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Rosemary Powers

welcome everybody. Thank you Rob. I wanted to just remind everybody that you're already thinking about this if you're going to have any time for yourself or your families, your friends this weekend that the origins of this day or maybe multiple in their understandings but Memorial has a lot to do with memory, and it's no memory of those who have served in various ways in our country in our world in our life and who have now not are not with us in person that have given us the kinds of ideas that often help us to move on in times of our own struggle. So, I hope you have a good weekend. For our group. So for those of you who are new, just to remind you all that we call ourselves an open table and we try to live out what that means by being open to the perspectives of anyone who is committed to ending homelessness, that's our main criteria of membership and if that's something you're committed to then you belong, you're here, you're a member. And if you come regularly you'll find ways to get involved that may not be so apparent on the surface at the beginning, we did develop some norms about how we talk when we're with each other and how we live in this zoom space. So just a reminder about Zoom is that we have, there's, most people have a little hand that you can raise when you would like to make a comment or ask a question, and it helps the facilitator Rob to see who's doing that if you actually put that little hand up there, he can know who's ready to talk. And then rob if you can, maybe you've done



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it already, I didn't look but if you could put the norms in the, in the chat. Just want to point out that we're asking people to be aware of in the meeting norms, aware of power dynamics and whenever we have disagreements to challenge the ideas that those that people are presenting rather than the people. So, respect for one another. We have lots of different ways that we think this problem could be solved and addressed and it needs all of our ways. So with that I'd like to welcome anyone who's here for the first time who could let us know who you are, or someone who's come back after being away for a while to remind us that you are also on this team. So, just your name and if you're associated with a group that helps us to know how we might be associated with you in the future to. So Catherine.

Katherine Hendrick

Hi there, thanks for the opportunity. My name is Katherine Hedrick I'm co founder and president of next chapter. We are a shelter and resource for women and children experiencing homelessness and Pierce County, and we've just recently signed a long term lease on the old Morgan motel office 72nd Pacific.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome, Catherine, we're delighted to have you with us and hope we can get to know you really well. So thank you. Rob I can't see everyone so if you would call on anybody that would be great.

Rose Symotiuk

Yeah, so, Rose. Hi I'm Rose Sumati ik with ideal option we just opened a new mat clinic in ideal in Puyallup, sorry I'm not quite awake yet, this Friday,

Rosemary Powers

well welcome mentally. Here, in whatever state you're in. Thank you for. Thanks Thanks rosemary. So if there are others who are coming in, or just now, you'd like to put your name and your group if you have one one you're affiliated with in the chat, that would also be a way to keep our context going. And these meetings are the minutes of these meetings, and an ability to see them is possible on our website so you can always go back and find the names of some folks that you might would like to check up on later. So with that, I'll turn it back to you robbed for the rest of the time.

Rob Huff

Thank you, rosemary, and welcome everybody. So let's shift to our regular weekly segment about what's happening on the streets. I can see that Jeffrey is out, outdoors, and I don't know Jeffrey if you're ready to you have somebody at six and M who is interested in speaking I don't know if they're ready yet though.

Reverend Boyce

Um, she seems to have disappeared this morning, so okay, but I am it's 7am I've been here a couple of times this week and last week. I think there's a sense of doom settling over them they'd seen other



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issues with sweets and I think they're waiting for their turn. That seems to be the impression I'm getting from everybody. Beyond that, that's what I can tell you for now.

Rob Huff

Okay. Does anyone else have any information about changes they've seen on, on the streets, areas like 34th and Pacific long Yakima Avenue. This week, if so this would be a great time to share those.

Jenny Norton

Jenny,

Reverend Boyce

like, talk about 34th in the Pacific. Again, I was up there. Just the other day, and they're doing okay they're settling in. There was a group, they're looking to sign them up for services, and actually got some people to jump in there and do some service and sign up, which surprised me and it was good. The after yesterday's meeting that was our last week's meeting. They most of the campers there got pretty excited about getting signed up for services. And so it's, things are looking promising.

Rob Huff

Good, Thank you, Jeffrey and Jenny So you had your hand up.

Jenny Lorton

So that was us. That was our group inside passages, so thank you Jeffrey for coming out and meeting us there. Yeah, we had a really great experience at 34th and Pacific. I took a group of my navigators out and call and got pulled away so he texted Jeffrey and Jeffrey popped over and met us there, and introduced us to as many people as Were there people were kind of coming and going. And so we just, you know, chatted with as many people we had some resistance at first and then as we kind of just continued to mill about have conversations. We ended up signing up for individuals, for services with inside passages, so we were pretty excited about that. Most of the folks didn't have phones, so we'll be going back to the 34th and Pacific encampment to meet with folks. So we've set up, you know, appointments for next week and then we'll set up the next appointment, so it'll just be trying to make sure that we maintain engagement with those folks to make sure that we can have regular visits with them, but we got them all signed up so we were pretty excited about that.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. Anyone else with updates about what they've how they've interacted with folks on the street this week and any changes.

Laurie Davenport



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I don't think Casey's here this morning but she reported to me that she had really good interaction on Wednesday I think they went to a camp that was under 705. And a lot of a lot of good chats, I don't know that she's signed up any clients but it was very positive, so she felt really good about it. And we're getting better information all the time about what people need and what we need to be bringing out there with us so

Rob Huff

great, and I think Casey's has her hand up.

Laurie Davenport

All right, cool. Yeah,

Kasey Burton

no I promise I'm here. Um, so yeah no we it was our first time out with CLR under the 705 Bridge, and people were much more receptive than they had been under the 509 which was really nice, and people were just willing to chat with us more had some initial conversations obviously since it was my first time out there, you know, it was just a matter of like hey this is who I am, you know, handing out my car letting people know what sort of information and resources we can provide. So that was really good. I'm hoping that we can help some folks get some evictions off their records there might be a couple of folks who have some LFO questions. But yeah and if anybody has any clients with anyone who has an eviction on their record or has legal, financial obligations, please feel free to send them my way, I'll put my email in the chat, and we're happy to help with that however

Rob Huff

we can. Thank you, thank you Casey and I see James with his hand up. Yeah, since

James Pogue

Casey went and kind of introduced one of the topics I wanted to address as open my staff member Bree was going to be on the call today, I don't see your name unless she's hiding under someone else's login, so I'm just gonna start and if she interrupts me, that's awesome. But yeah, so I put in the chat the link for comprehensives mobile clinic. The word clinic is a little bit misleading, but it's getting closer and closer we've partnered with to come up pro bono. We also have some partnerships with vallejo and this week, Jan Ren Beck and some nurses I understand went out with the crew and we've dedicated to like Wednesday is our day, we have the 705, creating the I think it's a 509 bridges that we're doing kind of on site, large encampment resource fairs every week. Last week was a perfect number my understanding we have like some version of like you know 12 Or so professionals there 12 to 15. We feel like at this point, if you're interested to join us and your offer resource, the best way might be to email me and I can put that information in the chat, or if we can just get your resource information would also be helpful, like, we don't over crowd the amount of activity that we're bringing to



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some of these campsites. We're starting to get a pretty good rhythm and getting the ability to hook people up with nursing, legal help coordinate entry employment, health and we have all kinds of things and again if you have a campsite that you would like us to attend to, we're looking for, for areas that have, you know at least 30 or more folks living there that are not at imminent risk of a clearing, so we can spend each week, building rapport and doing, doing that work. That's, yeah so that's in the link you can also find that by going to PC homeless that org our website for the this coalition and hit resources and then on the resources page, you'll hit mobile clinic. And you'll see that we haven't updated the stuff for this week but we have updated our, our location, previous to this week so we're adding a couple. The other thing I wanted to announce. One of our favorite tools to help folks get access to resources is our walking class drop in center a comprehensive, and we have closed our walking services, effective the, you know, March, 20 or whatever of last year and we haven't opened since but now, starting on Monday we will have some selected, opening the, again I can email or maybe Gary can update the coalition website we will offer walk in services for those that are experiencing homelessness, it's our homeless service program not the mental health services that comprehensive from one to three on Tuesday and Thursday. We will have a person who can do coordinated entry, we will have at least one person who can do foundational committee supports for employment, housing, as well as will have the ability just to do general like Creative Conversation and system navigation. A couple of things to note that this is for homeless services not mental health services. So for those that come here that are homeless, that'll be awesome to have a place for them, it will be, to some degree set up with the goal of trying to see everyone we can but we'll, we'll have the doors open from one to three anyone who's in our waiting room will be seen from three until four but we won't be taking new customers after three. And we do have to limit the seating in our lobby to five, so we will have a staff that will be kind of downstairs, helping people if we have more than five at a time just kind of waiting outside. We'll put some chairs up or something but, but they'll have to wait in a knot in the building, or in our lobby space while we try to manage how much we can safely. Serve with, you know COVID and all that stuff we also will have the ability on site here from our from our agenda pharmacy to offer a Johnson and Johnson vaccine for anyone who comes in for homeless services we will ask them if they've been vaccinated, and if they would like to get vaccinated today like walk down to our pharmacy and get vaccinated today while they're waiting so we're kind of excited, we'll have a few things at this point we're not going to open up that that service for like other providers to come we're just going to keep it to a comprehensive for the goal to manage the workflow and the bodies and the buildings that will be inside. But again, I see some people like writing something like chat so I'll make sure to take a look and if anyone's writing me about mobile clinic information that you take a look at that, or email me directly and I'll put my contact info in there I think that's pretty much it and if Bree happened to jump on in the middle of this, and wants to correct anything that I just said about the mobile clinic. I'll let her do that otherwise I'm gonna mute myself.

