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Rosemary Powers

Thank you Rob. We're really happy to have you here, and especially if you're new to the coalition or coming by to see what happens. We use this time every week just to center ourselves on what we're doing together and as a network of people who both provide services advocate for justice. I work with cities and counties, and ours to folks who just want to find out how they might be able to be of help. We're here together, trying to be an open table, and really willing to hear from anyone about ways we can do that better. As the agenda indicates there are people's contact information of those who are making presentations or giving us ideas from what their work is so we're all really well welcome anyone to contact us for any questions you have and four ways you might become more involved. I want to begin today by reminding us that we do have a set of meeting norms and can put those in the chat if you have those Rob, you can do that. So, for the zoom, for those of you who are new, We just ask that you keep yourself muted, you're not talking. And if you're engaged in other activities that might be distracting to turn off the video at that time. Otherwise we will try to recognize you if you use the raise hand feature on the, on the Zoom or wave around if you can't find that on your, on your screen of for the last thing for me to say, Excuse me, I really thankful and I know all of us are for the work of those of you and others who are really trying to deal with the house heating emergency that's upon us, and I'm really thankful for understanding that people are able to take that kind of work on top of everything else



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they're doing so reminds us of the importance of water in all humans lives and reminds us to be sure that we pay attention to our own need to stay hydrated where we can, as even as we try to assist those our neighbors who are living in the open heat. So with that I'd like to just invite anyone who's new or hear for the first time or returning after a while to just let us know that you're here you can unmute yourself and just state that, That would be great to hear, who's here.

Arrow

Arrow was to not bombs and I've been at a couple of meetings but it's been a while since I've been to one this big so arrow with Food Not Bombs and use data and pronouns.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you very much welcome arrow it's very great, great to have you here and appreciate your work. All right then, if anyone else is new and you want to put contact information in the chat. While we do save the chat and the meeting itself so you can return to it and find contact information you may want to use later. So, back to you, Rob.

Rob Huff

Thank you, rosemary, and thank you everyone for being here this morning on what looks like it's going to be a cooler of the days leading into the weekend. So we wanted to open this morning's meeting. We invited Miriam Barnett from Pierce from YWCA Pierce County to offer some words of wisdom for us, as she gets ready to retire from the YWCA and and move on to other things. So Miriam, the floor is yours. And we appreciate you being here

Miriam Barnett

much, appreciate it. Rob, I noticed your last norm was to be aware of time so can you remind me how many minutes you'd like me to speak.

Rob Huff

Yeah, we were thinking, somewhere around 10 minutes, and, and folks can ask you questions at the end if you have to time.

I do have the time and I love questions, so thank you. So, Rob is correct July ninth is my last day of 16 years here at the YWCA, and you know the main just the main learnings and the and the wisdom and the heart that I've gleaned from being here is the beauty that different mate. the difference that beauty makes and how people heal. And I really got to it is that first hand in 2010 when we opened our new shelter where everyone has their own apartment, and they're absolutely beautifully designed by pro bono pro bono designers. It's early on. got to get my words out here and sleep too much last night, probably a lot of us didn't with this heat wave coming on extra worries about people who are not housed. I know we all have those. But anyway, it made such a remarkable difference for people to have the dignity and privacy of their own space, as they fled domestic violence. And so once that was in place, I was like, How can we have people living in our shelter in such beautiful space and then coming



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down to this building, let's say, to bring their children for therapeutic children's programs, and have that not be beautiful space. And so the next thing what that shelter was a \$5 million campaign. Then, redoing the space the shelter had been in the four or five buildings I'm sitting in, was a \$1.2 million campaign, and allowed us to really grow our legal insurance program, and then we just wrapped up the building behind me, the drawing of the building behind me which was a \$23.2 million project, and this was, um, this is housing for homeless families. It's 54 units with 91 bedrooms 63 bathrooms and 54 kitchens and the three bedrooms have two bathrooms, So that's where we get a little bit about an increased count there, but we have studios to three bedrooms. It's an absolutely beautiful LEED certified building we have solar panels on the top we have a rooftop garden with a million dollar view, Literally, complete your Mount Rainier and all commencement day, with patio furniture just for people that the roof top patio areas just for adults but we have a big playground as well for the kids. We have about, I think 80 or 90 Kids in the building right now, and once again the difference we didn't go for cheap materials all the cabinets all the drawers and the kitchens in the bathroom soft clothes, we really built this building through a trauma informed lens which was really interesting because, contractors, and architects don't really understand what that means, And they really had a hard time imagining what we were asking for until we really explained why we focus on trauma informed a slamming cabinet can trigger a trauma response. And so once we really spent some time educating, why we wanted these things. Then they came on board, and in the end, they're very grateful for the education they got through us, they just I don't think I've ever dealt with a client like us, we were quite demanding that this project be done to our specifications. And I think when I'm, when you're working with an architect, who is proficient in has only done low income housing. They weren't used to. They're used to people just kind of wanting to get it built and not and not and wanting to get it built as cheap as possible and that was not our philosophy. This was the first project of over 100 projects architect had done for low income housing that was on view property. So that made me really happy too. So anyway, the, the other thing I'll just mention that was such a joy for me and a huge nightmare. Is that one day I was walking to work, and I thought you know if these families are coming out of living in their cars, being in shelters, like, they're not going to come with equipped to like have what you need to have a home, I mean everything from dish soap to laundry soap to toilet paper right. So I went through every single thing that anyone would need in a kitchen, bathroom or bedroom, and I made lists, small, medium, large, because we have different size, apartments, and I shared that out with a community that wanted to maybe adopt a room or adopt a unit, or just buy one thing just buy us one coffee pot. And in the end we had over \$111,000 worth of in kind donations, and about \$25,000 worth of just financial donations. And so, every single person who moved into this apartment,

opened their door, not knowing that everything was provided for them except furniture and now use the money we got to deal with what people needed for furniture on a case by case basis and just got them what they need. So I worked with habitat to get new beds, I bought all their beds they I think they have no more beds. Even still, and they delivered them for us. I bought dressers and couches, through Harkness furniture, who were so wonderful to deal with and provided everything for me at cost and if you don't know, I didn't know, furniture is a huge markup. And they also delivered for free where usually that'd be \$150 So just a lot of community support. When we, when we were preparing the rooms we



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knew we had a client moving in, I would go stage the room. So the towels were on the rack and the dishes were put away, it wasn't just like, you know, so it was kind of like a treasure hunt and that's what I heard from a lot of tenants, is that it was so fun opening doors and finding something new. So that has been really remarkable we had literally 1000s of boxes delivered because a lot of people use Amazon, and every, every delivery, you know, the poor delivery people would bring this truckloads of stuff to us and I'd say, let me just tell you what your, what you're delivering here. See that building across the street. It's going to be filled with homeless families, you know, in a few months. And so then they would really feel good about the extra work, if we were causing them to do, was my goal. But having the adopted room, also in addition to being wonderful for clients, it opened up this project to more community members to feel like they had a part in it. Like even if you just bought a coffee pot you own part of this building right you were part of making it a success. So it's been remarkable were completely full of course, but huge waiting list, but it's permanent housing so we're not expecting, rapid turnover was the beautiful views and the beautiful apartments. But I would be happy to answer any questions.

Rob Huff

Thank you so much, Miriam. What are your plans going forward.

Well that's kind of a big question for me, I'm on jury duty. The week after I retire. Thanks Chris County, it was a wonderful retirement gift I can't thank you enough. I'm hoping I don't get on a trial because immediately after that I've made reservations for camping. I like to count so I'm going to go do that. And then I'm going to do what I'm calling metaphorically I'm taking my crowded drive I've been doing nonprofit work for 35 years, and I'm going to give myself the opportunity to go into neutral, to really decide what I want to do next so I've got a lot of possibilities including. Ultimately we can arm work, everything from that to owning a food truck so I'll tell you when I come out of my, my breasts that I really greatly need, and the timing is perfect. I'll have the rest of the summer, hopefully the heat wave is now out it will be out of our way. And I can just garden and maybe sleep.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. So yeah, if anybody has any questions or comments for Miriam, that'd be great.

I'm telling you if we can do this. Anybody can do this. If we're going to solve the housing issue, We just have to build housing. So I have a lot of thoughts about that. And I have a lot of thoughts about. I can't figure it out maybe you guys can help me when I retire, I'm going to spend more energy in this trying to ask for help figuring it out from, from people and places of power. But if we can tack, we can give a tax break for market and high market end developers, if we can give them a tax break. I don't understand why a we're doing that, why aren't we taxing them because they're gonna make a lot of money off of the buildings are building and they should be providing into a fun, so that the city has resources, not by not by taxing people want up to 1%, not that I'm against that, but that's not the answer. Why aren't the people who are, who are creating wealth from building these high rises in our community, not paying into a fund to support those that cannot afford their apartments. I'm off my soapbox thank you for.



