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Duane Parker

Good morning, everybody. Welcome to the Friday coalition meeting, we're still waiting for folks because I wanted to let everybody know that we're trying to put everybody's organization next to your name. So if you could rename yourselves by clicking the three dots to your top right corner right here, and putting your organization and pronouns if you feel like that would be appreciated. And again, good morning. All right, so we're almost as Rob you Sally says critical mask or critical mass. So, Did we want to start this morning. Okay. All right. Again, welcome. My name is Dwayne Parker, I'm with associated ministries, and again we want to welcome you guys to the meeting this week. First and foremost, we want to ask you guys if there's any new people joining this week. If they want to introduce themselves Oh, first and foremost, we need to do our community norms. We want to make sure that we lead with racial racial equality, equality, equity lens, I am having a hard time talking this morning. I apologize for that. We want to be aware of our power dynamics challenge concepts, not people today. Listen to learn. And we also want to make sure that one person is speaking at a time. And if you are speaking please speak from your own experience. And again, make space for others, and take space when you need to assume the best intentions, and take responsibility for impact that you cause with a statement, if you haven't, and be aware of the time and agenda, because we want to make sure that we get everybody through this morning. Okay. All right. Also, with the Zoom norms want to make sure you mute yourself when you're not talking. And if you hate me to make a comment or want to talk to us, please raise your



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hand. It's a small feature down at the bottom with reactions, you just hit that button and it'll pop up and you can raise your hand or do a clap or whatever you'd like to do. All right, and if you are dealing with a stuff going on because I know we are all at work and we have clients coming in. Please, if you have to take care of something. Limit distractions by muting yourselves, and also making sure that your camera's off if you're dealing with stuff so that we don't have a bunch of different things going on behind the background, that would be appreciated. All right, so with that being said, let us go ahead and ask new people joining us to introduce themselves. If you are new and you would like to introduce yourself, just unmute yourself and go for it.

Keiunee Allen

I can start my name is Kyani and I am a coordinated entry case manager here at CCS the shelter side. So, yep.

Duane Parker

Good morning Kiani. Welcome to the meeting. Appreciate you. Alright, anyone else.

Sarah McKinney

Hi, my name is Sarah McKinney I'm joining you guys from the Tacoma rescue mission I work in the community engagement and development department.

Duane Parker

Good morning, Sarah, thank you for joining us this morning.

Rachel McHugh

Thank you. My name is Rachel McHugh, I'm with sound, outreach, this is my second meeting attendee attendance. Oh welcome Sarah, appreciate you coming in this morning. Thank you.

Duane Parker

And I should note that I probably stepped out over Rosemary's introduction this morning. I totally apologize about that rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

Lane, it was great. Thank you very much and I think Rose was about to say something so. Okay. Ross, did you want to introduce yourself. Here I'm putting you on the spot didn't mean to, but I saw you beginning to so welcome me in other rooms.

Rose Symotiuk

I think it's you. Okay, I'm Rose from ideal option I'm the Lead Community Outreach Coordinator, and we do suboxone buprenorphine Vivitrol naltrexone, treat opioids and alcohol, and supposedly I'm going to be talking a little bit more about that later Rob's nodding okay cool. Hello everyone.

Duane Parker



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Good morning rose thank you for joining us. I look forward to hearing from you a little later in the meeting. Already

Rachel McHugh

I sorry I think I was on mute. My name is Rachel McHugh, and I'm with sound outreach, and this is my second meeting attendance.

Duane Parker

Thank you for showing up this morning very good to hear from you. All right. Are there anyone, is there anyone else that would like to introduce themselves.

Deon Lister

Yeah, good morning, my name is Dion Lister, and I'm a Career Project Coordinator with purity. Good morning. Welcome to the meeting. The morning thank you.

Duane Parker

So leave a little space for anyone else. All right, that's good. Okay, thank you guys for joining us this morning, and also thank you for introducing yourself. Again, it's a pleasure to have you here. Appreciate you. Alright, so now we shall move to the week this week on the streets. Are there any updates. The streets are doing well this week, obviously.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I just want to give a little shout out to the water situation, it is much better this time around, and I think we can lay a lot of that at the feet of Maureen Howard. And also, you know all of the other folks who really, I'm not going to start naming the mixology somebody out but there was a team of people who really pushed hard on this, and it's much easier this time around to get water out we were able to get it really quickly yesterday. And thank you, Jeffrey for bringing some to our porch. Anyway, I, I, people have been really appreciating the water, and I really appreciate the ability to pass it on.

Duane Parker

Thank you. Terrific. Yes, it is great that we have moved from a place of reactionary actions to proactive actions, and I do believe that that has a lot to do with the way that we have. We, the people in this group handled the situation last step. So, again, give you guys give yourselves a big round of applause for being there for the people. Thank you. Alright. Are there any other things that we have from this week on the streets. Thank you, Teresa for breaking that silence.

Rob Huff

Looks like Monique has her hand up as well.

Duane Parker

Oh I'm sorry I can't see handouts.

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Monique Brown

I actually just took it down because the reason mentioned was gonna talk about the water. We're going again this morning to pick up more water and take it out and I was gonna say it's much easier this time so that was, that was it.

Laurie Davenport

Thank you. Jeffrey has his hand up. Jeffrey. Hello.

Jeffrey Boyce

Yeah it. The water situation is much much better. I did have one encampment that was a little. That was kind of really hurting for it and got some out to them so it's way out in the south end, that's all I'll say.

Duane Parker

Thank you, Jeffrey appreciate that. Does anybody else have any ideas about any new encampments or have they heard of any new encampments that they'd like to share before we move on. Jeffrey hasn't said that.

Jeffrey Boyce

Yeah, is Food Not Bombs here by any chance this Friday. And yet, there are couple of encampments that are developing out in the south end. That's all that's as far as I'll tell you right now. I did see an inner action going on with a camper in a park and a police officer that I thought was pretty rude, but it's alleged to say that I'm starting to see movement to the south end right now.

Duane Parker

Thank you for that. And so we know where to keep our eyes open for helping folks, Monique.

Monique Brown

Yeah, it's got a question there's an encampment that has gotten bigger over by, I think I want to call that island gas station over by the Emerald Queen on the side of the freeway. Is that a newer encampment, or has that been there a long time, no just growing

Maureen Howard

pilot camp. Yes pilot.

Monique Brown

Yeah, it was called pilot camp. Okay, yeah, like just getting, getting bigger and I didn't know if that was new or not. Okay, thank you.

Duane Parker

No problem. Thank you. Alrighty. So at this point in time, we are going to move on unless anyone else has anything that they would like to share before we move to our next segment. All right, wanted to



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make sure. All right, let us move to our next segment, and I am going to ask rose to bless us with her last name so I don't destroy it. Introduce yourself. Thank you,

Rosa cemotec But feel free to call me rose. Yeah, hi everyone. We just opened the clinic and he all up, and I work for ideal option, a little bit of background about us is that we were started in 2012 by by ER doctors and we still have a lot of doctors, nurse practitioner nurses in our in our leadership, we're very passionate about stopping the cycle of, er, jail. Back on the streets, over and over and over again when there's a really good solution, which is suboxone buprenorphine, or Vivitrol naltrexone, along with a very strong support system, whether that's counseling or groups or a peer. And we have two mandates. We were actually invested in by Blue Cross Blue Shield ventures. So the first one is that we promise to rapidly induce people on medication they don't have to wait a week because that's ridiculous anyways, right. Right now we are short staffed like every healthcare organization so there might be a wait time. But if somebody comes to the clinic before say 4pm We will get them their prescription for medication same day. The other thing is that we are passionate about serving people with Medicaid because there's so many places where there's cash only clinics, and that doesn't work for a lot of people at all and I'm sure you all know that when you find somebody who's homeless, the first step is to get the Medicaid and then and then we can rock and roll right with them so you know we're, our only brick and mortar clinic in Pierce County right now is in Puyallup so it's on meridian, up the hill from the hospital in sort of a nondescript area but if you're driving up towards the shopping center and look to the right you'll see our sign there, and we're open Mondays through Thursdays 730 to six. And I'll put my information in the chat as well, but I live, not super far I've always wanted to move closer into the Tacoma. and I always get kind of conflicting messages on whether there is a need for same day view for essentially like a large homeless population or Medicaid population so feel free to message me email me if you have any spots where you're like yes, this is perfect. We're also exploring ways to be on site at places so we're up at Compass de Center in Seattle in some court buildings and some mental health sites as well so we can better meet people where they're at and not make them come to an extra step to come see us at the clinic. So, yeah, and we do opioids meth and alcohol we can even do a alcohol withdrawal protocol, as long as people don't die when they stopped drinking. We can set them up with medication and daily phone telehealth visits to guide them to, we say reduce drinking, we have a harm reduction model so of course you have to stop but. Yeah. Any questions, that was a lot for 9am.

