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Chat from the April 16th, 2021 Coalition to End Homelessness Friday Meeting

- 00:10:43 - Kelly Triggs: - Thank you Rob for all your help in getting MEDS FIRST on the agenda this morning.
- 00:12:07 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - You're welcome, Kelly. We look forward to learning!
- 00:12:15 - Sara Irish: - Good morning everyone happy sunny Friday!
- 00:22:08 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Anyone in need of a starter kit (kitchen supplies, towels, etc.) for newly housed -or soon to be housed - folk, just let me know. We received a windfall of donations yesterday. Theresa Power-Drutis, New Connections (Neighborhood Porches Project) tpdrutis@nctacoma.org
- 00:27:25 - Maureen Howard: - What exactly does the Care Navigator do? Give telephone numbers? Or make the actual handoff of the client to the person who will take on the next piece?
- 00:28:33 - Bekah Carty: - The navigators help connect their clients with community resources, help them make the phone calls, help them get phones, advocate for the clients to us (the medical staff), it borders on case management
- 00:29:41 - Bekah Carty: - It really does depend on what each client identifies as their primary needs or concerns. We give out tents if we have any, same for blankets and clothes
- 00:29:45 - Sara Irish: - Where is the clinic located?
- 00:29:57 - Maureen Howard: - Having paid for Suboxone for someone without coverage in the "old days," for many months, this is a wonderful program.
- 00:30:40 - Kelly Triggs: - In the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. 3629 S D Street, Tacoma, WA 98418
- 00:31:41 - Bekah Carty: - Our clinic is located on the Pacific Ave side of the building, right next to Tacoma Needle Exchange if you're familiar with them
- 00:32:53 - Maureen Howard: - How long is the program funding? I missed that info.
- 00:33:07 - Kelly Triggs: - I am a navigator and PEER. Kelly Triggs 253 732 9561 is my cell. Desk phone is 253 649 1640.
- 00:33:33 - Maureen Howard: - How many clients per navigator?
- 00:33:40 - Bekah Carty: - Right now, it's through the end of the year, we're hoping to secure funding to make it permanent. UW is helping with this
- 00:33:52 - Sherri Jensen: - ID is so difficult for houseless folks. Can Navigators help with this process?
- 00:33:53 - Kelly Triggs: - Other Navigators are Rosie Hawkins and Jake Parkinson.
- 00:34:08 - Bekah Carty: - Ideally, 25/navigator, but we can go higher, especially if some clients have lower needs
- 00:34:32 - Kelly Triggs: - RN's are Bekah Carty and Hanna Carmichael
- 00:35:04 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you for this work!
- 00:36:36 - Kelly Triggs: - Hannah Carmichael,RN 253-649-1637 - Bekah Carty,RN 253-649-1638
- 00:42:11 - CC Mendoza: - can we get copies of these slides please?
- 00:44:32 - Dee-Dee Gethers: - My apologies but I am going to log on to another meeting. Have a great weekend. Dee-Dee
- 00:44:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - A good book on harm reduction: In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction. Available from our great local alternative to Amazon, King's book store:
<https://www.kingsbookstore.com/book/9781556438806>
- 00:45:15 - Janet Runbeck: - Is this in addition to the existing Methadone Clinic?
- 00:45:28 - Kelly Triggs: - yes
- 00:47:35 - Maureen Howard: - Can you go out with the homeless outreach teams"
- 00:47:54 - Rosemary Powers: - Thanks so much for the presentation and all your work
- 00:48:13 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - What about safe injection sites? Good idea? Bad idea?
- 00:49:23 - Kasey BURton: - What is your email address?
- 00:49:38 - Jacob Parkison: - JParkison@tpchd.org



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- 00:50:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great program and thank you Kelly for the off-the-books work too
- 00:50:08 - Bekah Carty: - bcarty@tpchd.org
- 00:54:04 - Kelly Triggs: - ktriggs@tpchd.org
- 00:54:14 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you, Kelly!
- 00:54:45 - Gerrit Nyland: - County website for the Ad Hoc Committee: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7219/Ad-Hoc-Committee-to-end-homelessness>
- 00:56:35 - Gerrit Nyland: - County website for the Ad Hoc Committee: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7219/Ad-Hoc-Committee-to-end-homelessness>
- 01:00:01 - Gerrit Nyland: - Meeting at 8pm on Monday - link <https://pchomeless.org/>
- 01:01:45 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Who is getting rich off homelessness?