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Rob Huff

It's a great opportunity. So I saw Al Red Cliff with his hand up first and then Theresa, and then I see some questions in the chat so al

Al Ratcliffe

well as a co retiree, the same time. I just want to compliment you, what you've done to bring the YWCA into the 21st century, to address some really fundamental needs you've done a marvelous job, Marian Thank you very much.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I appreciate that, thank you so much. Thank you, Teresa. So Maryam. You will be so sorely missed in this community, you have been. You're everywhere. Seems like everything I get involved in somehow you're in there too so, not, not only have you done the stuff with the why, but you've done so much in the community to be a mentor to other people and to be a leader. And that's a real gift. Also, your notion about the way taxes ought to work to support low income housing are spot on. So, if you have more leadership, after you take your break that you'd like to bring it back to us please because that is really where we need to go we need to find a way where it's not just the, the low end of the income bracket that is paying for low income housing we need to tap into the wealth, and we need to make them feel joyful about doing it so thank you for all you do.

Well, we do need to make him feel joyful about doing it. I agree. Thank you so much, Teresa,

Rob Huff

there is a there is a question in the chat about what is the location of a new building.

Oh, thank you. Sorry, faraway Broadway right across the street, so I got to watch this building be built. When I was in my office because I have come to work every day during COVID, and it kept me going. So for a Broadway I welcome you to come by because what you'll see on the outside, which I forgot to mention is I also believe that the arts make a difference in how people heal it's part of the beauty. And so all of our projects incorporate the arts, I spent 15 years in arts nonprofit before I, for a change, so it's very dear to my heart, and I believe very strongly that the arts are not a frill. They're not an extra, they're, they're critical. And so if you come by our building. The first thing you'll see is a beautiful mosaic, above the door at 408 Broadway, which is actually the entrance to our extended Counseling Center for to Broadway, same building just around the corner is the tenant entrance, but it above our weight, you'll see this beautiful mosaic, if you just go right behind the, it's a little hidden but it's outside right behind the brick pillar see this beautiful heron. And then if you look through the glass into the entryway to our counseling center you'll see the Salish Sea on two walls. This was all done by Claudia Retton air from zero tiles, and starting today, we have a mural being painted on the outside in the parking lot, so it will be in three different spots in the parking lot. It's being painted by a party called the



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artist and I'm super excited about it and I'm incredibly excited that he's getting started today because that means he'll finish the first section before I retire. So you're welcome to come by and, you know, if you if you want to see the inside I can't show you in a units but I can show you the common space that we have a beautiful community room in addition to that rooftop garden. I can show you some other art features, but I am retiring July 9 So I'll put my, my contact information in the chat, I'd be happy to give you a quick tour. It doesn't take long since we can't see you and it's.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Miriam. Danielle Yeah have you been hand up.

Danielle

Hello, man. No for me. I just wanted to just congratulate you on all that you have done like that agency. I really believe what Tom goes through the rest of the body, and you definitely cared for this big resounding vision of taking care of people who have experienced trauma, and I just appreciate your intentionality. What you did is unprecedented in the Divi world, I've seen other dbx programs and is unprecedented. And I just hope that other programs can gleam from what happened at the why and follow that and follow that example and I just want to congratulate you and I just wish you the best and I hope to see you in the community. I grow up I hope to be just like you.

Well, I'm not leaving the comma i love to come out to come as my home, I moved here in 2000. I've lived her longer than anywhere else at this point. But thank you so much and I also want to just say just to kind of plant a seed. One of the things that keeps me going is trying to remember to always look through an abundance land and not abundance lands and not a scarcity lands, and I think a lot of time especially maybe in nonprofits, I don't know, I've only worked in nonprofits. We can slip into scarcity pretty easy. But when that happens, then we're not really serving our staff or clients, or anyone in the same way that we can be if we just, and I have to remind myself sometimes like, Oh, you're, you're slipping into scarcity scarcity thinking leads to fear. And for me that paralyzes me, so I just tried to bring myself right back up into thinking about abundance. And the other thing I want to say cuz maybe if I actually really do this, you'll all buy my book probably never right. But if I write a book that probably no one will want to publish the title of B when good enough isn't, and it's the whole concept of how we treat people by giving them kind of like, you know, You know what I mean I did a TED talk about this, giving them like the things we don't need anymore with holes in them and thinking that's good enough. It's actually not, it should be buying them new clothes, makes a real difference for people when you hand them something new. Yeah. Are there other questions or I haven't really like, oh, it's not just for domestic violence victims. 75% are for people who were in, were currently homeless when they moved into our building. Our property manager, did all the screening for US Coast management, and 25% are for other other barriers like domestic violence, disability, things like that.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Kevin. Thanks, Mary. I want to share two thoughts one is I'm really appreciate how you have led through a racial equity lens, and you've always been at the forefront, not just with the work at the Y, but



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in our larger community of calling us to honest conversations about the need to address racial inequality and so I've really impressed your how articulate you've been on that and how much you've been out in front, and pulling us along with you. Then on a personal note, I want to say, kind of the servant leadership model. I don't know if you remember this but we first really started chatting outside the food connection, this European bakery had opened up in Gig Harbor and you were over on that side of the bridge at the time and you would pick up the the donated bread and bring it down. And of course folks would come right to the car and you just started handing it out because and I remember talking to you, she's like I can't do this at my work because I you know I'm the, I have to do all the official director things. So as human contact and I just always like taking that image of you handing bread out and having conversations with the people who came up to you and helping them pick out the kind of bread that they like and how much joy you had while you did that so it wasn't just all the big edifices it was the one to one that I'll put as a lesson. So, thank you Kim I actually forgot about that I call that my bread ministry I'd go on my lunch hour. Yeah, yeah, it was great. You

know I'd give the clients here at the time really at the shelter but didn't have these multiple buildings and, and they would get all the bread they want it, It was, it's actually bred from paneros It was only, it was very fresh, they don't sell daily bread there, and it was pastries as well. And then what I'm going to do because literally filled my Prius, to the max, every single Sunday night, so I'd show up Monday, my lunch shower or Tuesday sometimes.

Miriam Barnett

Yeah, thank you for letting me do. I didn't ask permission by the way, that's how I work, sometimes you can ask for

Kevin Glackin-Coley

forgiveness. That's my motto.

Yeah, mine too. Yeah, and we still have so much work to do in our community with racial justice, and I am not going to stop. I mean, you know, Manny Ellis's murderers are still on the payroll I can barely breathe when I think about it, it makes me so angry, so I hope you'll continue to fight for justice in our community because we've got work to do. All right, any last questions for Maria, who was coming into my position, well that's a big mystery. There's two finalists ones being interviewed right now by the board ones interviewed. Following that, I understand their decision will be made July 1 And I now know who they are but I cannot say anything, of course, so you'll know hopefully soon I know very stressful. Somebody said to me, it's so much easier arriving, but it is leaving and I can attest to that being true. There's a lot to leaving.

Rob Huff

Well, thank you again Marian for taking the time to join us this morning, and for all that you've done for the community over, over the years.



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Okay, and before I leave, I'm just gonna go ahead and put my email address in here okay and if I'm really serious, if I'm, I think I can fit it into my schedule. I'll make it happen. Even if it's on a weekend so I'm just gonna leave this before I get off the call. This is only good till July 9.

Rob Huff

Put that in here so you remember. Perfect, thank you very much. Thank you. Okay, so let's shift to this morning's business. We'll start with a brief, this week on the streets, section, and it will lead into the conversation that we're going to have about the response to the heat emergency that's forecast for this weekend, so let's start with this week on the streets things that people are seeing on the streets, changes needs I know this is going to spill over into the next section but if you have anything, please raise your hand or raise your digital hand or whichever so that I can call on you and we'll go from there. Arrow I see you first.

Arrow

Okay, so, um, Food Not Bombs has been defying street medics pretty much seven days a week at this point. For the past two weeks, I would say, we've also, we saw the camps that we have been serving currently are the 509 camp which then that has been evicted, and there's a new camp, that's that we've been serving. Now we're doing a eighth in Yakima. We've also started under the 705 bridge. We also do sixth and M. And those are sort of the main camps that we've been serving right now but we're going to pick up a new camp that was offered that we should start serving as well so every Saturday we do our food water hygiene supplies menstrual packs, tents, tarps things that we've done and then throughout the week we do our medical rounds, which includes post hospital care, wound care and things like that so we've pretty much been going seven days a week at this point. And one of the things I wanted to share in terms of what's going on in the streets right now is that the seven, or the 509 camp was evicted, and about half of the camp members moved across the river, which now I don't mind sharing it was confidential but now I don't mind sharing was right behind the tagro plant, and yesterday or two days ago they received notice that they're going to get evicted from there. There is an issue in terms of dealing with that eviction because it's tribal land, so like pressuring the City of Tacoma is less about stopping the eviction and more about providing a space for them to go. So if we're wanting to try to pressure the city I feel like, you know, hey, the tribe is going to come and evict we need some work to for these folks to go. The folks that are going to get evicted include elders, trans folks black folks, there's currently someone who just got out of the hospital from a gunshot wound that we've been doing daily wound care with his wounds are healing great, they look great, they're gonna do great. But getting evicted from here, then means that it's going to be more difficult for us to find him to do daily treatment on his wound care. And so that's one issue that's going to be going on. Another issue is there's been some severe infections out on the eighth and Yakima camp that really need like care immediately. In terms of like abscess infections, as well as cellulitis and things like that that have sort of spun out of control. We just started under the 705 Bridge and they're now starting to sort of trust us, so you know that's one of the benefits of doing the the MediCal program that we do, is that like there's an inherent vulnerability to like allowing people to do medical work with you. So now that we have the reputation in