Duane Parker

That's great, thank you rose. Yes. Are there any questions for this morning.

Maureen Howard

Let's see Marine. Yeah, thanks. So, can you literally go out to the encampments.

Ah, we can. It's hard because our insurance and everything requires us to do a UA which is not punitive we don't care what's in it. So that's that's kind of like the tough part and then having telehealth that's that's my dream no we're, we're working on oral swabs, so that will be a lot faster. And having



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somebody go out with an iPad or phone and just giving people their appointment right there. We've gotten pretty close.

Maureen Howard

So, is it a funding issue.

It's a funding issue and and a logistical issue of, it's, I mean I know people would just go and pee behind the bush. It was a urine, but it's a lot easier if we can do oral swabs. So, it's supposed to be next week that we're launching those oral swabs, primarily for those reasons I mean other companies have it but we, we have our own laboratory system. So our lab guys are just poking and prodding, making sure it's perfect. Yeah, that is my dream, for sure, and I already go out, but I'll grab somebody and bring them to a clinic or a nearby spot. Thank you. She's got her hand up. Yeah.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So, thank you for coming. It's great to have somebody who's round Puyallup coming in soon as we get pretty Tacoma centric, but I'm going to ask you to commit centric question first is if there were an agency that was willing to host you doing this in in city proper in Tacoma so pls property, doing that in Tacoma, would you, what kind of space would you need what kind of, it sounds like you're doing that with other agencies, what does that look like,

right, a room that can be as small as a closet as long as we can get to people in there and have as much privacy as possible around HIPAA and a bathroom and that's about and we want to be ADA compliant to for people, that's that's about it. Yeah, so definitely reach out to me.

Sally Perkins

Sally has her hand up to Rose, could you talk just a little bit about the services for people who are dealing with meth, as their addiction.

Definitely. So there was a study in New England Journal of Medicine, that did Wellbutrin Bupropion and naltrexone Vivitrol the oral together. It wasn't as good as buprenorphine which has about 50% long term success rate was about 20% of people but they responded, I mean, instantly, they actually have packaged it now together as a weight loss medication to because essentially stops your, your cravings for things completely, and it's been used for smoking for a long time as well so I always, and the side effects are minimal. It's not like Suboxone, you can stop anytime. So I always saying like hey, if this is a wall you hit like let's try this it might not work you might not be the 20% but let's give it a shot and then internally. We do a lot of data collections so, especially if it's not their primary drug of choice if they're using opioids and mess. We just see them use reduce within a year, not people don't stop both abruptly. In my experience, but just coming in to see people talking, connecting with a support system seems to help a lot with with the Matthews as well. Thank you. That sounds really hopeful. Yeah.



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Duane Parker

Okay. Got a question rose as a case manager, what's the best way to link up with you guys so as far as how would you like us to reach out to you, so it doesn't get overwhelming.

Sure, I'll put my email, or an phone number in the chat, and I can also make a post in the mailing list as well with all my information. Okay, thank you overwhelm me, please.

Duane Parker

Any other questions for us. And I can't see hands so please unmute yourself. You're good right now. All right, thank you rose, we appreciate you coming in. Yeah, we want to give you a hand of applause I appreciate that. And we'll definitely be staying in contact with you looking forward to getting your information. Alrighty. All right, so with that, let's move to our next piece which is context and timeline of the effort to end street homelessness by November 1, and that would usually be Mike moisture but he is taking a well deserved vacation the day. So, Rob will go ahead and take this portion for us. So I'll pass it off around.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I know I'm a poor substitute for Mike but I thought I would fill in and maybe Maureen since she's been attending these meetings, as a member of the public as I have could also share where I get things wrong or whether additional information would be helpful. So I'm going to share a slide set. Is everyone seeing that. Okay great, thanks for the nods. So we wanted to put into context, the effort that's being done, specifically by the shelter workgroup to really do the heavy lift to set up a system that can help in street homelessness by November 1 So the first shot here is just the webpage. I will put the link after I finish talking here in the chat, but this is to the Pierce County website that describes both the comprehensive plan to end homelessness, and the work of the shelter work group. My mike moisture is the person who is representing the Tacoma coalition to come up Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness. However, we have other folks who are regular attendees and and foundational members of the coalition who are involved including James Poque from comprehensive life, resources, and others who have attended pretty frequently like Matthew George Jorgensen from the city of Tacoma and Melissa Moss, so wanted to make sure that we acknowledge everyone who's participating in the workgroup on the website and again I will put the link down in the chat, when we finish this. There are a number of resources, including information about each of the meetings that are scheduled the next meeting of the workgroup takes place on August 5 from two to four. The permanent link to attend the meeting members of public of the public can including other members of the coalition can attend the meetings that take place on a bi weekly basis, and also have an opportunity at the end of each meeting to provide public comment. So if you have questions about what gets presented, then you can bring those up during that portion of the meeting. These meetings are also, you know the, this is the, the work that Garrett in Ireland has stepped into now and he starts next week working for Pierce County, as the project manager on this work so big kudos to Garrett I know we're, We, we miss him here, but we're a great, we're grateful to see him putting his skills to work in this effort. So I wanted to highlight also you



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can see Garrett's new email address here on the, on the right hand side of the page. There are a number of things that are available on the county's website including a high level homeless system map, a shelter emphasis map that dives into that element of the homeless system, and then full system map that gets really deep into the weeds. And there are other background materials that are there that if you have an interest in learning more about the effort that's underway, that's a great opportunity as well. But what we wanted to focus on today was to get into the details of the timeline that's been established so far by the workgroup, and to just stress, we've, we've got roughly 13 weeks left before November 1, and everybody's feeling that pressure. And as it stands now, I thought I would share the timeline that's been shared with the workgroup and agreed to. So that we understood it and then we can have a conversation and breakouts. After this, to help inform the work of the workgroup going forward. So, right now, consultants are working with the workgroup to do some surveying additional surveying beyond what we know. Joanne had done. They act the workgroup actually received a presentation at its last meeting with the results of giants survey that she presented to the coalition earlier, but they're supposed to do at the August 5 meeting. Here are some preliminary survey results, and that survey effort is going to take a little bit more time so it'll very be very preliminary if they do have results at the August 5 meeting. The primary focus in August is going to be to begin community outreach, and I will have a very messy slate, slide that I will show you at the end here before we do breakout discussions that looks at the different organizations that they're thinking of doing community outreach to. And I'm hoping we can add to that. During August, they're also going to be developing the outline for the overall plan, with the goal to publish a final plan in September, and begin implementing. In October, along with continuing community engagement, ensuring contracts and resources are in place. So it's a heavy lift, and there's a lot of moving pieces to get together in very short period of time. So as I mentioned outreaches are really a focus that the what they said at the last meeting is that they would focus on outreach starting August 9. So in the week following next week's meeting. So the question that we really have for the coalition that we wanted to consider in breakouts was, who should be on the list, that, that the workgroup and the county should be striving to do outreach to and who was critical to the success of that outreach and engagement effort, and remembering that it's not just to get information out to the public, it's also to engage in here concerns and kind of how to set up a feedback loop as part of the community engagement. So, I apologize for the messy slide. These are the folks who I didn't want to do multiple slides so I just cut and paste from their notes. These are the folks who they already have on the list. And I know it's a lot, it was almost a brainstorm list, the way that they went over it during the the last meeting, and I'm sure they're going to dig into it more, so my hope was that we can look at this information. I will cut and paste this into the, into the chat, or into the messages as we sent as we go into breakout rooms. But look at the list of who's been considered so far, and then figure out who's missing, and ultimately have everyone in the breakout rooms, taking notes, and paste the information in the chat, the hope is that we're, we can help flesh out the list, and provide this information to Mike so you can take it back to the next meeting. So, before I do that, I am going to briefly stop sharing my screen. And I wanted to ask, do folks have guestions before we end, maybe Maureen has information to add as well. Maureen, in your muted morning.