Rob Huff



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Thank you James. And I did see one question from Haley crow about the 5099 folks being worried last week about that area being cleared, and if anybody in the coalition has word about that, that she'd appreciate it.

James Pogue

So one thing that I have worked out with the city I believe it hasn't happened yet but they're supposed to notify me of any, any encampments that are getting set for clearing and the timeline, via the hot team. Since we worked it out two weeks ago I haven't gotten a single email of anything I even asked Clarissa and the other city staff yesterday, it's like, Is it mine the list is working. And she said, I think so. And we haven't set any place. At this point, so I will do my best. I'm not going to blast it or anything, I'm the coalition, but I will work with the providers to make sure we're messaging to the folks that are living in the encampments. If we know, and this is just city of Tacoma. And again I haven't gotten any information that says that any encampments are scheduled yet but again that's always subject to change if something safety related or whatever happens, they can always, like, I don't I'm not going to get all the notifications if there's a reason to do it quicker so yeah,

Rob Huff

Thanks James Thank ya. Thank you. Any other questions for James that haven't been addressed. All right, not seeing any. Thanks for that update James that's really good meaty stuff. Jenny has a question for you.

Jeannie Schoeppe

Sorry, I'm having major technical problems today is Monday, apologies. Um, hi to anyone I have not a met. I'm here in place of Rianna Betancourt today but I work at the health department as a health promotion coordinator and have attended this meeting a few times to give updates. Just wanted to, I will reach out to her, I'm already in contact with some CLR folks. So I'm happy to see James and hear more about the dates and mobile clinic and everything, um, I just wanted to sort of piggyback on that James and say that, um, that I've through the outreach teams meetings that Valerie at Pierce County Human Services has, has had an ongoing, um, I've been connected with like Sonia and Rainey, and Rachel, and so many other folks at your, your organization, and the encampment scouting team that just was made aware of with Breanna and Anthony. And I'm not sure why you weren't pulled into to the to the loop on that, hopefully you're aware, but, um, but I'm sort of working currently with those folks and with CMR to try and coordinate some efforts. As far as vaccine goes. So, just wanted to say maybe you could join that that call with us, that's, that's pending for next week, or at least maybe circle back with your folks. Sonia should be aware and Rainey, and others who I've been talking with for the past several weeks, So just wanted to kind of let you know that so we're not. There's just so many, so many layers so many balls so many people on all the teams I just wanted to say that out loud and acknowledge and and encourage us to all close the gap and connect so thanks.



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Rob Huff

Thanks Rob. Thanks Jenny. Yeah, yeah, no problem. So any other last items for the on the streets segment this morning. All right, thank you everybody, and if there are additional items, please do drop them in the chat. As a reminder, we do retain the chat log of the what's publicly posted so that that all becomes a resource for the group. So now I'm going to shift over to Laurie Davenport from to come up pro bono. She and I were talking about the impending end of the eviction moratorium. And I guess I should double check, there's Laurie. Double check that Laurie still on. And I thought it might be good for her to share with the group, the preparations that, that, to come up pro bono are making related to the potential end of the eviction moratorium, at the end of June. So Laurie, you have floor.

Laurie Davenport

Great. Thank you Rob and Casey you're here so if I say anything terribly wrong please let me know but otherwise things are moving fast, and we have no reason to think that the eviction moratorium won't end on June 30 As we have all been led to believe so. We're operating on the assumption that that's going to happen, we really don't know what it's going to look like. We do know that that does not mean that tenants who owe rent will be, have their stuff, put out on the sidewalk, by the sheriff, on July 1 That's not gonna happen. People can't be evicted that quickly and as you all know, a lot of protections were passed in the legislature, this past session that are really huge for us. The first. I think the biggest for us is 5160 right now because it's causing us to have to hire a lot of new people and rent space, and get ready, because right to counsel is here for the whole state, but in Pierce County. That means our organization is the one that's doing the most of it Northwest Justice Project is involved as well but we're authorized to hire seven attorneys, so that's really huge. And we're in the process of doing that, if you know anyone who might want to move to Tacoma, we don't care if they just graduated from law school or retired. If they're interested in learning Housing Law and being part of this, we have a great team. So, we're also looking for a paralegal, we have two paralegals hired and need another one, So, that's going on that's across the board, that's for people who are being evicted for whatever reason, as long as their income eligible and that's it 200% of the federal poverty level. That takes effect July 1 That doesn't mean that all of a sudden we're all ready to go. But we're planning for it, the court is planning for it. I think we're doing as good a job as we can, of trying to fill in the interim, what they are thinking is it will be fully up and running until about September, but we're here and we're going to start July 1. The other thing that is really big in terms of tenants around is the eviction resolution program, it doesn't. It doesn't affect people we know there are a lot of other issues going on, and it may, you know, if, if there are other reasons for people to be evicted, this doesn't apply necessarily, but if you, if the tenant owes rent, this is becomes mandatory on July 1 And fortunately in Pierce County we've got that going, really pretty well already. We don't know. We're expecting some guidance we don't know if they're going to be allowed to changes but there is a standing order, you can see the whole darn thing on the Pierce County Superior Court website, it's complicated. You may not necessarily want to know all the details but basically what happens is, if a tenant is going to be facing eviction on July 1 Because they all wrap. They have to go through a mediation process, or the can be initiated by the landlord, it can be initiated by the tenant. And the first thing that happens if the landlord needs to evict someone, they haven't paid



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rent they haven't done anything up to this point and try to do anything about it, they're going to get a notice that basically just has resources in it. Since you you know your rent, you may be facing eviction here's how you need to contact, that's on that sheet is, is our program on center for dialogue and resolution and rental assistance because those are the three things that need to go together to make that program happen. And basically the idea is, get people together, work out a payment plan, stay in your place, and that's that's what we're trying to make happen so mandatory as of July 1 If anybody's getting a notice, that doesn't look like that. Let us know right away. We need to know that I mean lampworked landlords want to comply, they need to get their money they have plenty of incentive to do it, tenants have plenty of incentive to do it to the message, I think the big message you want to get out is. Don't move. Stay in your place, apply for rental assistance, contact us contact center for dialogue and resolution. We'll figure out what the best way is to do it, there's once that first notice has gone out if nobody responds. Whatever direction it's going it gets to be like a branching logic thing that is pretty difficult to diagram we're actually trying to diagram it but it's not easy. It's too complicated for anybody to look at right now, we'll get there was a one pager that kind of shows people how it works. There is a 14 day notice that goes out that is like it's not a filed case but it's like okay, You're going to be evicted, and we need to do a meet and confer and figure out if we can do a payment plan. So something needs to happen in order to stop that 14 day notice. And the 14 day notice can't, that can't be carried out the eviction can't happen, you can't go to court unless you get a certification from Center for dialogue and resolution that says yes, they tried. They couldn't work it out. So absent that they can't go to court if anybody tries it won't happen. So, obviously, you know, if you're interested, read the standing order if anybody has any questions, we're happy to answer them. And we're just, we're looking forward to right to counsel, it's pretty exciting. I want to make one thing that came up when we were at the rental assistance providers meeting on Wednesday, there was a client who thought that her lease ended, and that she had to move out. So what she thought, what happens when your lease ends is you leave. That's not true. When your lease ends. Excuse me, you go month to month tenancy, you're not, you're not automatically kicked out, this is something that you know people don't know they're afraid to say well if I don't leave I'm going to be evicted now I have an eviction on my record that is not true. You will still have to be evicted you could be evicted, you become subject to eviction on July 1 If your lease ends because your month to month but then we've got just cause which comes in, and we have right to counsel which comes in so the sticking point there is, if you think you have to move, you don't. And if you do move you're not eligible for rental assistance so that's a bad deal, and that's happened more than once so good thing to know. Any questions about this stuff. Sounds like you have a lot of work ahead, anything crazy.

Rob Huff

Any, anything that we can do to help get the key messages out to the, to the folks who might be facing eviction. I know we're all, we're all ears and how we can help do that.

Laurie Davenport



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Great, I'll put a link to our most recent flyer basically just says you have rights, get help and want to get the message out now stay stay in your home. It's even if, even if someone tries to evict you and nothing works out, it's still gonna probably take a couple of months for that process to happen. So

Rob Huff

Maureen I see you have your hand up, and you're muted right now.

Maureen Howard

Thank you, Laurie if you can give us one line that we can add to our email signatures. Just the way we've added the rental assistance portal that I think a lot of us would do that.

Laurie Davenport

That's a good idea we've, we've added the rental assistance one. Yeah, just add our best thing to add probably for us is just our website because everything's right there on the front page. So, just say, you know, facing eviction, get help, you have rights, any of those things. Thanks, Kelly, yeah.