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the community, like we're doing more and more and more and more and more people are sort of opening up to allowing us to do the medical work, the 700 or the 705 Bridge there's a pretty severe need for medical work under the 705 bridge. So if we have anyone, any more folks who are nurses or EMTs, I'm already training street medics, but it would not be right for me to take on a whole bunch of more untrained street medics it's without taking on more trained and licensed people. So there's kind of a need for that in our MediCal program. The last thing I want to offer is that we are to last two things one, we're heading out today with my truck full of water, I've got a big heavy VA that we're going to fill all the way to the brim with water, and we'll hand it out all day today, tomorrow we'll also go out and do our regular Saturday distribution, if folks know of camps that we're currently not serving drop it in the chat so we can get water to them. And then the last thing I'll say is was we did meet with the mayor this week. Food Not Bombs and we brought two of our houseless neighbors with us, who, who are really good organizers, and, and really, like, community oriented and things like that. One black man JR and one woman rosemary, and we met with the mayor and the mayor agreed to support sanctioned encampments, but it has to be on the list that they gave us in terms of property, we have a list in terms of city owned property that we can look into for sanctioned encampments. She also said she'd support a Community Land Trust which I believe to Houma community land trust is on here. Food Not Bombs is also creating a land trust called Grit city Land Trust, which is going to be a very low barrier, it's a little different than what the home is building but we'd like to meet with the Houma, and the last thing was that mayor did offer to support so to support Food Not Bombs MediCal program with with medical supplies. So, if we offer receipts and things like that, but we need a fiscal sponsor because Food Not Bombs is not a nonprofit. So if Coalition on Homelessness would sponsor us to turn in the receipts for our medical work we would greatly appreciate that. And the last thing, what the mayor with the mayor was that she's still not 100% behind being against the camping ban. And so we really have to pressure her, she's moved a little bit when I first talked to her, she said, You know I support it, now she's saying I won't support it and tell and tell there's a promise that no one will be hurt from it, and I told her mayor, we need you to, to not support any camping ban in the city of Tacoma, until everyone is housed, period. And so that's kind of where we're at now if we can try to push her a little bit I think that that would be good so that's Food Not Bombs that's where we're going on unless Jacob has anything else to offer, or I'm sorry Wolf. Nope, that covers it.

Rob Huff

Well you're seeing a lot of things in the chat. Thank you for the work that you guys are doing is critical and thanks for the heads up as well about the, the new sweep coming in the tide flats area. Anyone else with a quick update from on the streets before we move into the discussion about the heat emergency. Okay, let's go ahead and shift gears if there are additional pieces of information again just a reminder that you can use the chat. That becomes a repository for all the requests and information in each of these meetings so please feel free to use that to archive things, Maureen, do you want to start with discussion about the heat emergency response.

Maureen Howard

Thank you. I want a water truck. I've followed them in rural South Africa filling up SR and so that's what I want now to go with my RV park desire. So, so I've been trying to update people, the either the



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steering committee or the full coalition. And so this is where we are now. Thanks to Jan run back and her husband, Mike mo it. Um, we're gonna make Jan the queen of water. And, oh, Jan got and her husband got two pallets, free this is this waters free from nourish Pierce County, delivered yesterday to the stability site I think. Yes, we got to the stability site by reaching out to the Tacoma rescue mission, and then to CCS and then asking, Linda Stewart with NCS if they read, you know, offer any kind of city help and Linda came back with a stability site and so I think that's going to work well because it's 24 Seven. Already the waters inside gate. The only issue was how could we get more water if we needed it. I sent out a request for who needed water, and how much they thought they would need. And we have a way to resupply, this weekend. And we can. We had hoped we could resupply out of Costco, but they've got a five case limit. So unless we can talk our way around that resupplying is going to be a little more difficult than we have thought. But we'll work on that later today. Jan and Mike were also able to get the emergency food network to deliver two pallets to the Salvation Army in Puyallup, that water has to go out by one o'clock today. So if there's anybody on this call, who can use water, and can get to leave this call and go pick up water, because we won't be able to access it until Salvation Army reopens again sometime next week because they whomever had to declare this and emergence, severe emergency did not do so. The, what are the emergency management, the Department of Emergency Management cannot purchase water. Yeah, it's just the things we just have to deal with. So the city of Lakewood and sit in Puyallup are both looking for water yesterday afternoon so we let them know through Pierce County Human Services that we did have water in Puyallup. We're pretty sure the water out of stability site will go. But it, our bigger concern is getting the water out of Puyallup quickly enough. The to get the water, and all of the informations in the emails that have been going to the full coalition, I'll do another one. After this meeting with an updated outreach chart that kind of thing. And then we will basically what you do is you, you show up at the stability site, you give your name, your organization, you're not doesn't have to be written down, you don't have to be a 501 C three, if you are a community volunteer say that if you are in any way affiliated with his coalition say that and take the water you need for the day. All right, so that we can extend its use as far as possible. We, the city is not itself, opening cooling centers but rise is now, Garrett is updating the coalition's website, constantly. So, if you have a new information about resources, send that to him, and he'll add that to the website, Rob Huff is in charge of social media, Megan Cape said to help him out. We're not going to try and keep everything on social media. It's more, if we can just answer questions and put things out there that we know or are going to sort of endure, if you will, so that people don't get bad information because they're coming in a day later or something. As far as people going out and just a moment Rob is going to put up a chart that I put together. You know I don't know why we're doing this, honest to God, it seems to me that the care of unsheltered sheltered people ought to be a priority for our local governments, and I don't know if Miriam's still on the call or not but I'm just like, I can't, I can't believe that this is falling to us to organize. So, I've tried to identify as many encampments, as people have given me or I know about Avast all of the outreach teams, whether they are funded or they are volunteer groups we know about. If they're where they're going, if they're going where they're going and when they're going which days. And like I said, we'll put that up in a minute for people to take a look. Here it is. Okay, so this is pretty basic. If you and I don't know. Can you write on, as people talk, Rob for a minute if they see something, if not we'll catch it in the chat. So, six than m, if there's an error tell us there's an error. All right, six, seven m eight in Yakima and and more than one group can go, these are not proprietary. All right.



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There's a small encampment between second and third and end South G, across from rights Park, there's one back at seventh and Fossett I think it might be the same one people are saying seventh and Tacoma Avenue, but I'm not positive. I didn't camp out on the high elbows. The 705 34th am Pacific 38th and McKinley that's at the off ramp about a block from the fire station. I don't know if this is two encampments. And I don't know if they're both McKinley 74th and McKinley 72nd and McKinley, 69th and proctor Wapato Hills is metro parks, they've got five campers there and three dogs, and they say you can drop the water at the corner. I'm getting like more into this than I had realized Metro Parks also has several campers at Oak Tree Park, I reached out to Metro Parks, to the Port of Tacoma and to Washington State Parks and asked if they had encampments they knew of that might need water, And if they needed help. Get a water. So Metro Parks came back with these to the Port Said they didn't have any they knew of needed any assistance, and the state parks didn't come back. I put that RV park ording Sumner. I know Paulo's doing new hopes got a big, a they're over on that property Peninsula, working with those folks. But, Paulo is going to check and see if they needed water if they've got drink enough drinking water there that's that encampment that's not an encampment it's a mobile home park where they've added about 50, RVs, in various states of disrepair. And we know that there are elderly people there are people with disabilities and there are children with their families there. The safe parking sites, I don't know if TRM just came in and said they would include them if. So they just they need the addresses If Jan or or Collin, if that's a need, if they're covered, we're not going to worry about them. Nativity house I don't know if anybody's on from nativity house. They asked about water they were thinking about setting up sort of respite. I guess shade tents or something in the parking lot there. And I don't know, I haven't heard that that's confirmed or not, some of the groups just like the People's Assembly and the two to come on mutual aid collective, they don't really identify where they go by the named encampment away some of us do, so that the hilltop encampments or the downtown ones. There are two small encampments that keep an insular folks came in with just, you know, five or six people in each, and then like I say Paula's out there today with all of her stuff. And then, Kimberly, Allison from TRM said that they're going to several locations in Lakewood. Now, we know that they have. We know from Jeff Rogers, who's with Pierce County Human Services, he's the supervisor for the homeless programs, Jeff has been participating in the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management meetings and then updating me as well as Heather Mohsen and John Harvey, who are above human structure, and it's clear from what Jeff has has reported that the smaller cities really are trying to figure out how they're going to meet the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness in their cities, even if that's not what they call them if they don't call them people on the streets, whatever it is they say so. So we know that that people are working, you know, within the governmental system. We just don't know what it all looks like. So, we know that we have additional trucks available if needed. Garrett and money and Jeffrey voice Monique Brown and Jeffrey voice, have all said that they've got hiccups that are available. We know people are reaching out through social media asking how they can help. We know that Megan has offered to reach out to two comma democratic socialists of America if we need people. I don't know how many people we need and I know sometimes you're gonna have too many people in the wrong place. No Heroics if you're going out. No Heroics This is, like, when you're flying with a child and they tell you at the beginning of the flight to put the child's oxygen mask on first, you stay hydrated first so that you then can help somebody else. And this is not, this is the time when if you see signs of heatstroke. The any kind of illness, out in the anybody in the



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encampments, or who's on the street. It's a 911 call. And it's a Pierce County Emergency Center call. If you see something that you believe as a citizen, that our local government ought to be responding to. When what else, for the folks in encampments when you're talking to people if you know people, or people with their stuff on the street, wherever they are. We can help them replace their stuff. We can not help them replace their life. So if it's a matter of I won't leave because even though I need medical attention because of my stuff. We can help with the stuff after the fact. Now, back to water. The City of Tacoma. Linda Stewart told us the beginning of the week that the city will reimburse for water that is purchased and used within the city limits. We are, we reached out to associated ministries, they actually arrow, we're not a 501 C three either. All right, those are the smiles while you were looking for a fiscal sponsor. So associated Ministries has acted as our fiscal sponsor for which we are most grateful. And we reached out to them and they will be the fiscal sponsor for this purpose, as well, but we do not have the details worked out yet, but associated Ministries has to meet with the city to work out the administrative end. I cannot promise that you will be reimbursed for water used in this city. I can promise we will try to make that happen. I have asked repeatedly that the county do the same thing. I don't have any answer from the county, yet. So I, that's pretty much it. I saw an email come in from Jeff Rogers and I'm going to be quiet for a moment and see if that is part of this conversation. And please, questions, all that sort of comments whatever out loud or in the chat.