Maureen Howard



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Oh, Thank you. No, I, that was a great overview I think there were, there are three things I think that I, I want people to think about as you're considering how we make this happen, how we help make this happen. One is that the. It appears to me that a lot of the conversations in these committees and in meetings like this revolve around what the county or the city already knows from the organizations that they fund. That's where their focus is, that's not bad. All right, it just is part of what we have to do, I think, is to make sure that they know everything that's going on, irrespective of who funds it, whether it's even funded or not, because we've got a nun enormous system. But oftentimes, a given funder only knows the part, the funder funds. And so, and we'll talk about that a little bit more later but so that's one thing is how we get the entire system reflected, the other is one of the things that, that I learned this week in a conversation with the person who chairs the Civil Rights Committee for the National Coalition for the Homeless, it struck me that our entire homeless response system the way it stands right now, is premised on a soft housing market. You can do Housing First, when you've got empty apartments and landlords, begging for people in them, and rent. That is not the market we have had for several years, and it is certainly not the market. We have now are going forward. So I think we have to reef. We can't just look at sheltering people by November 1 on an assumption that there is going to be a vacant place for them to move into we've got to rethink how we're going to define these safe shelter sites, how long people are going to have to live in them, and how we're going to concurrently, develop the housing, or acquire the housing because we don't have time to build, we have to acquire. And then the third thing is how the numbers that counties using right now for people who are living unsheltered unsheltered whether they're in a shelter or not in a shelter 3400 a given day. I don't know if that's households, or individuals, but it, there's a point at which it almost doesn't matter because aren't enough places anyway. But, um, so we're talking about everybody who's living unsheltered being in some kind of safe shelter on the first of November. Who are the providers who are going to operate anything that needs to be managed, even if it's a self managed site, it's likely to need some sort of a light touch. And so who are the providers, what do we need to grow them between now and the first of November. Thank you, Maureen. It's a perfect world you know,

Rob Huff

anything can be done. Monique I see your hand up.

Monique Brown

I apologize, I was looking at you, listening to you. I'm confused about the list part I don't know, maybe it's, I need another cup of coffee, but what is this outreach list about what kind of outreach is happening or what I don't I don't get the list.

Rob Huff

So the list is a list of organizations that the work group believes that it would be helpful to engage around this effort overall what they're trying to do is build community support for the overall goal of ending street homelessness by November 1, and also for community support to actually be able to host sites, I mean I don't think they're going to be at the point where there's a plan when they're doing this outreach, but they really just want to start building a groundswell of support. And I think that there could be hundreds of things that we could be listed on this outreach list. What I presume the workgroup will



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do is kind of prioritize where they think they're going to have the, what are the most critical outreach options that they need to make. And I already see some great comments being posted in the chat so hopefully, hopefully that puts it in context. Yes, thank you, appreciate it. Yeah, you're welcome. And the one thing I would add to what Maureen said is that during the last meeting, they actually said it was about 3200 was the number of folks that they thought were currently homeless, but, Um, and to put it into context that there's roughly 1000 shelter spaces of various kinds, across the county. So, the difference between the two is pretty obviously, you know, a couple 1000 Plus more in your hands up.

Maureen Howard

Yeah, the other thing that I would tell people when you're, if you're watching any of these sessions or you're communicating with Garrett or you're in any of the outreach, community engagement opportunities, is make sure what's being presented rings true to you, because it should. All right, if it doesn't ring true, then either there's information, we don't have. And there probably is. Or they're going down the wrong path. All right, so it should ring true.

Rob Huff

So I think we probably have enough information to go into breakout rooms, so what I'm going to do is, is I will put us in rooms of five to six people will spend the next 15 minutes. Brainstorming additional groups that we think should be on the list and also use this as an opportunity to get to know each other if you end up in a room with folks who you don't know or interact with on a regular basis, this is both informational for the workgroup process, and a networking opportunity for those of us are in the room, it's a poor substitute for when we're actually together physically but this is what we can do right now, so. So I will set up break up or, break, break up rooms breakout rooms, and learn how to talk. Alright, and I will read paste into the chat before I send you to the breakout rooms, the list of organizations that have already been identified. All right, away we go.

<Breakout Rooms>

Rob Huff

Well hopefully that was a good conversation for everyone is again, again a reminder. Please post any paste any notes that you have from your breakout groups into the chat so that you can compile those and get them back to Mike moisture and help add to the effort for the work group. And with that, I hand everything back to Dwayne.

Duane Parker

Thank you Rob appreciate that. That was a real good discussion, and we thank everybody for joining. All right. And again, please make sure you pass those notes on we really need them and appreciate them. Alright, so with that let's move to our advocacy updates. We want to learn about the opportunities to impact the policy decisions so I'll pass it off to Marine, and she'll update us on that.

Maureen Howard



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All right, well good morning everybody. And Dwayne if you or somebody would give me a heads up as I approach the time limit that'll be helpful. So first of all, I sent it out on the listserv. But, for I think, at the very first time, we have placed in the US House of Representatives and representatives and and unhoused Bill of Rights. And I think Rob's gonna stick the link in the chat, but you've also got it on the listserv if you're in the listserv and my suggestion is that we use that language going forward. Which is, I think, you know, pretty amazing. And astounding. And it starts with expressing that the United States is obligated to permanently and the unhoused crisis by 2025 and to uphold, protect, and enforce the civil and human rights of unhoused individuals, including the human rights to housing, universal health care, livable wages, education, employment opportunities. Access to Public Facilities free involvement, free movement in public spaces, privacy, confidentiality, internet access, vote, freedom from harassment by law enforcement, private businesses, property owners and housed residents and equal rights to health care, legal representation and social services without discrimination based on housing status. And I think that gives us an amazing framework to us, especially right now, as we're developing the plan, and implementing a plan to get everybody off the streets, by the first of November and into a safe sight, and an actual comprehensive plan to end homelessness across our county. So, so that was a thanks to rob for flagging that. So I want to talk about a few different things. One is how do we use this moment. So we've got political will that we've never had before. We've talked about that before. We've got funding that's either in place or coming, the likes of which we've never seen. And so one of the things that I think we need to do and that we can do individually, as well as, as a coalition is to reach out to the elected officials, or the people who are running the candidates, people you know, many of you have a relationship with an elected official. At one level or another. And so my suggestion is if this person is leaving office, then ask them what they want to do about homelessness before they leave, What do they want their legacy to be. If they are running for office, asked what they're willing to commit to, in specifics. If they're staying in office, then ask, what they're going to do with the remainder of this term, and ask each one of them. What you individually, or what the coalition could do to support what it is they want to have happen, and then report back to me, email me, send me a text, don't use a landline for the text. All right, use the 2200 number, or won't get it. And then it's all on my signature, and then our call me leave a message on either line. And let's see, what, what we get back. Okay, the housing committee will meet we're going to probably change the meetings for August, because I double booked myself but I'll confirm that later. I've got a list of small organizations engaged in housing or having an indicated they want to be more engaged in housing, or somebody thinks they should be more engaged in housing, either the development, the acquisition, the operation. The program whatever part it is. If your organization or if you have one especially looking for small ones that might not bubble up. Please stick those in the chat, or you can pm me if you don't want it public, because I am ready to put together the list for capacity building funding to give the city and the county, there, there's no commitment on anybody's part to have your organization on the list if you're a large organization, you're still welcome if it's a specific target that you're trying to, to meet. I think the other issue that we have to be attentive to going forward is how we adapt to the changes in COVID, and the variance. Because clearly, it's not ending, and it's, we're, we're, we're living with it. So how do we do that. One of the really good things that happened recently was the new relationship with the Centers for Disease Control at a national level. And so they actually have a homelessness unit. They have excellent materials they put out their system of communication doesn't get to us at the grassroots, and so we're going to make that