Kelly Blucher

Hi, Laurie, thanks for everything you do this is amazing information I did have a question as far as you so goodwill is outside of Pierce County as well so we spend 15 counties as you know, do you know, I mean we're so fortunate to have organizations like to come up pro bono and center for reblog and dilution. Do you know what assistance or where I could send people outside of Pierce County so I can get this information out.

Laurie Davenport

Yeah, actually, which counties are you in Washington state and you divide it in half or the bottom half. Okay. Yeah, they're there are programs in every county, and so they're not necessarily just like ours, but basically everybody has to figure out how to stand up right to counsel one way or the other. In some areas, it's going to look like Northwest Justice Project of what people are doing a lot of driving around other areas, there's already a housing justice project like we have here so they're just plugged into it. Clark County has a great program Collinsville chi accom. So we just kind of have to look at each county and see what's available but this is this stuff is all law for the whole state of Washington. And there is for right to counsel there'll be a central screening number, which they don't have operating yet but that works from anywhere in the state, and where appropriate, that, that number will go to whatever program should get the information, it will go directly to us for Pierce County for instance.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you Laurie and Danielle you have your hand up.

Danyelle Smith



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Oh, yes, um, I just wanted to thank you so much for sharing that wonderful information and I just wanted to confirm what you said. So the moratorium is probably possibly it's going to end. Next month, so, um, if I heard you correctly, you were saying that clients shouldn't just move out when they get notices, but they need to. There, there may be some proactive things that need to be done like I for the rental assistance that's out there is that correct.

Laurie Davenport

That's right, yeah.

Danyelle Smith

apply for that now once they apply for that. And we know that there may be a wait for that. Does that, does that allow. Well, an eviction process still go on for them if they have that inflammation in the system that they've applied for that.

Laurie Davenport

My understanding is if, if anything has happened to create the process for coming together and creating a payment plan and I think that includes rental assistance than the, the notice that the tenant has received that that time period will be stopped. They could be evicted. Okay. But, um, there can be issues with rental assistance as well. Right. I basically you know once the, once the tenant or the landlord starts the process of applying for rental assistance and neither one can apply that they should not be able to be evicted,

Danyelle Smith

okay

Rob Huff

and okay Danielle, I'm not sure. Yeah,

Laurie Davenport

yeah, if we work really closely with variable assistance so if there's something going on they can speed it up, they, okay. Oh, know what each other are doing so. Okay,

Danyelle Smith

thank you.

Al Ratcliffe

All I see your hand up, or just a suggestion. When you have this flyer or the information could use distributed through associated ministries and the ministerial alliance so that the churches can help put the word out to people.



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Laurie Davenport

Absolutely, yeah, we're kind of still working on what the, what all needs to be in the information and we don't have the screening number working yet but once we do that's a great suggestion, we'll do it.

Rob Huff

Alright, so thank you so much Lori that's really important information and tie it in with that around messaging especially I inadvertently skipped right over an item on our agenda so let's shift back and we were going to have Theresa and Lori provided a update with some takeaways from last week's breakout session sessions around messaging about homelessness.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I'm going to give Laurie a chance to catch her breath. And so, Laurie has, has gathered all of the information from last our last session where you all did some great brainstorming about what messages we might put out, and so she's going to talk with you about that what came out of that. I just want to invite you all into this process anyway you want to be in it. Laurie and I are going to be meeting on Wednesdays at 230. For a brief meeting about this whole topic How do we make this campaign stronger, how do we even have it out there that people recognize there's a campaign. And so we're working with some of the messaging that you all came up with. And we're asking you to work with it too. So, especially if anybody is has got a little artistic flair out there. We are creating a Google Drive folder that will have all of the stuff that we can gather about from other places that are doing messaging about ending homelessness especially anything we can find about Indian street homelessness, we're going to create an ask people to create some things about Indian street homelessness in Pierce County. So we'll have that there, we'll have, we're going to gather any research we have, we find that relates to that that can help you if you're making a case about it someplace where we're creating a PowerPoint presentation that people can take and use as a frame to hang whatever they want to hang on it. Those are the kinds of things that we're starting to do we're also looking at ways that we can get these messages out, you all came up with some good ideas for how we might push the message a bit more, anything, we're looking at. If we had funding we would do some yard signs. If we have, you know, even without funding, we can put, if you have some artistic ability to write something basically whatever that message is that really hits you. Something around the fact that we actually can end street homelessness by November 1 in Pierce County. If you can do something on it, that we can print up that we can put into this file so people can take it out and print it up and put it wherever they want to put it, but just trying to get some visuals out there. As a first step. And then, please, if you've got ideas, either send them to us or come and join us for one of those 230 meetings we'll put a link to it up on the, the coalition website so that you can join us, but we really appreciate that there are a lot of creative ideas, maybe there are also some creative artistic people so I'm gonna with that, I'll ask Lori to give us an overview of what people said last week.



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Laurie Davenport

Okay, thanks, Teresa. This is getting to be really fascinating to think about. I'll just kind of, I may have missed some things. I may have missed some nuance, but whatever. If there's anything that I missed let me know, I just kind of want to run through the ideas that people came up with the discussions were really great and they're just kind of, you just keep thinking, you know what's, what's gonna work, what can we do what really resonates with people talked about countering what people hear on the news, because there's a lot of misinformation out there, you know, listening for the messages that are coming out and finding ways to counter that. The whole idea that there's not enough shelter for, for everyone, people really believe that well, you know, homeless people or they're just refusing go to the shelters, there's plenty of shelter. The idea that we need to put a face on homelessness. People need to be able to relate. They need to be able to imagine themselves in that situation. One way of doing that is to tell people's stories get experiences out there. The whole idea that homeless people are our neighbors. We're all living in the same place, but they don't have a safe place to sleep at night. And that kind of brings us to the idea that we need to take care of each other we're interdependent. If we do make things, make sure things are good for other people, things will be better for us. Just imagining what it feels like to be homeless ways of getting that across to people. And then the idea of just rights, more kind of moral rights. Everyone has a right to be housed everyone has a right to have a safe place to sleep. The idea again that what happens to one person affects all of us when some people are homeless that affects everyone. The big one is that homelessness is not a lifestyle choice. Most, most people who are homeless are there for reasons that are really complex, all homeless people do not suffer from mental illness or addiction, we can't solve it by just solving those problems for people. It's bigger than that comes anything I've missed. To add in, but I think that's kind of, it's a lot of coming from a lot of different places but those are the messages people thought about thought about ways to get messages out, radio, TV, obviously. Baby favorable press, not press that's, you know, spreading misinformation but press that's actually saying something that's going to help podcasts came up videos, social media, one social media idea that Theresa and I had when we talked earlier was just coming up with like a weekly fact check. You know here's, here's a myth about homelessness, and then debunking that something that, like repeats itself so that people can follow it, signage, like Teresa said, you know, what would you put in your window, you know like Black Lives Matter sciences real love is love, something really, that we can get out there that sticks in people's heads. I think that's what we need to come up with engaging special interests people home pets, people who can empathize with homeless people who do have pets. So that, that's kind of that's that's my list, we can keep adding but that's kind of what came out of. Last, last time, and some of what recently I talked about.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So please, send any other ideas that you didn't hear, especially if it's something you said last week that didn't make it onto the list, and you feel it be really good for us to add it, you can send that to, to either me or Lori. I'm going to put my email address in the chat, and also if you're interested in doing something artistic, we don't have any funds to, I mean I know artists are always being asked to do things for free. And I don't like that but the reality is we don't have funds for that at this point. So, If you



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have something that you can contribute, whether it's an idea or some artwork, please do and we will, we'll make it available to the general public, we'll just do, anyone can view link so it won't be just for the coalition it'll be for anyone who's interested in working on this. Any questions right now. I see our see

AI Ratcliffe

what we're doing a suggestion. Back in the day, a couple of times. I was involved with groups that needed PR assistance and we talked with Jay ray which is a PR firm here in Canada and a pro bono some advice about how to get the word out, and I don't know if they still do that, but my basic suggestion is, why don't we try to tap the knowledge of some of the PR firms around to help with getting this information.

Theresa Power-Drutis

That's a great idea, so if anyone has a contact there that you can recommend to us, please do. And I'll can you type their name into the chat.

AI Ratcliffe

Sure. Thanks.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Anything else website. Well thank you for what you added and feel free to keep adding. It's not over till it's over.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Teresa. And before we jump back to the agenda. Mark wanted to offer some further thoughts on the eviction issue.