Rob Huff

Yeah. Anybody have questions, just raise their hand or leg me so I can know you want to talk. Yeah, Janet,

Janet Runbeck

I believe, Linda Stewart also said that the city would reimburse for garbage bags. They will do it one by one and so Jeffrey take that over because Jeffrey's done it as a volunteer, associate administrator would be the fiscal agent. I believe for the garbage bags, also.

Maureen Howard

Yes, that's correct. And we'll, we'll give out details on on this, as soon as we have them. Now Garrett was i He's not available. Now I don't think, but we will. He was supposed to do a garbage bag run I don't know if he got it done or not yesterday. But, but yeah garbage and we have not worked out the pickup dump stuff, but I just, we can only do so many things that time. Listen, I'm gonna go through the update that Jeff Rogers just sent Okay.

Rob Huff

All right, actually before you do that Steven had a question real quick.

Maureen Howard

Okay, sure.

Stephen Sprague



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I just wanted to let everyone know that the partitions are completed on the women's side of the dorms at the Nativity house so if you know of any women that need off the street this weekend, please send them. We're going back to 100% capacity, so just FYI. Thank you.

Maureen Howard

Okay, We've got cooling openings key Peninsula Civic Center. During the day today. And then basically tomorrow afternoon Sunday and Saturday Sunday and Monday and Tuesday. Starting at one in the afternoon. Let's I'm trying to see what else is here they'll have iced water all day and night, on The key Peninsula, those of you on the key. Korean Women's Association will begin a cooling and quality air quality Relief Center. On Monday, at Lighthouse, which is 5016, a street, and they'll be open weekdays from 830 until five when the temperature is above 85 degrees and Garrett I'll add these to the coalition's website, and I expect that more things are going to come in as it just takes local jurisdictions, Ohio. Oh good, Alan, I just saw Alan posted about the, the Family Housing Network. So I reached out to Alan and I reached out to Kevin Bates at Helping Hand house to see, and family shelter people, people who do family shelters, not the family shelter but people do family shelters, know that there are a limited number of hotel vouchers with fam for families with children and veterans. And if anybody else has vouchers available, please let us know. All right, I'm checking with helping hand house to see if they have any my targets are children who are in cars, people who need medical respite, and the elderly. Um, what else.

Rob Huff

So Maureen you said you're gonna put together a kind of summary email after the meeting today.

Maureen Howard

I just went way over my time, I'm sorry.

Rob Huff

No, no, it's good, it's, it's a breaking issue so I think it's really important that we all know what the resources are. So if folks have other questions, please drop them in the chat or other resources that we're not aware of. We can go through the chat to add additional information to the cooling center page on the PC homeless website as well as oh I see your hand up.

Arrow

Hey yeah so I'm watching these temperatures also that this program is supposed to end on, on Monday. And, but the temperatures are going up on for Tuesday and now it's already at 90 The temperatures on Monday are saying potentially upwards of one away. And so I'm wondering if we would be able to talk to the city a little bit about expanding the program, at least to the end of the next week or at least till Wednesday or, you know what I mean so I don't know if someone's in there, they could do that.

Maureen Howard



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Yes, we saw the program is ours. And it's a matter of being able to get the water. Okay. And so we'll be working on that later today but yeah no we're, I think at this point, it's safe to say, everybody's watching the temperatures, and that we're just like we're starting to see, like the Kenai Peninsula people coming in and saying, Monday and Tuesday. Yeah, and the Korean Women's Association saying after over 85 degrees. And that's the City of Tacoma new program. So, yeah, definitely. Thank you. No thank you. Thanks. All right. Yeah, everything, everything we don't know about keep water in your cars, you know.

Rob Huff

Yep, thanks for your energy Maureen and for everybody else contributing. So real quick, I wanted to shift gears to something that's not on the agenda just for a real quick update from Laurie Davenport regarding the announcement yesterday related to the eviction moratorium and what it might mean for Pierce County, both Maureen and Laurie are quoted in a newspaper article in the News Tribune. That at least is online today probably going to be in print over the weekend. So, what can you tell us Laurie.

Laurie Davenport

So, We don't know too much in terms of what's going to be in the proclamation, I What I've heard is that there's still a lot of negotiation and discussion going on because, you know, we've got two sides to this so we don't know if that means anything different for the eviction process or not but because it was a little vague. What we do know is that the reason this isn't an extension, it's a bridge, bridge from the eviction moratorium to the housing stability is the idea. Fact is, most of the state is not ready to go with rolling out rental assistance with the eviction resolution program, or with the right to counsel, that's, this is not true for Pierce County. We are doing rental assistance. We have a lot of people waiting but it's getting out and there is so much more coming. We need to get a chance to get as many people as possible into that program. Eviction resolution program becomes mandatory on July 1 And we have that program running. No one can evict anyone. As of July 1 without getting a certificate from the Center for dialogue and resolution that they have attempted to reach an agreement. So, the eviction process. When that starts to happen and it will start to happen slowly and that's that I think the design. Because renters will have to start paying rent August 1 Whether it's for rent, or negotiate and payment plan rent or whatever so it will start to happen but hopefully it's a slow rollout, we have the right to counsel, ready to go July 1 We have, I believe, eight, attorneys, so we are ready to go, and they are awesome. Starting, most of them starting July 1 So Pierce County is in good shape. Basically this this grace period is for most of the state to get up and running, including King County which is not doing as well as we are, so.

Rob Huff

Well thank you for the work you're doing Laurie, and for that update. And as you guys, as both Maureen and Lori said in the newspaper article the key now is to encourage people to stay in their housing, work with their landlords, and then if needed work with with Laurie and her folks and the folks from the Center for dialogue and resolution.

Maureen Howard

Yep, remember that you're protected



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Laurie Davenport

those protections are in place as of July one.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. Alright so I know. Like always, we're a little behind on our agenda, but I wanted to shift gears over to invite Timothy Harris to talk with us about the project that he's alluded to before, and a couple a couple of weeks ago, but wanted to give him 10 minutes or so to talk about the dignity city street paper that you're working on.

Tim Harris

Thank you so much. Can everybody hear me. Good. Great. Well, first of all, I want to say that I've been attending these meetings for the last, I don't know, four weeks or so, and I am just blown away by the work you all are doing so I just wanted to recognize that, and let you know how much I am looking forward to working with you all. Um, I'm going to take about five minutes to talk about the new project and my hopes for Tacoma and then we'll have some time for questions and feedback, a little about myself. I started my first street paper in Boston in the early 90s and moved to Seattle to start real change and 94. I'm a leader in both the North American and international street paper movements and I've been a board member with the international network of st papers based in Glasgow since 2016. So street papers have pretty much been my pen my life. To me, one of the most devastating aspects of homelessness is the every day, isolation, and dehumanization that is involved and I see street papers as a bit of an antidote to that, I think that street papers are essentially humanizing. They're a low threshold work opportunity that meets people without judgment, where they're at. They're an alternative for those who often have a tough time finding and maintaining regular work to the kinds of vulnerabilities that come with engaging in the underground economy. They help lift people out of that sense of having no good options for themselves. Um, the way street papers work, is that vendors are self employed, they buy their papers up front for a fraction of the cover price, it will change the way it works is it 60 cents to the vendors and the papers sold on the street for \$2 plus tips, and the vendors of course keep all of that, people get their starter papers and their badge for free, they start selling immediately after a brief orientation. Over the years, vendor after vendor has told me that while the money matters, what people value most is the human interaction, street papers, erode the barriers between homeless and house people and the relationships that get formed between vendors and their customers. I've seen as transformative on both sides, I think the relationship piece of it is really the transformative part of what street papers do during the 26 years that I spent it real change, almost 15,000 vendors have sold the paper, the impact of that has just been enormous. And at this point in my life, I'm interested in extending the street paper model in ways that haven't been done before. When you look at the Pacific Northwest. They're street papers in Seattle, Portland and Denver, and that's it. What I'm working on is a street paper model it's called dignity city that can bring this opportunity to places like to come, Olympia Spokane and Everett. And that happens by creating partnerships with local providers, the big innovation in the street paper idea that I'm working with is that instead of building a free standing and unique paper one community at a time. Dignity cities centralizes the things like fundraising marketing producing the magazine and collaborates with an inverse and local partners