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happen. And so then I want to talk about a couple of other things, in terms of policy issues and things to think about that we'll take on, you know, sort of, week by week as they become most important one is the encampments clearly, The County just put a million dollars into outreach, homelessness, outreach, and so I think that we need to understand exactly what this money is buying us and how it's helping people move from the encampments into housing. The figure Garrett gave yesterday in a meeting with the city was 3400 people who were experiencing homelessness. The issue we have to confront is how much of our resources, one issue. Do we want going into the safe shelter. And how much do we want to go into permanent housing. All right. If, say divide the, the 3400 and half let's just say two people share, or it's two people per household, I think it's 2.2 or something. And if we said 100,000 per door and hotel rooms were coming in below that they were coming in about 75 earlier, but if we just use 100 That's 170 million. It sounds like a lot, but it really isn't, because the county's got 175 million in ARPA money for two over two years, just the ARPA state and federal, state and local relief, the city has 61 million every single jurisdiction across Pierce County has some amount of money out of just that pot, just that pot. In terms of the homelessness system itself I talked a little bit earlier about, have we in fact created a system that's premised on a soft, soft housing market. And if that's the case, then what do we do now, well we have these two committees that have a system that works with the housing market that we have. How do we balance emergency need against long term investments, and how are we going to be serious about prevention, going forward, so that nobody becomes homeless because we don't have a system that includes an aggressive prevention program we haven't right now because of the rent assistance that's flowing, and we'll have it, We'll have a great deal of that money into the future. But is it incorporated into our system. There are a couple other things I want to talk about as well. In terms of policy and I did this last week and I think it's, I'm going to keep doing it every week. And that's the coalition itself okay because that's a policy issue for us. So we operated for most of the last 12 months with basically three full time people, we had Kevin for six months, full time and then we had him for two more months, part time, Garrett and I have put in full time work for most of that period, even when I theoretically cut back to quarter time it wasn't quarter time and there are others who are volunteering. So I'm not suggesting that that's everything. But now we're at, basically, one part time person me. All right, so the steering committee of the coalition is working aggressively to make recommendations on how the coalition moves forward, joined that committee, that's where the conversations are taking place, most intensely. There's a governance committee that Rosemary is working group that Rosemary is chairing, there's a separate finance working group, there will be as many work groups as we need, because these are our commitments right now. All right. We believe that we want to maintain these Friday morning meetings and we want them to be what you want them to be. They don't have to be what they used to be because the county is running, separate meetings for shelters separate meetings for outreach teams separate meetings for coordinated entry and separate meetings for I don't even know what else. All right, and our job is probably to make sure that the unfunded folks get invited to these meetings. We've got two grants, supporting getting every person experiencing homelessness vaccinated. One of those is about half done. The other one is just beginning. They have incentives for people who are living homeless, and they have a limited amount of money for staffing and we have to figure out how we're going to do that, we got word that the lived experience Coalition did get the county grant, which aligns with our speaker's bureau, and I have not seen the paperwork yet I don't know how much money is our piece of it. But I will and that'll be another responsibility. We've got to be able to



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maintain the communication structure that keeps us all together. So our listservs, our website or social media presence. We've got to be able to support the committee's that we have. So we've got a steering committee. We've got a safe sites for all committee. We've got a brand new race and equity committee hasn't even met yet. And we've got a house and committee, and those will right now though, I think race and equity is not on the list on the website yet, but it will be as soon as it's got its first meeting sort of thing. You sign up for those meetings, everybody can come, you don't need anybody's permission from the coalition. All right, you might need an okay from your boss to step aside for an hour, or you could watch the meeting after the fact. Because almost everything is recorded. So, and you can get on the listservs that are specific to those topics. So this really is an opportunity to engage in a way that maybe you hadn't thought about before, and they're not lifetime commitments, okay. Some of these are going to be very short term like finance, all right. It's not where you gonna learn about finance but if you already know Nonprofit Finance, and have a couple hours to spare. Then, we want you at that table. I think it's really important we maintain our advocacy role, and our, our understanding of policy, we're recognized the coalition is recognized sometimes we're in actual government ordinances, as a stakeholder to be consulted. And it's the press reaches out to us regularly. And so does local government, so we, I think it's really important that we do that. And then I think we got to talk about how we're going to make decisions. Okay, the benign dictatorship period is ending. So we, I know, but, you know, I mean I promised I wouldn't just call another summit, and I think I've been pretty good about that. I made Garrett. Garrett called the, the November 1 Get everybody sheltered date so we'll put that one on him. We don't know, Garrett doesn't know at right now, exactly what his continuing role with the coalition can be in his new position, we're assuming he'll have a roll, we just don't know what it is. So while that gets sorted out, the thing that has always been quietly in the background and sometimes loudly, is how do we make decisions. Now, we don't have to make any decisions coalition could go back to being a Friday morning meeting networking meeting. And that would be fine if that's what people want, then all you got to figure out is how to keep that network alive. So those are the things that are on my mind. And the one of the things that I've done and I've invited steering committee members. If you join the steering committee, you're welcome to join this ad hoc group that I've asked to basically read an early morning email or whenever I get it out to you about the things that are on my desk at, you know whatever time I start that particular day. So, thank you for your trust, thank you for your commitment. But let's, let's look ahead now, we made it. I mean, as an entity. We survived the worst of the virus. Okay. And, you know, I mean that's huge. Alright, and look where we are. We've got something we never had before. We've got city of Tacoma and Pierce County official commitments to ending street homelessness by the first of November. and to a comprehensive countywide plan to end homelessness. And that county is staffing that, all right. They've hired Garrett, as a project manager, they have hired the tag group as the facilitator for these two committees that are meeting and Pierce County through another channel through the performance audit committee hired echo northwest to do a gap analysis of the entire homelessness system. These are not things we have to do. These are things that we have input into, and we can help shape, but they are taking leadership positions, and the city's got its own five year homeless strategy. It's working on and we'll be presenting to us in a meeting in August, just kind of where they are. So, you know, feel good about how we got through from the last time that we were able to be in person. And we got through the heat waves, and we'll get through this weekend and we'll talk about this weekend. A little later, but anyways, so thank you.



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Duane Parker

Thank you, Marina. We appreciate you. Also you were only over by a couple of minutes, so you were good, and you were running real well so I just let you get because I'm sorry. All right. So with that, we will move on to the government, updates, and shall we ask is Clarissa Manta, my man Toros in the building.

So Dwayne, I had an email from tieghan From the city while we were at the started today's meeting, saying that no one from the city was going to be able to be on the call, but, but she did provide some updated information so I'm going to do a quick screen share with that and kind of walk through it a little bit. So. All right, so what she shared was information that will kind of overlap with what we're going to talk about about the heat updates later, around the cooling center that's opening at Lighthouse senior center that NCS has purchased water for the, for the purpose of using it the lighthouse Senior Center. If you're not familiar with where that is. It's at 501 6/8 Street. And so there's that. She also offered information about the hygiene stations that are still being used hat under ISO 705 and at eight than the ACMA she included information about the, the weekly information that's posted by the city about the outcomes from temporary and emergency shelters. She also included a link to the rental assistance portal that I'm sure, Valerie will talk about shortly, and information about the, the meeting coming up on August 7 related to the spark report and phase three of that effort, and asking folks if they would like to participate, they're looking for an inclusive team of five to 10 members that represent diversity across roles, race, ethnicity, gender identity and lived experience, and you can email, Teagan directly if you have an interest in being part of that group. I will put Keegan's email in the chat. So I will stop the screen share and that is what I have to share from the city of Tacoma.