Mark Melsness

Thanks Rob. And thanks everybody. What a great environment this is and as a housing provider in the area, you know we are key in the conversation for the housing assistance for those who are delinquent. And I gotta tell you, I work with the King County and the Pierce County programs and Pierce County Valerie you totally rock it. I mean, it's so wonderful to have someone like you, that really cares about the program and, and the people that are participating it and the end cause don't really experience that on the other side yet so we haven't even gotten registration complete in the King County area yet and already in Pierce County we've had money flowing, since the beginning of May. So well done, and thank you for your personal attention to it. And what's getting frustrating is just like anything else there is such a loss of information being disseminated out into the world, and we have people we have. I think we have dozens and dozens and dozens of people who are in delinquent and that we have as a landlord rent resit are registered. And most of the residents have registered also, there's still just so many that for whatever reason they the barriers are technology the barriers are language barriers or



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culture the barriers are we, we don't understand it, whatever those are. We have people that have significant amount of delinquency, that have not registered themselves or finishing finished their registration, and what that does is it puts them at risk of having to go through the other pro bono mediation mitigation or mediation, thank you, and then potentially an eviction and we reach out we knock on doors, we text we email we send letters in snail mail, and still we're not getting the full participation, and I know Valerie that you're working really hard to be in communication with those who are not. And if we could find a way, either through the people in this conversation, or the people that are in this conversation with others, case managers and stuff to support them so Valerie doesn't have to make personal phone calls to the ones that are beyond the ones that we manage, and we can move with velocity because I personally believe that the governor's moratorium isn't based on the COVID impact with less cases with less deaths or more vaccinations, it's I think it's predicated on the delinquency that is still in place, and they're still in a significant amount of delinquency out there, and if he lifts the moratorium at the end of June. There's going to be 10s of 1000s of people that are still delinquent now subject to the eviction process which would not make sense to me, and it you know it takes a lot of people in especially housing providers to be in communication with all parties, so that we can set that up and get access for those occupants who are delinquent who haven't finished their applications, so that we can get Valerie through this program as fast as possible so she runs out of money. Eventually, so I wanted to share that from a point of view as a housing provider because I manage hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of homes in the Tacoma Pierce County area. And I have influence with other housing providers that are in the county and out of the county, and that are both owner occupied or owner managed, and third party man is like me, and whatever I can do, working with whoever it is, in whatever venue. I'm on the team to get through this as fast as possible to minimize eviction, and get the rents paid, keep the people in the families in the homes have the landlords get the cash so they can pay the mortgage, and then get back to our new life after COVID.

Rob Huff

Thanks so much Mark. And hopefully we can all all be allies to everyone in this process so we can avoid that eviction wave that we've all been worried about. So thank you very much. So, that shift in our agenda, back to Maureen talking about advocacy updates.

Maureen Howard

All right, thank you, Mark. Thank you. There's actually a message on the listserv. From someone looking, someone's got a section eight. It's gotta be rehoused by June 30 So, can we send that person to you. Absolutely. I think that's what you said, Okay. All right, thank you. Okay, so yes, absolutely. All right, all right. Okay, so good morning everybody. So the first thing is that there is a national campaign the National Low Income Housing Coalition has a national campaign to try and actually get from the federal government enough money for enough publicly owned housing units, enough publicly subsidized housing units, so that, and enough money in the National Housing Trust Fund, so that every eligible income eligible person actually gets housed. Does that sound like a stretch. Yes it does. Does that make it impossible. No. So we've looked at this, there's a request for organizations to sign on. I've



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sent that out to the listserv encouraging individual organizations to sign on. I'd like the coalition to sign on steering committees looked at this housing committees looked at it, and with luck, if, if you can make, make it possible for me to share my screen I'll pull the letter up. There's always some risk to this because I have a really awful looking desktop that nobody wants to see.

Rob Huff

All right, I made you a co host.

Maureen Howard

Okay, we're going to try to the pressures on you now Norine pressures on me. Did I do it. It's coming. Maybe. There you go. Oh, please tell me.

Rob Huff

Yeah, so, so we can see the letter it's small, we can also see all the icons off to the right hand side of your screen.

Maureen Howard

Let's make the letter bigger than.

Rob Huff

There you go, just drag it over, and zoom it in a little bit. There you go. I'm gonna have to clear your

Maureen Howard

desktop if I'm gonna do this,

Rob Huff

we could just stop giving you a bad time about it so it's fine. Yeah,

Maureen Howard

I just, I can't file. I mean, I can file but nobody understands my filing. I had a boss yes actually in the Foreign Service, who looked at my office and said, I don't know how she finds things but she does. Okay so this is basically the campaign, it's called the house campaign, working to advance anti racist policies, achieve large scale sustained investments and reforms, and some of the money required is in the jobs plan. And we don't know what's going to happen to that, but something will go forward. Our national advocates will do their best to make sure housing holds a place as part of infrastructure. And I'd like the coalition to agree that we should sign off on this campaign. And I don't know Rob, how you want to do that.

Gerrit Nyland



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I put a poll together, so when you're ready. Good.

Maureen Howard

Okay, I think we're ready. Any questions, anybody. Okay. I think we're ready.

Gerrit Nyland

Alright so simple pool, Should the coalition sign on to the national house campaign letter that marine just described, yes, no or AB, stain,

Maureen Howard

and it's anonymous. Mike's not giving me a chance to,

Rob Huff

because you're because I made you a co host.

Maureen Howard

Right. Okay. Sorry.

Gerrit Nyland

Awesome, so we've got an awful lot of positives and not many negatives, I'm going to give folks another 12 seconds.

Rob Huff

You may be able to vote now Maureen because I took cohost away.

Maureen Howard

Oh, that's okay, I took the poll away.

Gerrit Nyland

All right, we're gonna go ahead and wrap it up there and unanimously passes. So thank you for everybody. Thanks.

Maureen Howard

It's really important that as many organizations as possible sign on so we get recognition that all housing advocacy does not happen within the DC beltway, or east of the Mississippi River. So the more organizations sign off with Washington State address, the more recognition, we're going to get. So, a couple of other things. One, the Pierce County Council had a special study session last night on the American rescue plan Act money on the fiscal recovery with fund which is the money that goes to every jurisdiction, some get it directly, that's the 170 5 million or so, going to Pierce County about 61 million to



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Tacoma Lakewood gets its own direct funding, every other jurisdiction, gets it through the state of Washington, and they all get something. So here's what's important about last night's meeting was that this was not just the Pierce County Council meeting every mayor was invited from every city, town across Pierce County, the mayor and staff were invited, and most of those folks showed up. Almost every jurisdiction had somebody there. And that, that's really important I think for a couple of reasons one is that more than one of them talked about the need for to address homelessness or housing in their jurisdiction. Chairman Derrick. Derrick Young's goal, as much as anything was to encourage collaboration, either at some level of interjurisdictional whether it was the Tacoma and Lakewood and Puyallup doing something, or it was still a come doing something with the county. The county doing something with everybody however people wanted to do that. You didn't set out any parameters, other than, would you be willing to partner. If we can identify key issues and key programs, and everybody who responded said yes. and some of them needed things that can't be covered with this money, like roads, you can't do roads. With this money, you can do sewers, but you can't do roads. So, the staff of everybody staff every jurisdiction including Pierce County's were directed to meet and figure out some potential collaborations, and come back to the table in three weeks. So I think that that bodes well for the comprehensive plan to end homelessness, and ending street homelessness by November 1 Going forward, because now there's a forum that didn't exist before. And every. The same thing happened in shape in the South Sound housing affordability partnership where everybody has parody at the table. And that's really important, you know, It's sort of the equivalent of being the tiny organization at the table with a really large one, and everybody's got the same voice. And same respect and so I think that that was a really good move. Whomever came up with it, I think that was really good. Now, the Housing Committee, the coalition has a housing committee we've met twice, and our shining accomplishment is that we figured out when we're going to meet. So, the second and fourth Thursdays from four to five in the afternoon, and the Garretts already put us on the website as one of the coalition's meetings, and I've asked him now to fix the schedule so that everybody knows when we're meeting, there's a housing committee list or a housing listserv. And please, you know you can get on that listserv, even if you don't want to come to meetings or can't come to meetings, and we're focusing on zero to 30% We're not going to solve homelessness, until we have enough housing units, and all the services in the world, world, get us housing units. And so we've got to, we've got to do that and a lot of the money out there for, for many reasons, is either 80%, ami and below, or 60%, ami and below or 50%, ami and below, and we have got to hold a place for 30% Ami down to zero. So, speaking of impossible things. So the next thing is that one of the items in the Washington State Capitol budget, which is signed by the governor was \$1.5 million. dollars that Representative Morgan and Lehigh got in for a shelter in the Parkland Spanaway area. And so I've asked the safe sites committee if they'd like to talk about that some Sharon Lee's looking for some suggestions, and so we'll, and I know she wants to talk to people, that's not an issue so. So just, you know if you have ideas, put them in the chat so we can grab them, and that'll happen when the safe sites committee meets again June 7 They meet at Monday noon. So then, the last thing on my list this morning is I want to spend a couple minutes on the American rescue plan act, emergency housing vouchers, and I know James is on, and He chairs the continuum of care, I don't know if Roxane Simon is on or not, I just can't see everybody right now, and she's also on the