- 01:02:29 - Gerrit Nyland: - More info on Targeted Universalism - <https://belonging.berkeley.edu/targeteduniversalism>
- 01:11:41 - CC Mendoza: - I like it
- 01:11:53 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - looks good to me
- 01:11:55 - Duane Parker: - I think it's well thought out I like it!
- 01:11:57 - Maureen Howard: - Thanks to the folks who worked on the norms and got them into a simple to read list.
- 01:11:59 - Sara Irish: - Great meeting Norms!
- 01:12:09 - Dana Peregrine: - Maybe added to the agenda?
- 01:12:26 - Gerrit Nyland: - I'll work on trying to add that to the registration page for the zoom meetings.
- 01:12:27 - Duane Parker: - Thank you for the work put into it!
- 01:12:43 - Bryan Green: - There's also an equity focused lens called Color Brave Space if we want to use it
- 01:12:49 - Bryan Green: - I'll post the link in a second
- 01:13:03 - Gail Misner: - Yep, looks good
- 01:13:08 - Bryan Green: - <https://fakequity.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/color-brave-space-image-watermark.png?w=620>
- 01:15:04 - Gail Misner: - Thank you Bryan, I had not seen this and am happy to see it now.
- 01:15:54 - Gerrit Nyland: - info@pchomeless.org
- 01:22:16 - Kasey BUrton: - Bus passes would be helpful
- 01:22:56 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - I am concerned about the growth I see in a particular neighborhood. There are several low income apartment buildings in an area where much money is being spent on rehabbing buildings and turning them into dining and shopping establishments. O love that the neighborhoods are being upgraded and at the same time I hope they will not eliminate the affordable housing in the area. I do not know much about this.
- 01:24:38 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - You're making me blush!
- 01:24:59 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Gerrit for all of your work!
- 01:25:06 - Maureen Howard: - The Coalition and the Continuum of Care have a Housing committee...watch for a notice to the listserv or email me at mhoward@pchomeless.org
- 01:25:18 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Down town tacoma
- 01:25:33 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - I read the letter just now, it's strongly worded. Which Gerritt you know I like :)
- 01:28:01 - Cynthia Stewart: - Will this letter be shared with the media after it is sent?
- 01:28:33 - Sherri Jensen: - I think the letter is good but I think it should be a call for his resignation
- 01:29:07 - Duane Parker: - Well drafted I feel.
- 01:29:07 - Sherri Jensen: - The behavior is inexcusable and no amount of training, at this point, will change his bias
- 01:29:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Kimberly, I share your concern. One approach to addressing gentrification: Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) <https://www.forworkingfamilies.org/page/community-benefits-101>



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- 01:30:40 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - I don't think that asking that a dangerous Sheriff resign is partisan, but I do know some could interpret it that way.
- 01:30:42 - Cynthia Stewart: - I agree with Theresa
- 01:30:52 - Sherri Jensen: - I agree with Rob
- 01:31:15 - Marilyn Newton: - The incident and Mr Althiemes name need be up front-- when I read it I had to spend time figuring out who mr alzheimer was
- 01:31:38 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I agree with Rob too :)
- 01:35:03 - Gerrit Nyland: - Marilyn - thanks for the suggestions on the Letter - I'll work that in to make the letter clearer.
- 01:40:16 - Megan Capes: - Want me to dig on the City's site?
- 01:41:13 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - I have added the ordinance for everyone to review.
- 01:42:05 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Tiegán
- 01:42:05 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Thank you, Tiegán and Gerrit. I see the changes in red!
- 01:43:35 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Shelter First!
- 01:44:31 - Marilyn Newton: - Did we just move to Puyallup
- 01:44:50 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - As a reminder, though, anything posted in the chat may be posted on the pchomeless.org website.
- 01:47:16 - Bryan Green: - I really don't like the idea of the misdemeanor and fine. Is there a way to add that too?
- 01:48:46 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - The Coalition does not in any way endorse any legislation that criminalizes homelessness.
- 01:48:56 - Megan Capes: - I advocate for the demand to pull from the agenda
- 01:49:35 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - I concur with Rob's point about not adding anything that criminalizes homelessness
- 01:49:59 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Fines just create more barriers and trauma.