Duane Parker

Thank you Rob. Appreciate that. All right, well, since we've had, Rosemary has something she'd like that.

Rosemary Powers

I was just wondering Rob is that letter something that could be put in the chat, it was a lot of contact information that I couldn't write down that would be great.

Yeah, I will put that in the chat as well.

Duane Parker

Thank you. Thank you, rosemary, is there any other questions before we move on to Pierce County Human Services. Okay. If not, can we have Valerie Knight, do a quick update for us please.

Jeff Rogers



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Hi this is Jeff. I will start the updates, and then pass it off to Valerie I'll provide the updates for the homeless team and Valerie will provide updates for the rental assistance program. Since we sadly missed her already. It's only been a week but we severely, miss. Jeff Rogers Mrs Valerie I have to tell you I really really can't say. And I've learned that we're never mind, I won't say, I can't say that yeah, um, where do I start so many things going on, I'm working with outreach teams that we fund, and some other folks have been put in contact with me around the water issue for the weekend, but it sounds like Marine, we're going to talk about that a little later, apologize I just joined the meeting but I was in a meeting for the last hour from nine to 10 on the phone with our public works department, And the Washington State Department of Commerce regarding encampments along Highway 167 corridor, in case you don't know, highway 167 will be extended all the way to highway 509, which is just what is that North, or, I don't know what direction it is from i Five. So highway 167 coming off of over on the other side of five, we'll go through five and extend in there starting construction of that road, early next year. Within the 509 to the i Five corridor area. And as many of you are aware there are quite a few encampments in that area that we'll need to address and we're discussing and having those initial conversations now with watch the Department of Transportation, who's committed to working collaboratively with us in our community to ensure that people who are currently in can't miss get the best available services to support them. So, what I will share today is that, yes, the Washington State lived experience Coalition, in partnership with building changes has been awarded funding. Finally, it's \$150,000 for the, the lived experience coalition to manage and help develop and recruit and provide stipends to persons with live expertise, who should be engaged in all the work that we do all the different committees, all the different board that we support. We need their voice on everything we do, so they just received a contract, it's for an 18 month period \$150,000 to support that work. We also, If you're not aware, we're in the process of awarding money to a provider to assist Pierce County, and identifying housing for the persons who are are identified and receive a referral for the Tacoma Housing Authority emergency health care, housing voucher program. That program programs kicking off. We yesterday afternoon, had the document recording fee advisory group, meet and make a decision on those funds. And once those award letters are assigned we're hoping today. We'll put notice out into the community of who's going to get that just over \$400,000 reward to assist the 135 households. through Tacoma Housing Authority, identify their permanent housing. They will receive an ongoing subsidy to ensure success and stability within that housing. So that's coming soon, and we should be able to announce next Friday, who the applicant successful applicant was will be contracted with. We're also just Wellborn were working with the continuum of care to get the Pierce County Housing Authority MoU signed for their voucher program. Hopefully, I believe Clarissa would be the one to find that value, maybe you could shake your head or yes or no. Okay, and I know persons on the call but she did receive an email, late yesterday so hopefully that'll get signed because the deadline, I believe is today for that for that thing. I'm sorry that emergency housing voucher program for both housing authorities is moving along quite well. Still a lot of work going on here at the county regarding the comprehensive plan to end homelessness as marine mentioned, as well as that complimentary sheltering plan to have everyone who is unsheltered sheltered by November is a lot of work going on all of you are invited to those meetings that we're having, promote the Comprehensive Plan and the shelter plan. There is a link for guests to come into the room and to listen. And I believe there's a public comment, opportunity during those meetings, so please if you feel you need to share, and you want to be heard with what you



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want to share, I strongly encourage you to participate. Come listen in and when it's public comment time share what you'd like to share. The other thing is just consuming my time right now for the last several days, is the heat issue we're dealing with, but I'll wait to have that conversation. As marine says we're going to talk about that in a few minutes, so I can't think of anything else because these the things we're working on are overwhelmed warming me right now with Valerie not on the team we're down a staff person, and having staff out on vacation. It's just, it's just the time but we'll get to it. So Valerie you want to share an update for the rental assistance program.

Laurie Davenport

I think Teresa has a question for you, Jeff,

Jeff Rogers

oh, sorry I said Pay close attention I do see your hand prefer I please. What's your question today.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Hi, first, thank you so much for the water work you're doing, it's making a big difference. And as several pieces of good news you gave, I do want to respond to the thing of contracting for people to identify housing, just by saying, I know that ship has sailed, there's no way to deal with it at this point but going forward. You got a whole, you know, right here in this room, you've got a lot of people who've been beating the bushes for a long time to find housing that is affordable for people with vouchers, and on low incomes, and it would be great if instead of funding, people to keep beating the bushes. It would be funding actual acquiring buildings to renovate and house our people, so I mean I get it. And I know that there probably going to be some people or help but it's frustrating to see. We can case manage the hell out of this, but if we don't have housing, there's not much that case management will do.

Jeff Rogers

Yeah, I'm glad you said that because you reminded me of something else I wanted to share today and because my thoughts are so scattered you help me remember the state, released on Wednesday, a new procurement opportunity for \$40 million to be distributed across this state, where they use to lease hotel motel rooms, or the whole motel motel itself. All rooms in a facility for the use of shelter. That also includes funding for the operations of the program, the services of the program. And for folks that are enrolled in those programs to have the opportunity to enter into a rapid rehousing program to transition them out of the shelter into permanent housing. We have to apply by December for these funds. Keep in mind that 40 million is statewide, but hopefully Pierce County will get a decent chunk of those dollars. So we'll be working in the next several months to identify the need, what we're going to do and how we'll implement that programs I just wanna make sure everyone's aware that there is that opportunity for those funds coming our way and there will be a lot of other funds coming our way. With the unsheltered plan we're developing, I've always shared that there is conversation going on about the acquisition of hotel motels in Pierce County, to be used for shelter, short term for a few years, and then after that short term period of being utilized for shelter, converting them to permanent supportive housing, and for chronically homeless to reside in permanently, so there's a lot of work on that front



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going on through this unsheltered work going on as part of all the different puzzle pieces of work we're working on. So, remember to say that

Theresa Power-Drutis

it's all good news, but the most hopeful and long term thing that you're talking about is the thing you talked about last please pour whatever you can into that last one. And if you can steal it from the other places do you have money. Please do, that's where we need it. Thank you, that's a great plan.

Jeff Rogers

Yeah, I'll just show you real quickly, sorry if I'm going over time, our HP Nova which is our largest funding opportunity we put out annually. His priority is permanent supportive housing. So if anyone's interested in terms of housing it's been our highest priority for years, we tend to not get people to apply for it. I think there's a challenge with the capacity of agencies develop these, these types of programs, but that is a high priority for personality development of Psh, is it one of the highest priorities we have Valerie sorry.