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continuum of care. And the way these are working so we've got 196 of these vouchers coming July 1 to Tacoma Housing Authority and Pierce County Housing Authority that continuum by HUD, this is HUDs rule, the local continuum of care must enter into an MOU with the housing authorities and their geographic area, no later than July 31. And the, the, the requirements on the continuum of care are very specific in terms of expectations of not just identifying people for these vouchers, but also the supports to be provided to them, so that in fact they have a reasonable chance of securing housing, HUD would like these vouchers out in people's hands in housing within four months. And I say that they didn't say that but I say that because one of the incentives that HUD is giving housing authorities is \$500 per voucher, and after four months, it goes down to \$250. So that tells me they're trying to get these out. Also, the assumption is, every housing authority in the country won't use these vouchers, and there will be some that go back to HUD, and I know that Tacoma Housing Authority has already requested additional vouchers if they're available. HUD does not require the CLC to actually manage the program. They just have to see that it's managed something else, some Continuum of Care operate programs already, they have staff already, that sort of thing, our continuum of care is in the process of deciding how they're going to make this happen. So, the federal law limits eligibility. These are for people who are currently homeless whether sheltered or unsheltered for people who are at risk of homelessness for people who have recently been homeless, and for people who are fleeing domestic violence which is defined in the continuum, all the way through sex trafficking, and HUDs guidance, again is explicit on these. So one of the things that we have talked about in smaller conversations and that, that we want to be able to pass on to the continuum of care, as they go forward is one possibility will be to look at where we have people who meet the eligibility, but are either in permanent supportive housing, they're ready to move out of that to some sort of housing that requires lesser supports people in tiny houses, people who might be long term and shelters, who, if we could move them if they were eligible for some of these vouchers. It's like we double our money, we open a slot in these other programs. So that, that's one thing to think about. Another thing to think about is how this process can be as transparent as the County Human Services has made the rental assistance program with that portal that people can go back into and add documentation that the individuals who apply that, that case managers that you know the rental assistance, it's the landlord's going in and this would be the case management support, maybe the light, I don't know. I haven't thought about what it might look like, but something that is, it is easily accessible in all the ways that accessibility requires. Another would be. And this would be something that, that you all would know, or could find out, but how many people who are currently sheltered, or are unsheltered actually are housing ready, that they could meet the requirements the eligibility requirements that are public housing authority requirements for these vouchers in terms of the ID and the various types of, you know, well they pass a background check, that landlord would use well they are credit reports required all that your credit scores, all those sorts of things that you know the details, better than I. And then, and Mark did a nice introduction for this but, how, how are landlords, being engaged now as well as into the future. And, you know 196 vouchers doesn't sound like a lot against the need, but it's huge against zero which is what we had, you know before for this source, and it also I think that it behooves all of us to help the CRC, make good decisions. So this rule works really well, because my guess is that if it does, there's going to be more



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money coming along these same channels and actually some of the document recording fee money that 1277 money can be used for vouchers, and some of other money that I found I forget where I found that now it can be used, I think it's the ARPA money actually, they, the state and local fiscal recovery of yeah recovery money fund can be used for vouchers, so you know we could. We will not My hope is that we not only end up with 196 people, permanently housed, and well housed, but that we also are left with a better system, a better process. I think these vouchers can be used in shared housing. They can be used and extended stay hotels are in hotels that are willing to do. One year leases hotels will have to have a hot plate in the room but they don't have to have a kitchen in the room. So, we can possibly expand to some existing models. It's just a great opportunity and now I'm done. You know how to find me James I don't know if you want to add in anything about this, how the coalition can be helpful here well

James Pogue

first the point of clarity, 100% of people are housing ready, it's just that the housing system is not ready for some of our folks. Okay, nice. Clarity Yeah, yeah. So with that,

thank you.

James Pogue

We got to help the housing system start looking at different ways that they can accept our folks not having IDs not having disability statements and not having whatever other hoops that we need to. And there is a group that I'm not part of a subcommittee of the coalition's while we meeting with on Wednesday of next week to get the updates on some of the recommendations I do know the MLU is being drafted as we speak. Other arrangements with the CSC have included that the vouchers get handed to the already existing coordinated entry system and that's kind of who does the management of the vouchers and then the CFC. Does the the oversight of that. And just recently, we re establish the Del Mar algae from CCS is kind of our coordinated entry subcommittee representative from the DRC as well as, as the person who does coordinate entry for CCS so he's on the continuum and is our representative and we haven't had a lot of direct oversight or spent a lot of time supporting the CSC, I mean the C coordinated entry system like directly except for funding it and making sure that parameters are met. So we're trying to look at that in the light of this, and then I would say yes, Amanda from the Low Income Housing Consortium, I always get it wrong, close to that Amanda deShazo and Roxanne are chairing the work that's going to be supporting these vouchers, so I'll know more next week, as we're gonna get the update on Wednesday morning. But I think that's all I got, you were pretty much got the details right.

Rob Huff

Great thanks James. And Jenny, I see you have had your hand up.



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James Pogue

Sorry, real quick, Valerie neck, correct me, Affordable Housing Consortium, I just want to, I don't want to minimize what Amanda does please thanks for the correction I I knew when this started to come out of my mouth, it was going the wrong way, so thanks for that correction.

Jenny Norton

Thanks everybody, um, yeah, I'm actually sitting in on the meetings for the use of these vouchers. So, inside passages is going to be participating in how these vouchers are allocated and used. So I sat in on the meeting this week. So just to give a breakdown on the 196 vouchers tha has 134 Pierce County Housing Authority has 62 and tha has actually requested an additional 134 vouchers. We don't know yet if those will be approved, but they have made a request for an additional so that would be wonderful. Obviously if that request gets approved, we would love it if that number gets doubled. So we'll see if that happens, so I can certainly take back any comments or feedback. We have another meeting scheduled on, Let me take a look at my calendar. June, 9. So, as James kind of alluded to, there's an MOU being drafted right now between the CLC and Pierce County, because it's going to be easier for the workflow that the MRU is between the CLC and Pierce County directly, rather than the CLC and each individual provider of whomever is going to be utilizing the vouchers. So that's how we have kind of decided to proceed and move forward. So we're hoping to have that MLU drafted and ready to go to take to the CLC for approval. So that's how that's going to work. And then what we discussed is that the allocation of the vouchers is going to work through coordinated entry, but as Maureen discussed HUD has been very firm in how the vouchers are allocated, with a diversity and equity lens. And then, obviously, following the traditional rules about voucher usage, and they are incredibly flexible as Maureen also discussed so that's really, really wonderful as well. Utility deposits, moving expenses household items renter's insurance, those are some of the other things that can be utilized for which is really really wonderful so yeah if anyone has anything that they would like me to take back to that meeting feedback wise from a coalition, I'm happy to do so. I'll drop my contact information into the chat. And then, happy to do that on behalf of the Coalition as well.

Monique Brown

Thanks Jenny. And I see Monique, you have your hand up. I do Rob, thank you so Jenny, you and everyone else should know that I'm always gonna come at this from the lens of a veteran. So are there any veterans set asides any consideration on a certain number that would go to veterans or is it just all in.

Jenny Lorton

It is just all in there's not a particular number set aside for veterans, but that is also one of kind of the lenses that is specifically spoken of, when we are looking to allocate these vouchers. Thank you,



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Maureen Howard

other eligible people could be people in rapid rehousing. And who are you know, I mean, just think people who are, I think it's, we want to focus on people who are extremely poor, who don't have a likelihood, a reasonable likelihood of increasing their income, unless you know sort of the classic conservative well if you got married, you'd have two incomes, which I don't find an acceptable solution. So I, it is. I just think it's a real opportunity for us to get not not just get these 196 Folks, permanently housed, but to also get information for ourselves. That helps us to advocate for more of the same. And so Mark, you're in charge of landlords.

Rob Huff

This is what happens when you show up at a meeting mark

Maureen Howard

the restroom and you can volunteer me for all. Yes, you get a mark you get assigned work. Yeah. Amen. In one last thing about that. One of the things that HUD has done, is that there's 180 day window for people to provide whatever is required by way of documentation around eligibility. So, they're not going to have to have it, the day that they are, you know, brought into the program, but they will have to have it within 180 days and if they can't produce it, they will lose that voucher. So it's all of you who are working on this. I mean James's right, everybody's housing ready, but this piece of the system. These vouchers are going to require that usual Housing Authority, information and documentation. So

Rob Huff

scenario. Thank you. Thank you so much, Maureen. So let's shift to our regular weekly government updates. Clarissa, do you have updates from the city of Tacoma this week.

Klarissa Monteros

I do have an update for you guys. Once again I should have had it up and ready. No problem. Okay, so the Cortex A coma is initiating work this is Brian Catlin cleanups, the Port of Tacoma is initiating work to clear the encampment along a 509. We are still working on site design for 69th and proctor the updates for the current census and outcomes for temporary in emergency shelters are on the website, I could put the link in the chat in a sec. Rental Assistance is still available and the link to the application is in, I'll put it in the chat. The next homeless update for City Council is scheduled for June 15 I'll be presenting at that one, and it's tentative to be giving an update on the five year homeless strategy I mentioned in a couple other meetings. And also, the, the beacon center. And I believe that we heard from Garrett that you guys checked out a location that might be good for a temporary shelter location so we're looking forward to hearing back. I think Linda invited you all to submit a proposal of what you think that might look like. And that's all I got today I'm on my cell phone so my apologies, you guys. I'm going to go ahead and get those links to put in the chat for you right now.



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Rob Huff

Clarissa while you're while you're here. We did talk earlier in today's meeting about the 509 and camp pen, and you mentioned that in your discussion, do you have a sense, is there a date for when that area's meant to be cleared.