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on things like vendor recruitment and support, and the vision is to make it possible for any community that wants a street paper to have one without having to start everything from scratch, for a variety of reasons, I've decided to start this project and Tacoma and Olympia. And, you know, given the slightest encouragement, I'm going to be moving to Pierce County in September, to work on this project. The plan is to publish a first issue in November, and to spend the following year working the bugs out of the model that can then be taken regionally and perhaps even nationally. So if any of this interests you, I'd love to talk I'm going to put my name and email in the chat. And I encourage you know I'm in the relationship building, part of getting this thing off the ground I want to talk to anybody who's interested and I think we've got some time for questions now.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Timothy. Yeah, so we do have a few minutes for questions if anybody has any. Just raise your hand or a wave or whatever to catch my attention. Maureen, you're muted morning

Maureen Howard

trying to be Hey, not so much a question is that so people know how Timothy got here. And sometimes I think people wonder why do we spend time talking about the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and the National Low Income Housing Coalition and things like that. So Rachel Meyers, who's the executive director of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance sent an email to me saying Maureen I'd like to introduce Timothy Harris, And that's how he got here, so.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Thank you, Teresa. Hi. Well, it's a wonderful idea, and I wonder. My question is about content, how would the content be any different for I'm sorry I'm croaky today. For that, Tacoma Olympia area than it is for Seattle's,

Tim Harris

it's gonna be pretty different, you know, there's a few pieces of this project. Let me just say that it's going to be a magazine, it's going to be more general interest I think, then the real change paper is, I want this to be a magazine, it's a magazine that doesn't feed the polarization that we are seeing across our political culture. I want it to have an advocacy and housing and homelessness agenda that is really focused on the people who are experiencing homelessness, really, kind of, you know, brings that lived experience into the paper and focuses on the people. Um, and, you know, it will start being in terms of news being focused on the Olympia Tacoma area, and I think over time as it develops and other and other communities will figure out how to switch out pages of the paper so that there will be unique news content to communities that is publishing.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. So anybody else with questions for Timothy before we move on to the next item. Alright Timothy I'm not seeing any right now so thank you very much for being here for sharing the work that you're doing and we look forward to seeing how this is all gonna work out how we can help and be supportive.



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Tim Harris

Thank you so much I'm just putting my email in the chat right now and I really, really encourage anybody that is curious wants to talk to me, wants to initiate a conversation. Don't hesitate at all. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. All right, so I'm going to shift gears over to invite Mike boys sure to give us an update on the shelter workgroup meeting that took place earlier this week. For Pierce County and the efforts to industry homelessness by November one.

Mike Boisture

Thank you, Rob, and Garrett just showed up. That's good. So I just want to say this is probably, it was a very good meeting. And I don't know if it was carrot because he was facilitating the meeting. But, you know, you take what you get. And I think it was one of the better meetings that we had. So, let me just go through a few things. We talked an awful lot about data, I call it data elements where we get it. They reviewed Hemis, which is the Homeless Management Information System. They reviewed that a little bit, then we talked about the point in time count. And then also there's other either organizations, providers and so on so forth is out there that's collecting data. Okay. And so we're trying to gather all that data. Okay, which will also be kind of a springboard of the kind of survey that we're going to be asking people for, and we're going to use the people that are already on the street, there's so many people out there that are with the homeless population that we're going to use them. And so, that was some of our conversation. And one of the things I'm not sure who brought it up but we're going to need a lot of people to help us when we get this survey, put together. Because we're in this time crunch that we're in. Okay, one of the statements that was made it was pretty good. Was shelter preference survey of people experiencing homelessness. That's what we're trying to do, how to collect information about shelter models. One of the people asked in our conversation was, who else is doing, you know, surveys, what are they asking and outside of Pierce County, even outside of our state. Okay, and I'm one of those people that I don't like to reinvent the wheel if someone's already got something that works. Okay, maybe we can use that. Okay. Um, let me look at my list here. That was that I sent out, and I hit the, I thought I was hitting the back button when I hit return at the beginning of the meeting, and I sent out the 2021 Comprehensive Plan. Also the website, everything that we're doing is now on the Pierce County website. Even the meeting that we had yesterday was recorded. It says, you can listen to the meeting that was out there. Also I sent all the dates, and then also the generic Zoom meeting path, So that was on that very first night. Note that I put in the chat. So I think Maureen jumped in there she was on the call as well, and I don't know if I missed something. Garrett Maureen, any other additional. Then I got one more thing after that. Looks like you're getting thumbs up. Outstanding. So the other thing that I want to say Maureen, thumbs up to you. Good job. I wish I could have made the 509 debrief. I abused. Both the documents that being the chat. And I think Rob you put it together. And I've used some of those. As far as I'm going to take those at the next meeting and say hey these are some of the things that we need to take a look at. So, that's kind of a report. But please, if you're thinking about you know what can we do for a survey if you're interested in helping on the survey. Feed



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me. Feed me. Feed me. Or I think Garrett's gonna be coming back with a few things that our next meeting. And during our kind of a between this meeting and the next. I think Garrett was going to be setting some visits up for us to go and take a look at some sites, and so on so forth. So, and just to point information maybe I'd put it in there, Rob, we need to change my email address because before too long. My other one is going to be discontinued.

Rob Huff

Okay, great. If you put that in the chat we'll capture that. Okay. And speaking of surveys I see Joanne has her hand up.

Joanne Iverson

Yeah, so I have a survey going out already, Mike, so I put in my. Give me a private message as well let's work together, because I have this initial survey with the deadline of July 1 And I've been distributing it to Kitsap area as well as Pierce and all of you so maybe initial results would be great. And then Mike, maybe you and I can go over those results and then that can help form that next survey. I think that's what the county and city needs to hear. They need to hear from the people themselves on the street they need to hear from those of us working with them, they need, we need to hear from the police, media from the county and city officials because I've circulated it to them as well. I haven't had as big as responses I would like. So if those of you on the call, could it takes five to seven minutes just take a peek at it I have the link in the chat and I've also sent it to the email your listserv. So if we could just, it's real quick, and it's very simple and alive, it may be like Oh, everybody knows this but if we have all of our collective voices, it might be more of a advocacy than for our unsheltered residents. So, very good mic, I'll give you my information in the chat. Okay,

Mike Boisture

perfect, thank you.

Rob Huff

All right thank you Mike for that date, and I know there's a lot more to come and a lot to get done in a few, few weeks. Thank you for your work. So let's shift over to our government updates we had an item on the agenda with Jenny Lordan regarding the housing vouchers, I don't see Jenny in the meeting right now, so. Oh, you are.

Jenny Lorton

I'm on the phone. I left my, I'm going out to my parents because I need to meet my dad, this morning, so I love the phone. Can everybody hear me okay. Yeah, we can hear you. Okay, I'm in my car so it's a little noisy, but I'm here. So updates on vouchers MLU which means Cobra housing authority can Pierce County Human Services was approved by the CLC on Wednesday, so yay for that. That's a huge step. So, Pierce County Housing Authority has not established their guidelines for their vouchers, as of yet. They have Pierce County Housing Authority has 62 vouchers. So more to come on their vouchers and how those are going to be utilized to come a Housing Authority has 134 vouchers. So, how those are going to work is referrals for those vouchers are going to come from. Coordinated Entry



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directly from the Coordinated Entry specialists when they have diversion conversations. So, when the diversion conversation occurs and household or individual is identified as essential is use for the agency voucher, they are going to be entered into here and we're opening a new project that is going to say, diversion cannot open entry record. And so the system specialists will be able to read. And then they will also be referred from rapid rehousing. So the Rapid Rehousing case managers. If a family is struggling to stabilize in Rapid Rehousing so they are at risk of falling back to homelessness. When the rapid rehousing. The Rapid Rehousing case manager will be able to refer them. So same thing they will enter them into so rapid rehousing. And then what's going to happen is through a referral pipeline, a prioritization list will be generated. So, the same prioritization rules that we're currently using kind of a mini prioritization list will be generated and then never Tacoma housing authority or Pierce County. That's not yet been established that they contract with to do the application process, gathering documentation. supportive services will then take that list, and they will start at the top and work their way down, getting questions on that process or how that's going to work.

Rob Huff

So I'm not seeing any questions yet. The one thing I will say Jenny is exactly what Maureen dropped in the chat that you probably can't see that it'd be helpful to have a kind of visual of this not obviously now, but it'd be helpful to be able to visualize how that flow works for the process.

Absolutely AUI with Tacoma Housing Authority is working on the marketing that's going to go out to the community, all of the providers, of course, all of us with the coalition. So, because the MLU was just approved, she's working on that marketing. So we are on track to launch July 1. And then it's going to be. There's a question that's currently outstanding as to whether a procurement processes is going to have to happen for the service provider who's going to provide the support services. There is an allotment of money 30 \$500 per voucher for the service providers, going to support with that application process, housing navigation, all of that. And so that's going to need to happen very fast. If we want to launch July 1. So there's going to be marketing, you should be seeing.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you. Thank you Jenny and so any additional questions that folks have please drop them in the chat we'll route those to Jenny, so that she can answer offline. And thank you for calling in on your phone, Jenny.

