**Pierce County Coalition Update**  **Friday, July 30, 2021**

**Programs and Special Initiatives**

* Cooling Centers: Lighthouse Senior Center is operating as a cooling center during inclement weather. NCS is also using Lighthouse as a distribution point for water we are supplying directly to City-funded shelters.  NCS purchased water for this purpose.
  + Lighthouse Address: 5016 A. St. Tacoma, WA 98408
* Hygiene Stations:The City is currently operating temporary hygiene stations at 8th and Yakima on private property and I-705 and ‘A’ Street on WSDOT-owned property. These temporary stations provide restrooms, handwashing stations, trash removal and 24/7 on site security.  If community members have questions or concerns about either of the hygiene station locations, they should contact 253-250-1766.  More information on hygiene stations is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/hygienestations](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hygienestations).
* City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance: The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds and exits to housing.  This information is updated weekly and can be found at <https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/NCS/City%20Authorized%20Emergency%20Shelter%20Sites/Weeklydataupdate.pdf>
* The rental assistance portal is now open! Residents may find more information at <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>.
* SPARC Phase III: Phase III of SPARC begins on August 7thand the City of Tacoma is participating. This is a nationwide effort and the intent of this phase is to redesign equity practices and policies within communities. We are looking for an inclusive team of 5-10 members that represent diversity across roles, race, ethnicity, gender identity, and lived expertise. If anyone is interested in participating please reach out to Tiegan Tidball directly!

**Council Updates**

* Neighborhood and Community Services provided Council a Homeless Update at Study Session on July 13th

**Questions:**