Klarissa Monteros

Um, I don't know, I don't oversee the encampment side. So this is like a bullet point that was sent to me but I could look into it and see it says that port of Tacoma is initiating work to clear the encampment so it may mean that it's coming soon. I know we put up 72 hour notices and that hasn't went up yet, but I can check back and let you guys know.

Rob Huff

Yeah, thank you. All right, any other quick questions for Clarissa before we move on to Pierce County, Garrett did I see your hand go up.

Gerrit Nyland

Yeah, clarify I didn't catch that is that uh, the June 15 Is that a study session or is that the council meeting.

Klarissa Monteros

I believe those types of study sessions on Tuesdays, that we typically present that. And so, the team will be given an update on where we are with the homeless strategy and the young adult shelter.

Gerrit Nyland

And what were you saying about census and it's like your third bullet point we were talking about maybe around the strategic plan.

Klarissa Monteros

I'm the only update I had about the census was the regular. The census and outcomes for temporary and emergency shelters, it's like a regular update we put on the website every week. Oh.

Rob Huff

All right, thanks. All right, thank you, Clarissa. Let's shift gears over to Valerie I see she's got her. Got her camera on, so any updates from Pierce County. Oh

Valeri Knight

so much going on. So I will not be here next week. My son is graduating from coast guard boot camp so I will be in person in New Jersey for the first time so that will be. I'm very proud of him. Yeah, he's



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going to be a rescue swimmer for the Coast Guard so I will not be here but I will send you updates so a couple things going on I'm going to do rental assistance last, Because then I keep your attention. The, we are actually coming out with a new NOFA next week and I'm going to give you all a heads up that I'm not sure I'm allowed to do but I'm gonna do it anyway. It's called voices that matter and what it is is a stipend program for folks with lived experience. So an agency can apply for either to serve all populations or specific populations so say you're an agency that primarily serves Qt bipoc you could apply to provide stipends for Qt bipoc you could apply for LGBTQ you could apply for veterans so new NOFA coming out very very very very soon so be ready, we will have a q&a session we will have all of those things I just finished writing it, it's been very busy, so it's going to be up to \$150,000 so stipends, a primary focus so just so you all know if anyone is interested, we will be releasing that next week. The next thing is continuum of care, they are going to do a funding cycle. This year we just got word that our gi w is due, which is our grants inventory worksheet. Thank you, in our grants inventory worksheet which is the number of projects and how much they are receiving that usually comes out about six weeks before the project opens for application so everyone who's interested in receiving continuum of care funding, here is your forewarning. We have won \$4.1 million. Typically what happens is we received just enough to renew So I'm encouraging everyone to come in as a new applicant, it can be rapid rehousing permanent supportive housing or transitional or transitional to rapid so those are your four primary project types, and they are Continuum of Care funded through federal guidelines so just about a six weeks heads up, we will be putting that application out here soon, and I will be the primary focus on that one as well. And HUD released on Tuesday, wage gap which is youth homelessness demonstration project, and it is a demonstration for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, including unstable housed or doubled up, we have applied for it every year and last year we were one point away, so we will get it no matter what mountains have to be moved Snohomish County received it, that year and they got about \$4 million. So \$4 million immediately brought to the community for youth and young adults, and what's awesome about it is it rolls into our continuum of care funding. So youth and young adults have that continuous fund source. From now on, that open that application is open now and we have to submit by July 27. So I am very busy writing that one too. And so we will be putting together and how it works is if awarded, we will know in August, then we have to start writing a community plan in September. Once the community plan is approved by HUD any project identified in the community plan is funded. So, that is going to be a big community effort of everyone who serves youth and young adults, 12 to 24, and whatever capacity of new exciting program we want to try. This is our opportunity so moving mountains to get that one this year because honestly I just don't want to write it again so I know Hayley it's so exciting. So we will be reaching out to all of you because everyone serves 18 to 24. So if you have a super cool new exciting idea that we should maybe consider trying. This is our opportunity, um, Marina already hit on the vouchers and so already let you know about next week so rental assistance. Everyone take a deep breath because we just found out earlier this week we have approximately 100 million more dollars coming, which I had a moment of pure panic and then I was like, It's okay, we'll figure it out, it's fine, it's gonna be okay, we'll be okay guys so this goes through 2025 which is super exciting so I am writing out like a budget plan, making sure we have those dollars all the way through the new American rescue plan goes up to 18



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months, but it does include the 12 to 15 months, they've already been paid by this year's dollar so if someone gets 15 months this year they can only get three moving forward so we're making sure everyone knows that. So right now we have \$58 million contracted moving out the door as quickly as possible. We had one provider cut \$800,000 In checks in one week and that's their average. So giving you a heads up of what kind of this looks like. So yes, people are frustrated they have not been served. I am answering every email and every phone call, but give you a timeline. This does not include last week's numbers which was our biggest number because I haven't finished doing those yet, but we had 401 households already served. Okay, before last week of those we have spent 2.8 million on those 401 households, that's a pretty big jump. And so then just because I know we should always track that 61% of folks that we have paid rent to or people of color, so we are tracking that every we're always consistently making sure it's in there 57% Or under 30% ami. So that's huge cuz that's was our primary goal so 57% 29% are between 30 and 50 and only 14% are between 50 and 80 and 80 is the cap, so that's a big 80% of our households are under that primary focus. And these don't even include the ones that we refer to Lhasa, which are city of Tacoma funding so city of Tacoma great partner, love you, Clarissa. We don't even track their numbers so I'm going to start tracking I'm gonna work with Lhasa to figure out, we refer to them, they handle it, they're a phenomenal program. We are still funding our eight agencies, some of our agencies are now subcontracting out to smaller entities. So, always feel free to reach out if you're interested in that, and we are looking at what does next steps mean as far as funding additional projects, funding in different agencies like, what do we need to do to be fully successful to get all of these folks out the door as fast as possible, as well as opening it up. The new funding has a little bit different criteria so we're going to get all that out the door, and on the website as soon as possible. So those are my updates. That's it, that's all I got. Oh and Jenny's great so everybody give kudos to Jenny, to help Brian because I'm still involved with that too. But yeah, so I will get these out to you as soon as possible. I want to run this week's numbers first and then I will be able to give you all the percentages that I just reported out because I'm tracking them every week from now on. So,

Rob Huff

thanks so much Valerie. Great.

Valeri Knight

Monique you had a question How do we know how many veterans, I actually tracked veteran status so I will send you. We track over 60 we track under 24 We track, veteran status like trying to track like everything anyone's ever mentioned, so I will compile this report get it to you and see what I can report back.

Rob Huff

Thank you. You're welcome. All right, so I'm gonna hand it over now to Jenny from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.



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Hi everybody, I'm just pulling up some notes here. Thanks for having me, my colleague Brianna usually attends these meetings, um, but like I said earlier, I've come and chatted at you and with you in the past so appreciate being back. Um, excuse me, a little cough today. Um, I wanted to just share some overall reminders about vaccine opportunities in the community and then give you some updates on current work and pending planning and you can always all drop me and Ranas email addresses in the chat and you can always reach out to me of course. Um,

Jeannie Schoeppe

excuse me. So overall,

reminders that we appreciate you getting information out to folks on is that our webpage is. Back to the Future TPC hd.org Back to the Future, which I'll put right here is where we're keeping all the updated information on vaccine events are in the community and in Pierce County at this point, all sites all events are open for walkins, there are no appointments necessary. There are what we call static sites in Tacoma Lakewood and Puyallup, every almost every day of the week maybe with the exception of Sunday so six days a week, the webpage that I just shared is where you would go to find times, addresses, and also that should tell you the types of vaccine that is offered, if folks don't aren't aware of this, the static site in Tacoma is at the CSC hilltop location on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays I believe it's eight to 330, but again that website is updated constantly with any changes in times addresses other other details again no registration is necessary, despite what some of the information on the website might say you are. It encourages people to vac to register, but is absolutely not necessary. Um, transportation is also free round trip transportation to any vaccine clinic event appointment on Pierce County Transit ran and I just spoke to somebody at Pierce County Transit yesterday to just verify that no proof of any vaccine appointment is needed and that is what we were told. If anyone hears that people are trying to use that resource and getting pushback or any different having any difficulty please let us know or let Valerie know and we can we can we can do what we can do but it's good information for us to have, um, I'm not monitoring the chat just FYI, we'll get through this, these updates and then see if folks have questions, I'm wanted to share an opportunity that's coming up next Saturday with you all. So updates on events and other work that we're trying to coordinate and helping to coordinate, we are bringing a vaccine a mobile team to the Tacoma mutual aid collectives distro day distribution day. I'm probably familiar but they do that once or twice a month, I think, um, and that is on the fifth of June so next Saturday hard to believe it's June already on hilltop on the hilltop 11th and MLK parking lot. Rana sent a flyer to this group yesterday as well as our shelter, contacts, and our outreach team partners, but I can drop that information in the chat as well. So, that not only will typical things that t-mac provides at those events be available camping equipment, food other other services but mobile teams will be there to do vaccines and we're going to be partnering with



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T max medics actually so it's some of the t-mac folks that are familiar with the, with the clients and folks that would frequent that that event, to actually give vaccines, so that's great. Um, we will have \$5 gift cards from Safeway for everyone, um, Kevin, and Garrett, have been instrumental in bringing items to all the shelter events we've had and they'll be bringing Kevin will be bringing items like hygiene kits and food and water and phone chargers and all that great stuff to this event on the fifth as well. Another event that we will have a flyer available for for soon and can share out with you is going to be on the 15th of June at old Spanaway elementary school site, and that's in collaboration with nourish Pierce County Food Bank. This was a location we chose that was informed by mine and Valerie's work with outreach teams and seen as a location where folks in nearby encampments might be willing to come. As I said, it's in conjunction with the food bank so it'll be on the same day as the food bank is occurring there will have some items that I mentioned that the coalition is providing and some other food items, and possibly other services there as well. Please encourage folks that CMR takes walkins, at any location for vaccine, I believe, community health care. We'll also be beginning to do that if they're not already, I'm not aware that they are yet but you can always send someone to see Mark or vaccine on, and then some, some things that we are in the process of working on, um,

we have partners, we're partnering with some contractors to help us to provide ongoing support at shelter so for those who weren't aware we did nine. Nine mobile team vaccine events at the shelters and we're going to, I'm working on finding out from those folks. What sort of makes sense for like a maintenance schedule of having like a presence of a mobile team to offer vaccines and potentially not just COVID-19 vaccine but other vaccines and other services like testing in an ongoing way at the shelters through our contract support, so that's exciting. And thank you to everyone who's helped with that effort.