Valeri Knight

That's okay, and I'll add two things to Jeff's very long list of things they're working on Continuum of Care funding we know is going to open soon and it does have a priority of PSH also. And every year we beg people to apply for funding because new projects are the only way to increase our rate, so please please please look for that when it comes out, and then a second, Jeff, we didn't celebrate why she was submitted on Friday. So the youth homelessness demonstration grant was submitted on Friday, a few days early, which is like, aligning stars right like that's insane so. So those two things go to just credit as well but so rental assistance I'll be as fast as I can because I see your time, our RFP, request for proposals is open now and that is for a new portal that will be coming online so there's about four weeks to apply that it is through our website I'll get the link and put it in the chat, that is to create a new portal for us to go through which is a four year program now at least. So that's good news. We have a Notice of Funding Availability out for up to \$100 million for rental assistance that will start January one maybe sooner, because we're spending money a little faster than most communities, and it will go through 2025 so that Notice of Funding Availability is open, it's not due until the middle of August because we gave four weeks to apply to reply. So those are both going now. And then for rental assistance update just so you all are aware, for our Department of Treasury dollars we're at 48.11% spent we're only supposed to be at 43 So we're ahead of the game. And then for our Department of Defense, or for attract dollars which is the state money. We're at 49.5% spent. We have three agencies that have actually spent so quickly, we went back to the state and said Do you have more money and they said yes, so we have requested about 10 million more dollars on top of all the other dollars we're getting, because that's just, that's just how it's gonna work. So we're processing that now we're processing our first run of the American rescue plan funds now as well. So that's 19 million more to add to the 58 million, not to include the other dollars that are coming. And so as soon as those get contracted out more referrals will go out, we have about 4300 households waiting. So what we have done is implemented a twice a month, email that goes out to all the tenants and all the landlords, letting them know they're in the process, their pending, very very popular word right now, because as long as



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you're pending you cannot be evicted, so they are pending processing and so we are sending those out twice a month just to make sure landlords are calm no we're working through it don't evict don't move out of your unit, just hang tight the money's coming so just lots of kudos to the nine providers, they are just kicking butt and taking names so we're just gonna keep moving forward and rushing as much as we can to get these rental assistance out the doors and to prevent as many evictions as possible. So, the other two updates I'll give is we work very closely as you know, City of Tacoma, making sure they can spend their dollars down they go through the portal. We have also been contacted by Bonney Lake, we are going to issue and some support them some way to get their dollars spent, and the city of Lakewood has also reached out to us. So we have started referring people to the city of Lakewood who live in Lakewood, they can receive their assistance first and then still receive our so very collaborative effort very community wide response, and we are looking to grow that so if you know anyone who is interested in being a rental assistance provider, I encourage you to apply. That's all I got. It's my first full week on the new job, it's very weird.

Duane Parker

Thank you Valerie and congratulations on a new job.

Valeri Knight

I see one hand up. It just,

Maureen Howard

I think your work has been amazing, and I mean I don't even follow it, because, well, Really I, you know, I haven't. Well it is, you know, and I'm on these calls that are supposed to be about something else, and they're all about places where 1% of the money's out or nobody has access or, you know, that sort of thing and I'm like, oh my god we could be the only county in the country where this actually working, you know,

Valeri Knight

we are learning and every community has something to share and so we listened to all of those same experiences and we're like, Hey, that's a good one. Let's talk to the housing authorities let's talk to this and see let's talk to that entity and so we will continue to grow and improve. And by the end of this, we may have like the best thing ever right but the goal is to make as many landlords whole as possible and make as many tenants housed as we can get so we'll just keep pushing forward until we succeed and make amends as we need to go. So, thank you.

Duane Parker

Thank you. All right, we are getting short on time. So I want to make sure that we have a chance to speak with we had a bad guarter She's

Adam Reichenberger

no she is here today this is Adam Reich and Berger the housing policy coordinator at the health department. Haven't seen her pop up today. I also so I guess the biggest update with her we're I think



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we're going to be transitioning her out of the role and I'm going to be. I've already been participating in these meetings and with Marina and the housing group but I think I will also be sometime shortly be providing these updates as well, but that is unfortunately this week's a little bit of a gray area. So that transition is happening and you'll get more of me,

Duane Parker

appreciate your presence here, and thanks for letting us know what's going on. Alright, so with that, let's go ahead and move to Ivan. Are you on the continent. With Pierce County Emergency Management Do we have anybody from here. Nope. Okay. All right then. So with that, if there's no more government updates, we'll go ahead and move to safe sites,

Maureen Howard

no heat. Oh heat.

Duane Parker

Yes, heat and weather updates for the weekend. I'm sorry.

Maureen Howard

Okay. Heat called Jeff Rogers. So, I noticed he doesn't have his face show when he's done grimacing he'll come, maybe. Alright so here's where we are. I know but I'm serious, folks, This is like been a world of difference. Okay, stability site is open. Take what you need, and be prepared to tell someone after the fact, how much water went out to the county sites, how much stayed within city sites but the what and the city is doing the resupplying of the stability site. All right. As far as the coordination of the outreach workers and the participation and the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management and Pierce County Human Services engagement, all of that really is Jeff Rogers, and for which I am beyond grateful, and I have given Jeff, the information that I have for those of you who are not funded by Pierce County to do outreach so and you were all copied on that email, please reach out to him if you have not done so, so he can run his own list and stay in communication with you. He's not going to tell you where to go, but the more information you can give him about what you're saying or what you're doing, the better he can have a comprehensive view of what's going on. There may be more cooling centers Shilo is discussing it, I haven't seen anything yet this morning. And there could be others out there, that's what happened last time, faith based organizations within the city of Tacoma do not require any kind of permit or authorization or anything to open a cooling center, they simply make a decision and they open it. They Pierce Transit. The bus rights are free for people going to cooling centers you just tell the bus driver that you're going to a cooling center, I know it's not perfect. Okay, but it is more than nothing. There will be a formal Pierce County Department of Emergency Management convened after action report on the June heat emergency on August 11. Jan runback money Brown and I will represent the coalition will take forward, everything that we have already received from you about our learnings and try to be attentive, and the language that I've seen most recently from that entity the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management calls out the needs of our most vulnerable, vulnerable people, those who are unsheltered. And it may be we come out of this with something that becomes actually a language model and process model for a lot of other places. We do also have just.



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All I know about this is that the city of Tacoma invited me to represent the coalition and just use me in their acknowledgement of all of the volunteers engaged in the response to the heat waves in the compassionate to coma recognition which will be August 10 I'll know more about that later today after a meeting and can advise people. So that's what I know about heat so Jeffrey. My new best friend Jeff Rogers Moniek.

Monique Brown

Thank you. I just wanted to state to everyone on the call. I know that there's sometimes overlap I'll show up somewhere and there's water there. So if you know of an encampment that you're like nobody's coming to this encampment to give water, please let me know so I can drop water there because I really don't have a good clue of where to go. I'm just kind of driving around so if you know of a place that is not getting water drop it in the chat, email me, I'll put my email in chat. I'm picking up at 1130 this morning, and so I can run some water. Uh huh.

Maureen Howard

Thank you. Good morning. All right, Jeff, take it away. Oh God, maybe I chased him off.

Jeff Rogers

No you didn't take me off of what am I taking away

Maureen Howard

anything you want to add to what I've just said,

Jeff Rogers

No, I think you basically said all of it. You did a very good job explaining all of that and sharing all that.

Maureen Howard

Well, thank you, people I'm serious, email, Jeff, you've all got his email. If you're not funded as an outreach team by Pierce County, let him know who you are. And if you're going out where you're going,

Jeff Rogers

so email me Monique.

Maureen Howard

Yeah, Jeff stick here, email in the chat again for folks. I have one of my emailing you for, so he can find you, so you can talk together. Yeah, okay, yeah.

Duane Parker

The beautiful thing networking in real time. Thank you, Jeff. Thank you, Mary. Thank you. Alrighty. So with that, is there anything else that we want to talk about as far as the Janet has her hand up. Okay. Thank you, Janet.



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Janet Runbeck

Oh, Jeff, do you have plenty of water,

Jeff Rogers

um, we, there's water available, and our outreach teams that we're working with have been informed that if they need additional water that they have the authority to purchase water, and we will reimburse them for that water, they can use their contract, and for something with the challenge within their contracts we can have a conversation about amending their contracts later,

Maureen Howard

they can jam they can all go to the stability site. Yeah, everybody can go to the stability site who is taking water out to encampments, and if they purchase water to be used within the city of Tacoma. If they purchase garbage bags or medical supplies within the city of Tacoma, the city will reimburse them. If they cannot do the direct reimbursement, with the city, the coalition will do it with am with the city. So there's a process for reimbursement.

