, thank you for putting the questions around coalition governance and, again, I'll send those out for to the listserv for those who aren't able to grab it off of the chat right now for those who weren't here, and again that's going to be an ongoing process. i We i should mention, I had, we had our first ever zoom bombing yesterday while we were having our governance coalition meeting a couple guys from Russia came in not pornographic just loud, so I think we might set up rather than just a log on, we might set up, you have to register link for that meeting but anyone's welcome to come to those. They were very clever, they came back on and and said started



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talking in an English accent and so they were with a coalition. And then we realized they were lying and they started speaking in Russian again and we turned them off. So,

Rob Huff

I'm sorry I missed that.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Yeah, it was fun. Yeah, I knew you would have enjoyed it.

Rob Huff

Alright, so thank you Kevin and

Kevin Glackin-Coley

I will stop sharing again.

Rob Huff

Perfect. And do please let us know the answer, your thoughts related to Kevin's questions the coalition's governance related questions because it's really important that we understand what value the coalition provides for you. Why you come here every week, or at least frequently, and, and what structures we need to have in place to make sure that that this, these meetings can continue to deliver value for folks. So, thank you for your time on that. Why don't we shift gears now and I can turn the floor over to Janet run back to talk about the safe parking network.

Janet Runbeck

All right, good morning everyone. The safe parking network is, oh there's a question from Kira. Yeah,

Rob Huff

I see that Kira, go ahead.

Kira Dobeck

Just one question, I know that a lot of us get really busy with meetings and stuff like that and sometimes it's difficult to register for every single meeting. Is there a way to maybe make it a recurring meeting, and then people can deny requests.

Rob Huff

So the reason we haven't done that is because of the aforementioned zoom bombing that has happened in the past so it seems silly but creating a need to register every week, seems to be enough of a hurdle for most people to not sign up just for the purpose of zoom bombing. So that's why we've approached it that way. I could certainly talk with Garrett about whether we think we could switch to having it be the same. Registration every week but we don't want to. We did have early on in our zoom times, a couple of instances where people were pretty heinous during these meetings and disturbing in



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the way that they behaved and treated those who are in the meeting so we we really didn't want to repeat that. I thought.

Kira Dobeck

And, you know one feature I've used because we get a lot of folks like that in the anti trafficking movement is even having the registrations have to be approved. Just a thought. I don't, I don't know if that's helpful or not so.

Rob Huff

Yeah. Thank you, Teresa, I saw your hand up,

Theresa Power-Drutis

just saying that it, if you have the link, permanent link on your screen you can just click in and it really is just a one extra click, so I like that we're doing that I appreciated the lack of zoom bombers.

Rob Huff

All right, so let's shift. Thank you for that question Chiara, and it is something that we, we really do hate to create barriers to people attending these meetings. So we're trying to find that happy medium. So let's shift back to Janet and discussion about safe parking network.

Janet Runbeck

Yes, there is a lot going on. We've had a very productive meeting so are very productive week, just coming week. I'm pleased to announce our newest church is going to open their, their, a lot that's on 56th Street. They are going to try to target or include as many folks from the LGBTQ population as possible so if, if you don't know of anybody in particular that is residing in their vehicle from that population send them to Collin, or me or just the website. There was a great meeting with the key pin Coalition on starting a site out there. South Hill Baptist was our first site and it's been our most productive sites, Colin was able to get one woman, housed. This past week from South Hill Baptist TCC Tacoma Community College is in active conversation with us, including later this afternoon and we were hoping to nudge them over the edge so that they join us real soon. And we as a smaller subgroup of this coalition and a safe parking network have agreed to take on encampments, as part of our agenda so encampments, is another well defined population that we will include in our committees, and we meet every Monday at noon. That's it.

Rob Huff

Thank you Jan and the links to the, to the Monday meetings are those, I can't remember if they're on the PC homeless website as well. I'm seeing a head shake I think from Theresa. If not, please just share the link in the, in the chat. I'm

Janet Runbeck

sorry my computer's freezing Theresa. Theresa Can you step up.



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Theresa Power-Drutis

Yes. I thought that they were there I just was going to check on that. If it isn't, let's put it there. Okay, so people can find it there. Okay.

Rob Huff

Thank you.

Janet Runbeck

All right, Kevin has been made, the host of the Monday meeting so perhaps Kevin would can step up here. Julian has a question and also Kimberly Ellison, who I don't know safe parking was provided for one of my clients. The process was what Oh that's wonderful news. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Yeah, Julian.

Julian Wheeler

I just have a couple quick announcements, um, the Pierce County accessible community advisory committee voted to recently to endorse the letter that went out from the coalition and homelessness. And we have our next regular session on Tuesday May 11 Not o'clock on June everyone's invited. I will leave my email address in the chat.

Rob Huff

Thank you. Thank you, Julian. So we're, we are moving to the part of the meeting where it's just items for the good of the order to share with folks in the in the meeting here today. Jeffrey I see your you have your hand up.

Reverend Boyce

Yes, as a matter of adding to the safe parking to other churches are in conversation currently St. Matthews up and browns point. And Holy Family of Jesus over on 40th on in the side conversations are starting up and pretty strong, at this point.

Rob Huff

Fantastic.

Al Ratcliffe

Robert, you see mandate gains and

Rob Huff

I am not. So, please feel free to speak.

Sheila Miraflor



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Rob This is Sheila, um, I just wanted to let the collaboration know that tomorrow is. I'm sorry the coalition now that tomorrow is collaboration for our cause 3.0 Star center 3873 South 66th Street from noon to 3pm and as Valerie said there's a ton of resources and information, Pierce County Health Department is going to be there with home COVID testing kits on a request basis, and we will also have Pierce Transit there to discuss their new transit situation, reaching out to communities that are living in multi multiplex units you know and getting on the bus lines and all of that, so tomorrow 12 to three star center 3873 South 66th Street. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you Sheila,

like that.

Rob Huff

All right, so does anyone else have anything to share with the full coalition before we break off for today's meeting. All right, so, thank you everyone for being here today. If you do get a chance, please do respond, an email, Kevin related to those questions about governance and the value this or this coalition provides to you. And if you want to hang out and help us plan. The next meeting of the coalition which should take place next Friday morning. You can stay on this call, there's a small group of us who will continue to talk about what we're considering for that agenda next week, and otherwise I wish everybody a Happy Easter weekend happy Good Friday, and we'll see you next week. And for those who are going to hang out. Let's do a quick five minute break.