Jeannie Schoeppe

Um, what else. Oh,

so encampment work is, you know, Valerie and I've been pulling together Valerie's been awesome and just inviting me and bringing me into the loop with the outreach teams. We've been meeting regularly with folks for the past couple, few months now. I'm to sort of understand from community what, what a community informed ethical approach to this work looks like, and heard from people that pop up events are great direct to encampment events, direct encounter outreach with vaccines is great for some, not for everyone but that is part of our approach and so meeting regularly with folks to gather information on where and candidates are located, meeting with folks like greater lakes New Hope CLR those have been some of the groups that have been especially engaged with us on this, and I'm working with CMR chat team to partner with those three groups I just mentioned CLR New Hope and greater lakes to hopefully add vaccine to the outreach that they are doing. Um, yeah, that that was a real, that was a



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mouthful, um, but we will be meeting on CMR and greater lakes CLR and new hope we're all going to be meeting next week. If folks have, you know there, I'm aware there are tons of outreach teams Valerie and I know that there's lots of work going on. The reason that I mentioned those three groups is that they, they voiced especially voiced the ability to sort of work and partner with other you know with enrolled vaccine providers and wanted to sort of lead in that effort, But if you're aware if you're an outreach team lead or you want to reach out and sort of get in on that work with us. We would love to have that conversation. And I'll stop talking I'm babbling at this point so I'll drop some information in the chat, please reach out to me Rianna or Valerie with questions, and I appreciate your partnership.

Rob Huff

And all these journey. And I see Gerald has his hand up, you have a question.

Gerald Daniels

Yeah, well thank you just asked me but because I've reached out a couple times trying to partner with you guys. And, you know, we don't do individual, Don't go this way right. You know, as little guys we get left out. But we got a guarantee you we got a lot to offer with you for partnership. Yeah. Thank you, Charles awesome this partner. We got a lot to offer.

Yeah thanks Gerald what what we've been trying to do is map the areas where there's need and then, as you know it has to be an enrolled provider I mean, there's no shortage of people wanting to go out and do this work, um, what there is a shortage of is enrolled providers who have the capacity to go out with a lot of individual outreach teams to, to bring the vaccine out there, if that makes sense so CMR is enrolled provider that what that is in this space, we of course TPC HD is an enrolled provider but our mobile teams only has so much capacity, we're doing schools we're doing our mobile teams, this is to be quite frank stretched very thin at this moment. And so that's part of the motivation of partnering with with CMR, um, but they are only one entity to so there's, there is potential with. We're working with multi care who's contracting with mobile teams International, and so I can't speak to their capacity at this moment but I will be finding out more about that, um, yeah, apologies for not connecting you with, with anyone specifically right now but no, this is just still like sort of ongoing to try and map out the need and then partner, the Enrolled provider who is able to bring vaccine, with the people who want to bring it in, it's very, I appreciate your, your patience, appreciate you, voicing your concerns and frustration I. It's very complex and frankly hard to coordinate so I will email you today Gerald and make sure that we, we can find out more about what you're able to do and how we can connect you.

Valeri Knight

Yeah, and I'll just add with Jenny, that I think the hardest part is that only certain people can give the vaccine and that's kind of been what we keep bumping up against, because trust us, we would be all about. As the nurse at my daughter's school said yesterday walking around sticking people in the arm



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and being done right like she, it was the most amazing my twins got vaccine, vaccinated at middle school yesterday which was so cool on the bus. They line them all up and stabbed him as they walked. But, you know, I think that's the hardest part that we're running into is there's only so many people who can give the vaccine and then only so many of those willing to go out into the community in this capacity so if anyone's got any ends if you've got like a cousin or a friend or a I don't know spouse, whatever, like we are not opposed to begging and pleading and anything in between. So reach out I know does sound like basic drain, reach out and let Jenny know because that's something that Jenny really needs our support on because that's that's something we just keep running our heads up again so if you've got somebody in the community please connect us so we can move that along because that is everyone's primary goal is to just make sure our folks who are housed get vaccines just as fast as possible.

Rob Huff

All right. Thanks, Jenny and thanks Val. Any last questions for our government updates section before we move on. All right, not hearing any Maureen I just saw your note, do you want to give a quick update on the ad hoc committee.

Maureen Howard

I do the Pierce County Council did adopt the ad hoc committees action report to end homeless the comprehensive plan to end homelessness in Pierce County at their meeting Tuesday, my understanding is that the steering committee will be convened early in June. Pierce County Human Services is in the process of hiring people, as employees with limited duration, up to three years I think is the way it goes, and also consultants on the project. I noticed that they've got a NOFA out for someone to do homelessness services at inventory and a gap analysis, And I'm sure there are others of these. And so that's what I know at the moment.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Maureen. So the next item on our agenda is an update from the safe sites for all group can do you have an update you could share with the group.

Janet Runbeck

Oh gosh, Colin is not here I take it. He's not one I just scan through okay Jeffrey I'm going to turn it over to Jeffrey I know there's a lot of moving pieces, new sites are coming on and we've lost one side on the east side of we've

Reverend Boyce

been meeting with the community, for the team uusi safe parking site when very well, visited by the hot, hot team, officer. Greg Bennett, Collin was there I was there, and Cynthia was there representing the coalition. And we got several the neighbors there, who now that things have been explained to them.



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They feel far more comfortable with shape parking shape going in and one neighbor is going to join and help out. Okay, and serving that needs. I've got six other churches. We're playing phone tag with right now is Cynthia here, maybe not. Okay, that's pretty much what it was just a good positive meeting, we were able to calm down the neighbors, really hot, creating a lot of problems and they went very well,

Rob Huff

that's fantastic news. Thank you, Jeffrey. All right, so next on our agenda, just moving right along, Garrett you wanted to talk about committee appointments.

Gerrit Nyland

Thank you Rob So we are going to attempt to do two committee appointments today, we have

Rob Huff

the second Jeopardy music here,

Gerrit Nyland

always has to work out at just the right moment, doesn't it. So we're gonna do two committee appointments. The first one is to good Carver, so basically, these aren't super responsibility laden. They're mostly about being a conduit for information from to other homeless coalition's in Pierce County with this one. So, there's the Homeless Coalition that operates in Pune wala that meets monthly, and really we just want somebody to feel obligated to carry information to and fro, so that when the piala Homeless Coalition meets, we kind of know what they're working on are concerned about and places that we can provide assistance or they can assist us that kind of a thing. And the same thing with the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula coalition, so the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula meets every other week, and is somewhat new to PLO coalition's been around for a long time. And so, I didn't get an email out to everybody about this but I think I mentioned it last week, and we had a number of folks volunteering, we can actually have as many as we want, really, again, we just need people there listening in and able to report back. And so we have a couple of people that volunteered for the P wallet one, and that is Jeffrey and Jeffrey boys and calling the florist. And, and so it might be good, even have a third, the way I'm setting the voting up is basically you can vote for up to three people, and that way we'll kind of always have somebody there unable to keep that conduit going. So, if, and the second one is to get Carver keeping insulin we already have three volunteers for that one. And Joanne Everson who's recently come to our coalition. And then Kevin often attends those meetings, as does Maureen, and so we have those three going on there. And I'm trying to get the poll set up right and stupid zoom logged me out anyway, so I'm identifying chimneys so they make sure that I'm not a robot, attempting to get these polls set up. So I am gonna get my check, I lost my chat to where's my chat. There we go.

Rob Huff

We're not sure you're not a robot,



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Gerrit Nyland

feeling not so robotic today, honestly. So if anybody else is interested, I would love to have some other nominations volunteers for either those liaison and we can add in later if you want to think about it a little bit to see Monique for their hand up. Ah, Monique, what do you want to do

Monique Brown

you all up because I think my, my program manager is already going to those meetings, she does a lot of work, outreach work there so if not her. I will go but I would love to do Puopolo.