Yeah, no problem. I'll make sure that I get back to anybody who has questions via email or through the listserv. Perfect. All right, thanks everybody.

Rob Huff

Yep. Drive safe. Yeah. So let's shift to our government updates, and then we will start with the City of Tacoma updates, Clarissa, I see you're on the call, do you have an update for the City of Tacoma,



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Klarissa Monteros

everyone. Yes, I have an update for you. Okay so, cooling centers and clean air shelter. Rise we'll be opening a cooling center over the weekend, as we discussed in the city has supported them with water and snacks. In addition, the city is working with Korean Women's Association to begin operating a cooling and air quality Relief Center. The city anticipates the center opening on Monday, June 28 at the lighthouse activity center, 5106, a stream. The center will be open on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:30pm when temperature forecast is above 85 degrees Fahrenheit, or Puget Sound, Clean Air agency declares air quality as unhealthy for sensitive groups. The center is able to accommodate 50 people at a time, and is open to walk ins, on a first come first serve basis. The city is working with kW a to establish weekend hours in the future for hygiene stations. The city is currently operating temporary hygiene stations at a thing yeah come on, on private property and 705 and Ace G on ws dot OnProperty these temporary stations provide restaurants, and washing stations, trash removal and 24 Seven on site security, his community members have questions or concerns about either of the hygiene station locations, they can contact to 532501766. More information on hygiene stations is available at our website, and I am putting the link in the chat. I'm the 69th in proctor micro shelter. There's the link as discuss at the council study session on May 11 The city plans to establish a micro shelter location on city control property as South 69th and proctor staff is beginning the site planning process and expect the location to be operational in mid September. The property of South 69th In proctor will allow for the relocation of 15 Micro shelter units currently located at East 60th and McKinley, an expansion of up to 20 additional units. The city hosted a community listening session on June 23 There are a number of available spaces at Bethlehem, which serves single women couples, families should the coalition members be aware of any individuals who will benefit from a referral. The city also posts weekly information about his temporary emergency shelter locations including census, number of available beds and access to housing. This information can be found at this link that I'm also putting in the chat. Yeah Matt updates today, and the rental assistance portal is now open residents may find more information at this third link that I'm putting in the chat. The program provides up to 12 months of assistance dating back to March 2020 and serves households up to 80% of Pierce County area median income. Applicants may also qualify for utility assistance to the program. The city remains committed to reducing racial disparities in our service delivery, and for this reason has the goal of providing, at least 45% of the assistance to households headed by persons of color in 2020 78% of the households served by our emergency rental assistance programs were households with head of households identifying as black indigenous or a person of color. Today 59% of households served by the 2021 program are headed by bipoc, through June 11 The city's funding has supported 208 households, and provided \$1,258,030 in rental assistance. The city has also provided 206 households with \$235,528 and utility assistance through June 11 The city's went to assistance plan at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has received 27 gifts, totaling \$29,820 That's pretty cool. We also have some council updates MCs providing an update to city council on the 22nd. I will put that link inside the chat as well. And the first reading of the no camping ordinance and development by council has been rescheduled out this is an older one. Does the audit day difficult guys, so here's the link to the counselor session in the chat. And that's everything I have for you guys today.

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Thankfully, thank you, Clarissa. So let's shift over to Pearson oh sorry Megan, I saw your hand up late there you want to ask a question.

Megan Capes

Yeah, I just have a question for Clarissa, about the 69th proctor site. Um, I work at my day job as a teacher at one of the neighboring schools near 60 nights in Proctor, there's two, there's, like, mt ci is really close and then I work at grey, and then there's also Manito Park. Um, I, my last week there last week I had a handful of staff and. And also, like school admin, asking me about the site cuz they saw the News Tribune article, but like I don't think anyone has done any outreach to those schools. I would advocate that the city. I guess boost the community engagement around this because when there's not any type of the community engagement, A lot of folks like jump to like the worst assumptions, or like, or with lack of information, like tend to, yeah, that myths miscommunication can kind of fly, especially that whole neighborhood. A lot of students walk in the yeah so walk to school. So, just, just doing that. I think would be helpful.

Klarissa Monteros

Yeah. I also live in the community. This is my home community where it's being set up. And I know there's community meetings that be held that they have been holding that's open to the public. Are you thinking about something in addition to that, like personal outreach to the school

Megan Capes

boy just know that they're within walking distance to the site, there's three schools in that area, I'm wondering, at least letting the school administration know. Um, yeah, that would be kind of, I think really helpful, just so that they're aware in case there's like parents that reached out to them or any type of stuff so

Klarissa Monteros

it's a great idea and I also have been wanting just a side note as to maybe, um, I think what you said is real is true. And I think there's a lot of bias, like when people don't know something, they allow the stereotypes they seem to put the images in their mind and they fill the gaps themselves. And so even though it might be safe and the crime rate does not increase when there's people experiencing homelessness and encampments, it still is a bias where community fears it, and we are looking at ways in where we could work with the community on education around that as well. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Guess I should unmute Allah I see your hand up.

Al Ratcliffe

Clarissa. Would you pass on to Linda that I have put in, I was inspired by my range comment about having a water truck so I have put in a call to the city water utility asking if they happen to have a water truck that can carry potable water to various informal campsites. If we're waiting to call back there. Just let Linda know because I'm not trying to go behind your back or anything.



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Rob Huff

Absolutely. Thank you. All right, so let's shift over to Pierce County. Do we have anybody from the county on the call with an update this week.

Jeff Rogers

Yeah, I can give a quick update this is Jeff Rogers on Valerie's taking a well deserved day off today. Where do I start so many things going on. Marina is doing an exceptional job applause to marine with the work she's doing ground water distribution and cooling sites. I appreciate everything that you do marine you're truly, truly, truly amazing. So thank you for all that you do in reference to the comment that was made earlier by Jenny, regarding the emergency housing vouchers, Pierce County has been asked to take the lead on that service component and 99.9% sure that we will have to go through a competitive procurement process, it will be a quick turnaround, so we will be putting out a notice very very soon with a short turnaround, identify a provider to or providers, multiple single or to use to get people housing vouchers through the Housing Authority specifically who we're working with right now. Our rental assistance program is up and running. I'm sure many of you saw the news. Valerie's done a great job to keep that program that she wanted to share today 11,000 households that have been. She says that we have spent \$18 million so far. So that's an impressive thing being done, and it's being done by the nonprofit providers who are contracted to do the work, the kind of boots on the ground so we are truly appreciative. All the nonprofit organizations that we're working with to get these dollars out landlord, paid and relieve a lot of stress or tenants who are fearful that they're going to be losing their housing. So that's a really good thing. And we recently put out the funding opportunity for \$2 million of American rescue plan dollars for services shelter, hygiene sanitation, and we received 11 applications and the hope is that on Monday. The review committee will come together and that next week final decisions will be made and we'll be putting an additional \$2 million out into the community. And, yeah, it's just, just a lot going on, and I'll just share with you a budget cycle budget process as most governments here, and today, with me that our division, which is just housing, homelessness and community development for a biennial two year period, typically had just over \$30 billion that we utilize to do the work we do for the next biennium, we're looking at between January 2021 and December of 2023 that budget is over \$180 million. So you can see the significant impact. That's still with us, it's still remaining we've done a lot of work getting money out the door to provide housing and services in the last year, but there's a lot more coming, that we'll be working with, it's sustainable dollars that we have to do this through December of 20. Do you have an understanding of what we're working on, and we've hired no new staff. We do have a staff position in the new biannual budget, it starts January 1 Hopefully we'll have an additional staff on the homeless team to help us with all this work that we're doing. That's it.

Rob Huff

Thanks Jeff and that huge historic opportunity and historic need of course. So let's shift over to Rianna from the County Health Department.

Reanna Bettencourt



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Morning everybody posted some stuff in the chat first. So, our vaccine clinic, and all the other vaccine information is on our vaccine web page. We scrambled yesterday with our comms team to update our cape cool web page with the cooling site link to it and also the Paris transit information much, I'm sure you're all already aware of free rides to cooling centers, contact info for a vaccine or clinic questions around vaccine clinic for unhoused population questions. And also I'm just I don't work for the county, but I'm sharing the community needs assessment. A lot of the feedback that that survey, gathers informs some of our work at the health department as well. And so it's, it's really important. So if you could share that with everyone you know and your clients. Um, yeah, so. So, something that myself and our health care coordination team are working on is rooted. We call them rooted sites. And so, for example, having the health department. Some vaccinators at like nativity house on the second and fourth Tuesday or aren't actually it's Thursday of the month, starting at the beginning of July. So we're going to be doing that I think nine different shelter sites. We were at all time or the other day so it'll either be us or contracted agency ambulance. So, if, if any of you are out those shelters or have any concerns around any of those activities, please email me and let me know. Just anything any questions and I will answer them or shoot them over to Jenny, who is coordinating a lot of these clinics, but these are being planned I believe for the next four months for COVID vaccines and then depending on need maybe other things like have a or maybe influenza vaccines in the fall, things like that. So those are my updates for now and just for situational awareness. I will remain in COVID response activation halftime through August and then I may be being deactivated, but if, if that's going to happen I will make sure that I will still be coming to this meeting, so I will make sure there's a some kind of smooth transition, and that the ball is not dropped here, just so that's it.