Jeff Rogers

And as well with our providers that the county contracts with doing outreach.

Maureen Howard

So, Again, it's not perfect. But folks, this is like, I mean, I'm not up in the middle of the night wondering someone's gonna die, because we don't have water. The city is monitoring the stability site, the city will replenish the stability site they already did once. So, yeah. And thanks to CCS if you're still on for the folks at the stability site who simply added this, again, to their everyday duties.

Duane Parker

Alright, thank you very much appreciate you guys. Thank you, Marina and Jeff and thank you for bringing me back to my orientation. All right, so let's move to safe sites. Do we have columnar Janet on this

Janet Runbeck

is calling us not here. I do know that we have spots open so there are business cards being printed so folks can put business cards underneath windshield wipers. If you suspect suspect somebody is sleeping in their car to connect that person in the car with a safe sight potential location, and there are spots available throughout the city in the county so please utilize this this asset that this coalition has developed.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much, Janet, we appreciate that. Anything else for the safe sites this week from anyone else. For any questions.



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And I can't see your answer, please unmute and just going. Alright. For the sake of time, we shall move on. Alright. Can we have the coalition committee updates please.

And I placed this on the agenda just so that we could make sure that we covered any committee meetings that took place this week, or advertise upcoming committee meeting so I see Rosemary's hand up and I was hoping she'd have something to share.

Rosemary Powers

Hey, I was wondering about our steering committee decision about the, the donate button, if that would be appropriate to mention now. So, as a steering committee this past week, we looked at the money that we received during the past heat emergency when people offered to help and they didn't know how and we created a donate button on the homepage, and I don't know what the total funds but it's something around \$800 And so we had said that with that money we would support people who are living homeless in their need, and that wasn't very specific, but we learned yesterday on Wednesday that garbage bags are the gold standard for things that are needed on the street. And so we decided that we would deputize Jeffrey, as our person to coordinate with any others who are interested in this, to provide both cleaning, and garbage supplies to encampments and so that money that's was donated up through July 31 So up through the end of this week, and will be earmarked for those services and Jeffrey will be reimbursed if he's the one making the purchases or will use the same process Maureen. described earlier. So if you're interested contact Jeffrey have for any assistance with that and any monies going forward, we still need to have a process for how we would spend monies donated to the coalition as Maureen stated earlier, we're still a very informal group, but we have a finance workgroup that doesn't have a meeting date yet set, but if you're a person with some experience or interest in developing financial policies, I'm going to put my email in the chat and I'll make sure you get on a mailing list that for any meetings that we are setting up in the near future. Additionally, I have agreed to coordinate the governance work group, which has a task to create in the next few days of helping to deal with this, the grant monies that we have in the carrying out of the grants and policies or processes for ensuring that we have a staff person that we are managing any of the funds in the ways that are appropriate. And so if you have, if you're a person with some background in personnel management or grant management and want to contribute a couple of hours to creating some of those things then also contact me. And then the third group, we actually did convene this past week is the raising equity committee. We had a small group, who had agreed earlier that they were interested. So we met just for an initial meeting and we will be meeting this coming week, August 5 At three o'clock, with a primary test to look at a survey, we'd like to create to find out who we all are in terms of our backgrounds, so we know what kinds of plans and programs and tools we might want to use as we try to ensure that we lead with racial equity. And equity and inclusion of those I think, again, I'll give you just let me know if you're interested I'll provide information to you for any of those groups. And I'll put my name in the chat and I think, Monique wanted to say something.

Monique Brown



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Yes, and I don't want to offend anyone. I'm a military veteran army specifically. So I say things very bluntly upfront, but if you have complaints about any of the things that we're talking about. Show up to these meetings, if you are passionate about diversity, equity, inclusion, then show up, you can't complain about it, and then not show up to make a difference. So just putting that charge out there. Come show up and help us out.

Duane Parker

And that was greatness, appreciate that money.

Rosemary Powers

So I would just add, Thank you, Monique very much for that encouragement to participate, that the governance work group is as focused in the next week on this grant of managing these grants and the staffing related to it but our overall charges, really to develop alternatives for how we want to be as a, as a coalition so if you're interested in that kind of thinking, then that's another reason to join up with us to have the conversation and help create the process as many many has any questions but I that's what I know for now.

Laurie Davenport

Thank you, rosemary, much appreciate it already. Any other updates for the coalition. I see. We have an update on signs. Teresa Hill signs I have signs there specifically to promote the ending homelessness by 11 121, and the more we get out there, the more we can do that kind of outreach and start talking and showing people what what needs to happen start some conversations so I have them, Theresa has them. I'm here at work six to one to call my Avenue South, I'm here and basically one day nine to four, you can come pick one up from me anytime. Teresa has a motor porch, and we're ready to go. We're taking donations of these the signs were, we were able to do them because generosity of a lot of people in this coalition would really appreciate it so if you donated to make these, we've got one for you. If you want to donate, when you pick one up. Great. We have several different ways you can do that that just allows us to make more stuff, get the words out there. Theresa Do you have more details or

Theresa Power-Drutis

I'm gonna send out a email later today with some times that I will just know that I'm here and if you want to drop by you can. It's harder to make appointments than to just do some blocks of time so that, please look forward in your inbox, it will just say science available between this time in that time.

Duane Parker

Thank you guys very much. Appreciate that. Any other questions or issues that we'd like that. No. Okay. All right. With that, we shall move to the Pierce County homeless or short website tour that's going to be given to us by Rob. So I'll hand it back over to Rob, thank you.



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And in the interest of time I will definitely make this just a few minutes, but I wanted to share. For those who maybe are new and have never visited the website at PC homeless.org wanted to just kind of point out a few things that are you useful there. So even though he's been on on cooking duty. Garrett has made some updates to the website. You can see that as of yesterday morning he did an update about the cooling stations that are open, across the county. So, this page the main page changes pretty frequently. It has the links to all of the meetings that we hold including the steering committee meeting the Governance Committee meetings as those come up as Maureen mentioned as Garrett has to step back. It's, it's likely that it will fall to others of us on the coalition to keep the page, updated. I'm hoping to get a kind of tutorial from Garrett on how I can do that, so that we can keep the most up to date information there. And the one thing I wanted to show a lot of people ask about joining the listsery. It is this link right up here along the top that shows all of the different listservs that are available that you can subscribe to not just the main coalition list, but also the steering committee list safe sites for all list encampment alerts, is another option there. And if you do find that the coalition listserv the regular feed of email is too overwhelming for you you can subscribe to The Daily Digest. The other thing that I will share is that I know Jan asked earlier in today's meeting about where can there we find video of the past meetings, so if you see under recent presentations here. There are some there's some wording that describes what each of these meetings includes. When you click on that it actually brings you to a page that allows you to listen to the entire content of the meeting. You can also go in and watch the presentation if you wish, you can see the chat, which ends up looking like this. And you can see the full transcript that is done automatically by the otter ai ai transcripts. So that's all I will do for today's update, but we will periodically revisit the website we want to make sure that people are aware of the resources that exist on the site, and that people use it as a place to turn for information because literally, it has information about coordinated entry about overnight shelter about showers and day centers, it's, it's meant to be an information hub. And if you're working with a client and need to refer someone. This can be a real resource. I turn it back to you.

Duane Parker

Thank you. Appreciate that. Alrighty. So at this point in time, we will go with the good of the order. The purpose of this is for announcements for the good of the order for all. Do we have anything we'd like to add, Jeffrey.