Rob Huff

Awesome. More Maureen I see your hand up as well.

Maureen Howard

Yeah, Garrett take me off of Gig Harbor. And let's get somebody else in and I'll keep doing the legislative stuff for them but I usually sign off. After that I have a conflict on their meeting days. Cool.

Gerrit Nyland

So we still have two folks there Kevin and Joanne, And again, the commitment is one of those people needs to be at that meeting, and provide some sort of a report out either written out, or in person at at the at the coalition meeting, and probably don't have to be at the steering committee meeting some of that doesn't hurt. Alright, I'm gonna go ahead and throw these up again if you want to start doing this you can join the crew as well. I have a poll for the Puyallup coalition meaning. So again this is something I would love you to pick up to three, which shouldn't be too hard since there's only three people in the list. And, you know, just keep, we have not done a great job of keeping formal communication between these two coalition's so I'm excited about us, making this happen. And Paul is in the meeting today Anderson, who chairs set you all up coalition so she's been an informal conduit and looking forward to us being a little better, engaged with what we can do to support you all up. So I'm seeing lots and lots of yeses and excitement. And so, I see a yes for colony yes for Jeffrey yes for Monique. So, welcome aboard to the world of liaisons, and I'm going to launch up the poll for the good Carver, he Peninsula, so we have two folks on there. And Joanne has volunteered for that and Kevin has been good about attending those as well. And this is a fun new group not that you all it's not fun, but there's, there's a lot of energy to kind of overcome some of the very unique barriers that keeping insulin has, which are different than the very unique barriers, if you will, holla pass. It's interesting how diverse are, are the needs and the political environments. So, again, overwhelming support, and that's a bunch of yeses for Joanne and a bunch of yeses for Kevin So thanks everybody for voting on that. I don't know what we're gonna do next week maybe we'll take a little break and we'll look over some of the other leaves on responsibilities we, we would like to have. So, thank you, everybody.



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Rob Huff

Thanks Garrett, and congratulations for the formality of everybody man named to the, to the two groups, look forward to hearing good things. So we actually are going to have the opportunity to end today's meeting a little early but I first want to open the floor if anybody has any kind of announcements that they think would be good to share with the group. This would be the time. Jam.

Janet Runbeck

Ah, actually, I need to lower my hand here. Actually, I have a question. The Tacoma fire department does not provide the van, that they were providing for homeless shelters and sites where folks are that are living in a campus. Apparently they talk, they lost that funding. Oh, where are we Garrett, you might know this answer where are we, as far as petitioning the City of Tacoma or Pierce County for funding to resume services for transportation because I think a lot of these COVID questions and other immunizations and definitely all the medical visits can be managed better with that van back that is a under the auspices of a fire department.

Gerrit Nyland

Sure. We have councilmember usco with the Tacoma City Council is including that in the ARPA funding request that she's putting out, Colin McCarthy is behind that I need to send him a bit more information. And I think a couple of this is a project that's being taken on a little bit by the opioid Task Force. Transportation Committee. And so and I've also been lobbying staff on the queue all up front, on the Pierce County Human Services and this is one of those classic things where there's a little bit of, you know, Pierce County's like and why isn't Tacoma funding this this operates all in Tacoma, it's almost like why are we supposed to fund all of this, this is providing services for people from all over Pierce County, but I'm hoping we can get some ARPA money and they didn't lose their funding they just used it up so they had \$80,000 from the greater community foundation they had a couple stopgap grants like \$5,000 from coordinated care maybe multi care maybe I don't remember. And so we're trying to get some temporary funding through the end of 2022, with the hopes that beyond that we can get some funding more permanently from the Puget Sound Regional Council or the wash shot, special needs transportation fund which is a biennial funding cycle that happens so that's kind of where we sit, we'd love some other folks that are interested in lobbying on behalf of this super important service.

Janet Runbeck

I can't, can I suggest that we as a coalition draft a letter of support to bring back the services of the Tacoma Fire Department van, because to use the van is so much more effective cost effective and client friendly, as opposed to folks calling 911 Or as opposed to folks, not being vaccinated because they don't have a way to get to one of these brick and mortar sites that offer vaccine or any other medical services, so I will pick that up for the steering committee to draft a letter of support from the coalition to bring back the van.



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Maureen Howard

All right. Got it. Maureen I see your hand up. I just want to make a plea again if any organization is thinking about purchasing a hotel or motel or apartment building or even houses with the state's rapid capital acquisition fund that does require a match on round one. And I'm interested in knowing anybody who thinks they want to purchase. and then also any organization that's interested in running a floor for your particular targeted population. So if you could just shoot me an email let me know so I can add that to the conversations that are going on around trying to get Lehigh Scott one that comfort in. I know they're going to apply for that that's 91 units. I know Sharon's in Sharon Lee Lehigh is, is interesting conversations with an organization that might want to run a floor. So, just let me know where you are that NOFA comes out July, 8, and all of the remaining 93 million or so, could go in the first round. So we can't count on there being additional rounds. Thanks Maureen, Julian.

Julian Wheeler

Thanks Robin thanks everyone for all the work you do. First of all, can you hear me. Yes. All righty, um, the purpose of this announcement is first of all just to let you know that we do have another meeting coming up of the Pierce County accessible community advisory committee, and that the chat box has information I chatted to everyone. And so, Tuesday July 13 at 9am on Zoom. We will have our next regular session. The we're looking for new members do ideas, and amongst some ideas, Garrett submitted a proposal and I haven't heard back from the accessible committee, subcommittee of the Governor's Committee, which makes those final decisions unless Garrett can update me at this moment but I also wanted to use this moment to thank the Pierce County Coalition and homelessness for this past year, and more I, when I came along this is already an online meeting every Friday, mostly and I want to just kind of put in a good word for, I guess people are talking about the next normal, and I've already experienced in some organizations I'm involved with mostly volunteer is once we go back to ending the lockdown we're going to go back to in person meetings, and I would usually raise my hand and say, Can we retain a remote attendance option, and I've already gotten some pushback from someone saying, in one particular setting. Well, if most people are attended in person, people can attend online but to observe the question is how can we help them participate. And so what I'm worried about is, for the purposes of accessibility, including people with disabilities, you know, whereas we've had this great convenience of, you know of attending remotely, and, and my concern is that we will lose that accessibility. I just wanted to put in a good word for the current accessibility we have. And our accessible communities advisory committees does stand ready to consider any project to keep things accessible. We will do intake of course, and I just want to put in a good word again, I'd like to keep this accessible. I don't know the history of this, this coalition whether meetings have been in person, or whether it's always been online but I want to just say, Please let's keep an online option. Thank you Rob.

Rob Huff



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Yeah, thank you, Julian you raise a great point, it's something that we have talked about a little bit so that is our intention to be able to still have a way for folks to participate remotely. So thank you for bringing that up. Monique your hands up.

Monique Brown

Yes, I'm just gonna just going back to transportation, if you have veterans who need transportation, I can provide that on a limited basis, so you can contact me, we have to schedule out, I can take them to appointments, Once I get some money to back this program, I'll be able to do it more because I can hire a driver currently I'll be the driver. So, if you have a veteran, who needs transportation to an appointment. VA hospital or any other, you can contact me, I will put my email address in the chat.

Klarissa Monteros

Thanks Monique, and Clarissa. Okay, so my apologies for being a bit scattered earlier I have more information on 509 I just wanted to share before we end, I guess it's not, I guess that encampment, by the bridge is not located on city property, it's on port and tribal property, and the port and the tribe are performing and posting and cleanup. The city is going to provide outreach and connection to resources. Only and I reached out to James and let him know. And then there's also a contact at the port Lewis Cooper that you guys can contact directly if you do have questions and if anybody wants that phone number I have it.

Rob Huff

Thank you. And do you have, did you have any sense of the timing of it though.

Klarissa Monteros

Um, no, I

Rob Huff

thank you very much, and Garrett I know you wanted to share something more.

Gerrit Nyland

I wanted to make a quick announcement I'll send out details but we did receive another grant or coalition, so we apply for a funding from the all in Washington fund to provide support to coalition members to help connect people to vaccinations and remove barriers so we received \$25,000 And part of that will go to cover some of Kevin's staff time costs, and then the rest is really things that you think would help us to break those barriers down we talked about gas cards we talked about transportation funds we talked about goodies and vaccine events so we're going to continue doing what you know what the health department indicates they think would be helpful, but what do you think would be helpful, is what I need to hear as well. So if you, if you can. If you need materials if you need education for your staff, if you need things to handout, just to remind your staff to talk to folks about getting



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vaccinated. We are all in to provide that so connected with Kevin. And that's some that's exciting. I don't know that will apply for more along this line, but that does give us the ability to have snacks and and treats, and hopefully things to remind all of us when we're in the field to talk about vaccinations and how to get there.

Rob Huff

Thanks. Fantastic. All right, so we are able to wrap up three minutes early. So, a three minute early start to your I'm sure you're going home right after this if you're not already home. So, thanks for being here this morning everybody, I hope everybody has a safe weekend. And, and marks Memorial Day properly, and we'll all be back next week. I hope to see everybody. And for those who can hang in here we will do planning for the next week's weekly meeting, so we'll take a five minute break and then get back to that.