- 01:51:37 - Kathryn Green: - I believe that this whole ordinance criminalizes homelessness. I think it should be pulled!!
- 01:54:13 - Kristina Lamb: - This angers me.
- 01:54:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - It would be good to talk about how the commons CAN be preserved (especially in high impact areas - poor neighborhoods). What would be a rational and effective way to "enforce" public use of the commons? Any ordinance needs to address this
- 01:54:20 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Is there a sense of how much support there is on the Council for this measure?
- 01:54:30 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - The idea that they want to give a police department or chief more power is crazy.
- 01:55:09 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - A number of Council members Tuesday expressed verbal support, but I am not sure folks had seen any proposed language.
- 01:55:15 - Marilyn Newton: - I had a client who received trespass citations in Puyallup in October . She had a dreadful 2 weeks waiting for her court date. The judge dismissed all charges. So the only result was 14 very stressful days.. This seems like more of the same only in Tacoma
- 01:55:32 - Monique Brown: - There are already enough black and brown people in jail. Pull this ordinance!
- 01:55:42 - Marilyn Newton: - I was told by an educated person
- 01:56:23 - James Pogue: - I think it is fact based
- 01:56:27 - Desiree Richards: - This is insane. WHERE WOULD THEY GO?! Our homeless population have little to no funds and they want to criminalize being homeless by FINING them?
- 01:56:34 - Rosemary Powers: - The Martin v Boise does include language that says people cannot be removed from public property if there are no indoor shelter spaces. This seems something to consider when the goal for November's end to street homelessness is to include outdoor options, so there will still not be indoor shelter options for everyone to be directed toward.
- 01:56:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Can we set up a study session (presented by us) for the council?



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- 01:57:01 - Marilyn Newton: - I was recently told by a person that "homelessness is a life style choice"
- 01:57:05 - Laurie Davenport: - That's a good idea Theresa.
- 01:57:11 - Janet Runbeck: - However we are not advocating for more congregate shelter options, correct?
- 01:57:29 - Laurie Davenport: - People really believe the City when they say campers refused services.
- 01:57:35 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Nice idea Theresa
- 01:58:46 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - A good place to learn about local challenges and opportunities related to self-managed/lightly managed urban campsites (encampments): Homeless encampments in the Puget Sound Region: <https://greaterseattlecares.org/>
- 02:03:12 - Kristina Lamb: - Some people will not leave their support animals to go to a shelter.
- 02:03:44 - James Pogue: - To clarify, it's not a "shelter be available" it states that the shelter needs to be "accessible".
- 02:05:27 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - It may also be worth reminding the City that creating low barrier sites to accommodate 100 people will still not do enough to address the number of people who are actually living outdoors. We know there are more than 100 people who are living outdoors in Tacoma.
- 02:05:43 - Kathryn Green: - If the person has a criminal background or felony, in most cases, are not allowed in the traditional shelters.
- 02:06:28 - Laurie Davenport: - That's why adding additional criminal charges is ridiculous!
- 02:07:47 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - What I was trying to say was said much better by Anatole France 100 years ago: "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread."
- 02:08:12 - Laurie Davenport: - My favorite quote :)
- 02:09:48 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Perhaps the Steering Committee can also draft a sample message to share with Coalition members to use when they reach out to the Council along with the letter that is sent from the Coalition itself.
- 02:09:53 - Klarissa Monteros: - Here are the links: Study Sessions: City Council Study Session on 2021-04-13 12:00 PM - Apr 13th, 2021 ([granicus.com](https://www.granicus.com))
- 02:10:23 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Klarissa - would be happy to talk with you. My email is kglackincoley@pchomeless.org
- 02:10:41 - Laurie Davenport: - I agree Kevin — it really helps to have something drafted.
- 02:11:21 - Klarissa Monteros: - <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=181803>
- 02:13:27 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Valeri - nice job of gathering and presenting data
- 02:13:53 - Maureen Howard: - Love it....thanks. Households or individuals?
- 02:14:20 - Maureen Howard: - Are these completed applications?
- 02:15:10 - Monique Brown: - Thank you Valerie. Great information!
- 02:15:29 - Valeri Knight: - My pleasure!
- 02:15:47 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - I need to step away from the planning component to give my daughter a ride.
- 02:16:07 - Bryan Green: - Thanks all!
- 02:16:14 - Rosemary Powers: - Thanks Tiegan for your patience with all