Jeffrey Boyce

I am a member of the I chair the our bishops, homeless Task Force. We've spent two years, looking over and researching, best practices across the country. The website is now put together, complete, and I would welcome everyone to review it as needed. We have really worked hard to find the best practices that are being used across the country. And there's a lot of good articles in there too. I did put it in the chat. It's S U N dash, w w.org, and I highly encourage everyone to at least review it and see if, see if there's maybe some new ideas for us. Thank you.

Duane Parker

Thank you, Jeffrey appreciate the information I wanted to point out that in the chat. Sheila, let everybody know that goodwill is partnering with Tacoma Pierce County Health Department for a back to



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school resource fair on the east side family Revathi side Family Resource Center. The address is in chat so please look at that if you have any families and anything else that we like that for the good of you. And again, please unmute and just come

Julian Wheeler

up, I have my hand raised. This is Julian, can you hear me. Yes, that's too bad. I Julian Wheeler chair the Pierce County, accessible communities Advisory Committee, just wanted to put out our announcement for our Tuesday September 14 regular session meeting, and it's going to be on Zoom. So thank you for having these meetings on Zoom, zoom, at 9am, so we're looking for new members, new ideas, and we help expedite funds for accessibility projects in Pierce County. And these funds come from traffic tickets. Not traffic tickets, parking tickets, people illegally parking disability spots. So if you want to do that go ahead and read the help fund the project but I hope to see people there. And let's, let's make Pierce County accessible for everyone. Thank you.

Duane Parker

Thank you, Julian, that is a very important point, and we appreciate you sharing the day. And sorry I didn't catch your hand. Who else do we have, and please unmute because I am missing hands, obviously.

Good morning everyone, this is Dr. Mishra with career team. And, like I talked about today in our breakout meeting for a career team. We just wanted to kind of be here today, kind of be a fly on the wall kind of take things in, see what type of resources you guys are providing and figure out if there's any type of way we can kind of leverage in what we're doing to help individuals that although they may be experiencing homelessness, they may be ready to kind of get their foot back in the door in the workforce. Alright, I know there's a lot of barriers that take place that kind of makes it a bit difficult but there are probably some people that are looking to get back to work, and we can help provide a lot of different services. All geared towards getting back to employment. You know resume assistance, interviewing assistance. We can help provide training for certificates and different things like that, and just all the wraparound services that come with getting individuals back to work so I just wanted to highlight that, that you know that we're here as as a partner and a resource to kind of help leverage, you know, just resources together to help as many people as possible. And if I can leave some information with one of you all. That way it can be kind of saturated throughout the different organizations or whatnot, just let me know.

Duane Parker

Yes, thank you, Deanna and if you could add your information to the chat, that'd be great. Also, as Rob was saying, you can go to the coalition meeting website, and add yourself to the list over there also money

Monique Brown



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beyond question for you. I know that a lot of the folks that I do outreach to, you know, if they want to get back to work. It's like sweet stuff, you know, not, not a whole lot of time to do training and all that kind of stuff. And you said something about certificates are you talking like assistance with flagging and things that they can get back into work fast

or. Absolutely. We did a few different cohorts with TRM last year where we took in a number of individuals who were interested in the program and what we did is we brought them in. We got them all trained up on their forklift, which that's a one day training, right. And so we were able to help them get that certification pay for the training get the certification and we were also able to present them to employers who needed warehouse workers with forklifts certification so you quick turnaround stuff. We also have some of the longer term stuff, but like I said, we, we, we try to meet people where they are right and try to do as much as we can for them, you know, based on their situation so

Duane Parker

thank you very much Diane for the information, appreciate it. I thought I saw another hand or. Yes, just,

Theresa Power-Drutis

I just wanted to say to Dion and any other organization who would be interested in did a five minute spot light during this meeting. I'm putting my email address in the chat, contact me and we'll schedule it so that we get, we get to hear about these. Sometimes unknown organizations to us.

Duane Parker

Appreciate it. Yeah, thank you for that Teresa Hi and thank you again Dr. We appreciate you being here and hope to see you in future meetings. All right. With that, we are running with close on that time so what we're going to do is move to reflecting on today's meeting. Are there any things that people would like to bring out about today's meeting that hit them a certain way, what worked, what didn't work or what should we do different next time. Any suggestions. Again, you can't see and I'm sorry, I can see certain people but I can't see all of them so if you just want to unmute that'd be great.

Monique Brown

I'll just say again that I love the process. I'm actually going to steal your format for some of my meetings. I like the process and the way it goes, it makes the meeting flow so well, though. That's my input.

Duane Parker

Thank you Mr Huff, you're doing a great job with that. Thank you, appreciate it does go very well, even somebody like me can run the meeting. Okay. So, actually,

Maureen Howard

that's something we're looking for Dwayne, is that we're looking for people who would like to facilitate, if not the entire meeting, half of the meeting, say, it breaks nicely into, you know, two hour to one hour



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segments. So let Rob Huff know if this is something you'd like to do. And it's, You don't have to do it for your life.

Theresa Power-Drutis

And you don't, you don't it's not required that you have a wonderful voice like Dwayne does in a nice manner like Dwayne does but it would be helpful if you had some of those qualities.

Duane Parker

I appreciate that, but I believe everybody can do the same thing, if they just gonna go ahead and try. So if at any point in time you feel brave, or you just want to try it out, and, and it's either clunky at first start, it's smooth at first it's still something that we'd appreciate so please jump in. Thank you.

Maureen Howard

Dwayne I don't know if you can see the chat Adam has some updates from Reanna from the health department. Oh,

Duane Parker

I'm sorry I missed that. Go ahead, Adam. Thank you Marie

tries so hard. Ah, sorry my phone died earlier and I was getting emails from Rianna at same time. So I just dropped a couple links in the chat. One is our COVID community COVID-19 Community Outreach Toolkit that I encourage folks to check out and share widely with their networks. A lot of good resources there and then I think Rianna shared this in the listserv yesterday but links to you are staying, keeping cool website for tips for the upcoming heat. So those are both in the chat now.

Rob Huff

Thank you. And Dwayne you're muted right.

Duane Parker

Oh, and that makes things a lot harder for you to hear me. Sorry, Rob. No problem. I was saying thank you Adam I appreciate you passing that off to us. Are there any other updates that we'd like to add before we release you guys for a wonderful amazing weekend

Maureen Howard

rosemary.

Duane Parker

Rosemary. And the mute the mute thing is still happening because you're muted rosemary.

Rosemary Powers



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Anyway, sorry, of Gail had put in the chat that she'd lost the chat and asked for someone to send it to her, and I was just thinking rob you could reinforce what you said about that and help all of us to understand how to save the chat ourselves but also how to retrieve it.

Rob Huff

Yeah, sure. Very briefly, I can only describe what I see on the screen, but there at the bottom of the chat screen, I see three dots that allow me to. When I click on it says save chat, that's one way that you can save the chat yourself. I actually just use that feature to save the chat, text and drop it into the chat as a file so Gail that should be helpful for you. You can just grab that and download it from chat,

Rosemary Powers

she lost it. I think last year computer access, so she wanted to get someone to send it to her. And she, I think on the web page as you were saying earlier,

Rob Huff

right. The only challenge with the webpage is that it does take a little bit, there's a little bit of a time lag, so it doesn't get posted immediately after the meeting, but we're working on that. So that's one of the things we're working on there and thank you, Sheila, I see that you sent the file to Gail, teamwork, a

Duane Parker

lot of hands make for light work, so thank you guys for being here with us and helping out. And I see Janet Did you raise your hand or was that just a week. No. Okay.

Rob Huff

Go ahead. Yeah, so what I will say before everybody takes off, is that we will have a planning session for next week's meeting and upcoming meetings, immediately after this, so if you do have an interest in participating in that. After we take a little five minute break, we will continue in the same room, so that's an option for you.

Duane Parker

And with that, we say thank you guys all for joining us today. And again, those of you who would like to hang out, please do so. Enjoy your

Julian Wheeler

week, it looks so good. Thank you for joining Thanks Rob.

Duane Parker

Thank you guys. Have a great one.