Rob Huff

All right, thank you very much Rianna. So, let's shift over to a quick advocacy update from Maureen.

Maureen Howard

Okay so just two things one is our housing committee is really coming together. And so, in the interest of time I'm just going to do an email update. After we live through the water. But the other thing is, in terms of policy. I want us to debrief this severe weather situation and response after we get through this, and we and we rest. We, we need to do it in a disciplined way and we need to get the local governments on board with us. So, that's a policy recommendation. Thanks.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen. So, Gerald Daniels, would you like to give us a short update on what's happening with the continuum of care.

Gerald Daniels

Sure. Well actually, Jenny gave the update I was gonna give on the emergent housing vouchers, so I'll just kind of fill in a couple couple spaces really quick, as he mentioned the voucher scheme allocation breakdown between Pierce County and tha they're reserving about 60% of those out of cases for rapid rehousing and 40% of those would be for households that's in diversion. As far as the CLC. The CLCs responsibility is to make sure that we designate an LI for liaison communication with those vouchers.



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We meet with the parties to keep the agreements, up to date with the parties for review. The thing about the voucher is that is a living voucher and is flexible, and it can be changed, we have some questions, we did approve the voucher, that 51% of our vote. But, you know that the time it came in as fast as it came, we did have a lot of questions about it right, especially when it comes down to whether it was, had a proper equity lens to, you know, because there's still some nuances you have to think about, because with with the coming down from Hood, that means tha still has to go by guidelines for housing vouchers and housing rules. So does it give a fair equity lens, and, you know, second and third look, it shows households and get those in there but it leaves out the tribe. So how do they get theirs and so that's some questions that we're going to have from the coalition to try to figure those things out so those things that, although those vouchers are there, they're still there, they seem to be equity divided up, but we still are concerned about having a good equity lens on that, and particularly when it comes down to the tribe being missing. Other than that Jenny covered everything else pretty well what I was going to cover. If there are any questions, taken from the chat or however,

Rob Huff

perfect, thank you Gerald. And, yeah, Maureen offered something in the chat there regarding the, the MO use with tha and Pierce County Housing Authority. All right, I see your thumbs up. So if anybody has any questions for Gerald, please drop those in the chat, and we appreciate him being here and representing the coalition that continuum of care, and all the work you're going to do this weekend with the heat so you're going to go above and beyond.

Alright so let's shift over to Collin, Collin, can you offer an update from the safe sauce sites for all group.

Colin DeForest

Hello, yes I can give a, you know,

Gerald Daniels

all, all,

Colin DeForest

I was on meeting on Monday, but I was also doing other things so I can give an update definitely I'm a safe parking piece. We did a pretty good 509 debrief, I've been kind of doing two things in this meeting, so I don't know how much marine or others talked about that debrief, which was really good and I think moving forward just as marine talked about with the watersedge too I think it's really good for, for this group or smaller groups to have those debriefs when we have to happen. So as far to say parking goes one, I'm just, I'm happy to see Gerald sitting down, because he actually does that, because all the other stuff that you're talking about the journal doing Gerald also has opened up our newest safe parking network site, and it's running right now so Gerald has I think three we've placed a family, and it's really nice as a family from the hilltop area so they're in their vehicle hopefully we'll get them out of that vehicle real quick. But, so we have rises up and going, they're only going to serve like probably like four vehicles, but that's for vehicle that's for families or individuals, and anybody who knows anything about



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the rise center, I'm excited to have them just be able to be connected to the amazing cadre of services that they have at that slight because it's just awesome. Um, so we are Rise, Rise up and running to you you see is, hopefully I'm across my fingers. Hopefully today, the new Saint gets set up there. They got their thing stolen before we toilet. So, they should be up and running. Worst case scenario tomorrow. So now it's getting referrals, there are cell to Baptist site is doing great. We actually have a couple openings and I will you know just in complete transparency, I will let you know that later today we had an issue at the South Hill Baptist site with an individual that we knew had some mental health issues and he kind of lost it on one of the providers that regularly visits that site, no physical altercation but he knocked the table over in an area, a community area that they have and kind of had a, had a big scene so to be clear, it's not always roses with the safe parking but oftentimes it is this is one of the few incidents that we have had, but I've been working with the pastor and their site host and we're going to kind of debrief and meet later on it and figure out what we want to do with that individual because you can't be doing that stuff there's rules to the site. So, yeah, anyways, that's kind of the safe parking update as far as the safe sites for all. I don't know if anybody else has any information on it. It was a good meeting Food Not Bombs joined us, which is awesome to get their perspective and have have their mind because it's just a very important mine that we have at the table in a voice, and it's very close to the individuals that are out there so that was great. I don't know if anybody else has anything.

Maureen Howard

Morning. Thanks for bringing up the D. Con. No, I didn't say anything about it earlier, but the one thing I, it's important for people to know I think is that, first of all for the committee to let us do that debrief, take their agenda, basically. And I reached out to every entity that I knew was a player and Linda Stewart, who's the director of neighborhoods and community services, came to the meeting, the entire meeting, listen to what people said, in a thoughtful way responded, and we learned things from her. So I think, you know, I think that really made a difference. So thanks to the committee again.

Rob Huff

Great, and any other questions or comments or things to fill in Jan or Kevin or anyone else seeing heads shaking No. All right. Well, if there are questions about safe parking. Please drop those in the chat and we will move on to the next item on our agenda and I'll let Garrett cue this up.

Gerrit Nyland

Now Ratcliff Dr Ratcliffe announced that he was going to be retiring. And that's sad, because we all rely on L. The first time I met owl was probably a decade ago. And I was on the to come area commission on disabilities, and we were running some initiative to and Fritschi has been you have, you know, that firecracker was involved when we were working on some items around mental health, mental health, and anyway I can't remember the specifics but our show showed up at one of the meetings, and we were disorganized, and not terribly productive and owl with a few targeted questions basically reset our own meeting and and send us online to be doing some good stuff. And I just when I think about I just think of these little redirects that he does with his vast experience and areas that are always surprising. So I was hoping that we could just spend a few minutes and if folks have an anecdote or two, or some fond memories, or just the things that you love about owl, if they'll just raise your hand and we'll call on



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you. I already saw so my why wait for a hand to go up, I already saw some in the chat. Somebody said what are we going to do without you out. So we'll kick off with Kevin Glackin, Callie.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

In my, my comment is much along the lines of, of Garrick rotary and then through a variety of human service coalition things and what has always amazed me is Allah is one of the good at this and that's why I appreciate it and now he can bring a group back to task without seeming like a taskmaster or pissing anybody off and I've just I really want that skill at some point in my life. Have the courage to stand up, but also the ability to do it in a way that brings people acting like he knows everything and we didn't so I'm going to miss that energy out, and really appreciate you for all you've done for the community over all the years.

Gerrit Nyland

Awesome, Kevin. Mr DeForest

Colin DeForest

um you know I've worked with, it's just crazy to imagine being a part of something or anything to do with, with homelessness in Pierce County, because I swear he's at every single meeting, and even when I'll notice that he's not there he usually ends up there if you give him a couple of weeks so, you know, my experience with owl is very similar, you know, obviously when I was with the City of Tacoma. He was in. He was always there, his, his ability to volunteer is something that I think is such a high water marketing example for if you really want to speak and you really want to talk about and complain or do this or the other, there's ways actions are how we get there and owl has always done it with actions, and so I used to appreciate it. And also he was when I was new to the city I was super scared of El because he's so damn smart, and he just had so much knowledge but I quickly learned so I was always on the fence with him but then I quickly learned that he was one of the first people that I met that was crazy smart and also crazy experience was also willing to listen to what you had to say. And he would also change his position when his position was wrong, which I've seen happen many a time and he kind of works through that so usually his positions right but um, to me, that was really I really got a lot out of that and I kind of also would last, I would say is that he talks a lot, and I that was the other thing I thought about him was that he would just kind of talk over you, but I quickly learned and working with him that he was so willing to listen to you and give you space to talk also. And that's something that I've always struggled with and I've really tried to learn from him, to really genuinely hear the voice of the other, so I appreciate, you know, getting knowing you out, And I believe you not being meetings when I see it, because once again, your actions always speak a little bit louder so I hope to see you more.

Gerrit Nyland

Calling Dr. Powers.

Rosemary Powers



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I want you to just to build a bit on Collins comment about the word I was thinking of when I thought of you, I is everywhere. And I retired a few years ago and started coming to meetings with Teresa on homelessness issues and every meeting I went to you were at. And not that I was everywhere but I was trying to get exposed to everywhere. And so, I'm trying, as almost 76 year old person to learn how to live into retirement and whatever that means because it doesn't seem to mean that I stopped doing things. So I'm looking forward to seeing the evidence that you want to provide by taking this step. To see how I can learn how to be retired to at some point, So thank you for your work.

Al Ratcliffe

Your child Rosemarie right. We have much to contribute to

Gerrit Nyland

comprise Marian Marine.

Maureen Howard

So I don't know what we'll do without having you ask the right hard questions at the right and difficult times, but I want you to talk about the gaggle theory. The owl Radcliffe gaggle theory because there probably are people on this call, who actually have not been schooled in that yet. So please.

Al Ratcliffe

Want me to do that right now.

Maureen Howard

Oh yeah.

Al Ratcliffe

The the origin of gaggle theory is way back in history. Yeah, you know, three or four decades ago we used to throw this term around out of the system. And if you know anything about systems, systems are organized things with points of control and all of that. And what was what we had in this community was a whole bunch of different organizations that all did their own kind of stuff in silos. And somewhere along the way I got inspired about trying to come up with an alternative to systems theory, which, which, when I thought it through turned out to be gay gold's theory. Now, you all know what a gaggle is I hope it's a, it's a, it's a gathering of geese and Gago theory is intended not to explain anything but to describe what happens with many, what did happen with many non truck profits or efforts. It's a lot better now than it used to be. The Gago theory got the main postulate is that birds of a feather flock together as long as there's no food. But, and then come to the corollaries. If the food begins to run short, and it began to compete with each other for access to what food is available, and they aren't always friendly about it. If they are threatened by the appearance of a fox gaggles typically will band together and make a lot of noise and flap their wings to try to drive the threat away. But if that fails, they will eventually all fly off in all directions. I don't know what you might want to do with that theory but to me it over the decades it has described in many situations. And I implant and since Maureen is so fascinated with us. When I was a joint commission surveyor. One time I was at a facility and I laid out



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gaggle theory, and an artistic social worker came up with a poster that she drew. And it was the prominent figure was a very large goose in the front with all these curlers in the background, but she pointed out to me that in a very subtle way she had inserted the initials NSW. at the paynus of the news, which I thought was very good. Thank you for all your comments, I, I've been. I am so impressed with what has become, all of us over the past three or four decades and how much more genuine collaboration there really is no. I have reached the point where, where I used to be focused mostly on getting organizations or people that were doing the same thing, to at least talk to each other in court. Now there's so much going on, I can't keep up with it. There's so much collaboration. I don't need to be doing that anymore. So I'm going to officially depart although I'll probably pop in occasionally. I don't think this is the same kind of retirement that you're in a noose when he retired but he popped back in and knows what I sort of feel like I'm moving to a new city and have to establish a whole new life. And it'll be interesting to see how that goes but in the meantime, take care of it. Take care of yourselves folks as well as the people you work with. You are very important as they

Gerrit Nyland

fall, I think I'll miss the cheerleading, the most, honestly, that they're always the cheerleading, you always have positive words to boost people up, when you think they're doing good, and I, I have appreciated that.

Al Ratcliffe

Oh, one other thing occurs to me if I had to take more minutes.

Gerrit Nyland

That's exactly how I should be out.

Al Ratcliffe

I always get the last word. I was on a community psychology telephone conference recently where they were talking about how community psychologists would go out and organize communities. And I tried to and I said well look, my feeling is that the community is already there, and it's already in whatever way it's already organized, and my task if I go into a community first of all is to learn enough about the community to kind of understand what they're doing, and then figuring out what is the best way I can be helpful, not coming in and telling you what to do. And so that's been a value through the whole thing. So take care of community, You're doing good stuff.

Gerrit Nyland

And back to you.

Rob Huff

All right, so we've got just a few minutes left. Let's spend a couple of moments on, go to the order announcements for the group. So does anybody have anything they'd like to share.

Julian Wheeler



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And of course the mice goes for the cheese. Oh Hey Rob This is Julian, everybody. Julian Wheeler chair the Pierce County. Successful communities visor committee. Just wanted to remind you, our, our next regular session is going to be Tuesday July 13th Nine o'clock in the morning on Zoom. I feel the need to say this. Thank you again for having these things on Zoom, and within the hearing of my microwave they're sorry, I would like to think that these will stay on Zoom, and to have a remote attendance option. So whether some people want to meet in person or not I support that. But to. Please have this stay on Zoom. I really appreciate this convenience. So, our AC AC. We help expedite funding for excess accessibility projects in Pierce County. I'll put, if there's time for the announcement, I'll put it in the chat box. Otherwise, thank you very much. Have a good weekend.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Julian, Maureen.

Maureen Howard

Okay, if you missed the chat, the stability site is out of water. I've reached out to Linda Stewart, and they're she's working on it. I've reached out to her moss. Jan has reached out to nourish Pierce County. If anybody has any contacts JBLM anybody, Any place. Just to give you scale the news reported last night that the Seattle Union Gospel Mission took 30 pallets, from their own warehouse and brought that up for use. We've got four pallets, right now, two are gone. I don't know the status and pile up but if you need water today. Get over to the Puyallup Salvation Army and pick it up. So Irene. Yeah. I'm sorry, go ahead.

Sheila Miraflor

Sheila Maureen. Yeah, I've been messaging back and forth to the more right group in Thurston County, and they have pallets of, I believe that's alloy water. If you need to pick them up, you would need to do it before two o'clock this afternoon, or they won't be open again until Monday at 10 o'clock, I'm trying to get the address from them right now.

Maureen Howard

Well, that's good. I just got a message from Jeff Rogers, and they got water. Oh, well, we have to figure out how to get it. But we will have water. Do you want the information from the more I think, send the information.

Okay, as soon as I get it. I'm gonna put it in the listserv, okay and if I could segue from that. This is why I've been doing it, we are having collaboration for a cause 4.0 Next week Wednesday from noon to four and we're having the vendors come we will also be having a vaccination clinic in the parking lot to assist with those who are needing the COVID vaccines, and what I've been trying to do while everybody you know has been going back and forth, as I've been trying to coordinate picking up, pal pallets of water I'm still working on that. So, cross your fingers everyone, I am hoping to have pallets of alloy water available Wednesday for the event for the community, you know, to have. So thank you so



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much, And please attend. Sheila, where will that be held. Oh, sorry here at Mill guard in the parking lot of 714 South 27th Street.

Rob Huff

Thank you Sheila. You're welcome. I see your hand up as well.

Mike Boisture

Okay mines real quick. We will be taking over the operations of the beacon center from CLR July 1 And Judy is going to be helping me with that over there. And so, be Judy and myself will be taken over the operation of Beacon center.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. So as we get closer to the time that my guess would be next week do you want to provide a little more information and an update to the full coalition.

Mike Boisture

Yeah, I can do that, because I also saw some money that the city is going to do some renovation over there about \$1.3 million worth so. Okay, that's one of my questions out there to them is, what are you going to be doing, and how is that going to impact what we do, so fantastic.

Rob Huff

All right, so we've only got a few minutes left but I wanted to open the opportunity for folks to reflect a little bit on today's meeting, and what worked, what could be done better. What didn't work. So if anybody has anything to share, we'd be happy we want to make sure that we improve these meetings as we go forward, and that we're hearing and honoring a diversity of voices in these meetings as well so I open the floor if anybody wants to offer any comments. Know that if you don't want to show the comments in the public session, go ahead. Yes CC,

CC Mendoza

I do. Hi everybody. I just want to say I'm so proud of our coalition. And I'm amazed every meeting, amazed how everybody pulls together, and how we just go right for the direct meat of what the problem is, I'm just so proud of everybody. And I'm proud to be a part of this. No,

Maureen Howard

I'm gonna tell them that, thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you CC. Back to you. Yeah. Okay, thanks, and anyone else. Yeah, Joanne,



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I'm Kimberly, I was trying to find you give you message. Kimberly, you said son at no one at Oak Tree Park to give water. So can you tell me what's going on there and I don't know exactly what's six method Proctor's at North End

Rob Huff

know South 69th and proctor that's the, the site that the city's creating downs, how can

I okay so if I go down proctor towards the south and hit 69.

Rob Huff

The easiest way is to go down Tyler to 69th and then hang a left on 60 Nights 69th and Proctor's kind of a little, it's a nest 69th dead ends that where the site is

okay. So Kimberly. I'm going to post my number, you want to call me and I'll see what I can do to get water there. Sounds like you need some

Maureen Howard

fantastic Marine. Okay, We're gonna have water at the stability site. We have a location that we can continue to supply the stability site. I'm going to need a few people who can transport water from the location, which is in Pierce County to the site. So if you have a truck, let me know and I'll get back with people. Okay. And the water will continue. We should have water. The water for life. Watch the listserv

so marine you want to get a hold of me. Because if I'm going to go into comb anyway I can just do surrounding.

Maureen Howard

So what I'm, what I'm looking for people who will take water from a site and closed site to the stability site, that's all.

So maybe I could do that and could I grab some extra water for that 69th And proctor site.

Maureen Howard

The, the water that goes all this water goes to the stability site, and then it goes from the stability site. Okay. And I, so if people want to transport water over the next four days, starting today, let me know.

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My numbers in the chat. Alright, and then JOANNE I don't know if you saw the chat but Kimberly said there weren't any campers at 60 Nights, but then Megan added the site, South 74th near the train tracks, so obviously we got a lot of logistics to to work out, appreciate everyone being flexible, and I do want to recognize the time it's a little bit after 11 So thank you everyone who's able to attend today if you want to hang on the line and continue talking about logistics and the heat and the planning for next week, please do so. And thank you everybody stay safe.