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Friday Provider Meeting Chat – August 6th, 2021

00:19:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - COALITION MEETING NORMS

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00:19:51 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

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00:20:26 - Maureen Howard: - Race and Equity Committee is now a listserv option...

00:20:33 - Rosemary Powers: - ZOOM NORMS

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00:26:05 - Maureen Howard: - City of Tacoma will reimburse FnB medical supplies...please follow up with me - mhoward@pchomeless.org

00:26:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - other supplies needed?

00:26:32 - Wolf Cook: - venmo [fnb_tacoma](#) to support

00:26:34 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you to FnB for your work!

00:29:54 - Wolf Cook: - fnb has served there

00:30:35 - Maureen Howard: - Jeff Rodgers said the Dept of Trans on 167 - wrap him in to planning

00:31:01 - Dean Teehee: - when we were down at the 705/Puyallup ave encampment a few weeks ago a lady said management said that they had to move by 9/1. Something about "new Management." not sure if this is true or not.

00:32:06 - Maureen Howard: - 705 is on WA Site Dept of Transportation property. City of Tacoma has money from State of WA for this site...let's find out more from City report today

00:33:21 - Dean Teehee: - Dean Teehee Peer Recovery Coach The Center at 253-593-2740



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- 00:35:13 - Maureen Howard: - Is there an easy way to keep track of who is going out to which encampments? Might be easier to ensure outreach folks have the resources they need. Also might help to have a more humane response to sweeps.
- 00:35:16 - Lisa Kleiner: - HI Dean... question on referring in. So, can a person just refer themself?
- 00:35:42 - Lisa Kleiner: - What is that address?
- 00:35:55 - Lisa Kleiner: - Thank you
- 00:35:56 - Christine Lindquist: - Excellent!
- 00:36:02 - Dean Teehee: - 721 Fawcett avenue Tacoma wa
- 00:37:48 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The website with information and documents related to this work can be found at <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessn>
- 00:38:19 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I can drop that agenda into the chat...
- 00:39:09 - Dean Teehee: - the address is 721 fawcette ave #204 Tacoma Wa 98402
- 00:39:23 - Dean Teehee: - it is the building on the left.
- 00:39:30 - Maureen Howard: - Shelter Plan Workgroup agenda packet - above link - has the data, definitions, etc. Take time to look. There is a proposed geographic distribution of shelters.
- 00:39:58 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This is the link to the survey Mike is discussing:
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6458984/HS-Shelter-Survey>
- 00:40:37 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - It would be good to know who is going out after campers experience trauma (like gun violence or tent fires). Willing to talk about how your organization responds to specific traumas at campsites? How about a 5 min. spotlight presentation. Let me know if you are interested. tpdrutis@nctacoma.org
- 00:41:25 - Mike Boisture: - This week we launched the survey to help inform our shelter design. This survey is for people experiencing homelessness anywhere in Pierce County. The survey has been distributed to the outreach workers in the County. But the more responses, the better we are able to design the shelters. So, you can help folks complete this survey in a few ways:
- - Email or text them the survey link - <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6458984/HS-Shelter-Survey> - where they can fill out the survey on their own
 - - Ask the survey questions while you fill out the survey for them on your computer or phone.
 - - Have folks fill out a printed copy of the survey and email a scanned or photographed copy of the survey to gerrit.nyland@piercecounywa.gov
- 00:44:10 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Just an FYI, there are two or three people sleeping near N. Pearl, they seem to be moving up and down the street between, 26th and 30th on Pearl. They have been living there on and off for weeks now. Often times by the Wells Fargo, near Big Lots or by the Safeway/KeyBank entrance .
- 00:44:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I just discovered where the "raised hand" function moved. Now it under "reactions" Will use that now :)
- 00:45:15 - Monique Brown: - Thank you, Theresa! I was so confused!!!!
- 00:45:16 - Sally Perkins: - The 2400 number is a County-wide number?
- 00:45:26 - Jennifer Ammons: - Have to sign off for a hearing. Back later.
- 00:45:38 - Maureen Howard: - 2400 is county-wide but does not include McKinney Vento
- 00:46:46 - Maureen Howard: - I'm not certain about the 1000 beds available. Some of these are units - could have two people, could have six.
- 00:47:02 - Haili Crow: - Can you put questions in the chat
- 00:50:58 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Yes, here is our topic: What should be included in the mix of shelter types for the plan to end street homelessness by Nov. 1? And where should shelter be located?
- 01:03:03 - Haili Crow: - Hybrid model



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People have stated that they would go if they go together

Place where people can go together

Parking lot and then safe place to put tent

More county and community involvement

YAB

Need buy in from campers well

Need buy in from community-lots of concerned community members about safe camping

Respite day camping has been used across

01:03:24 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 1:

01:03:35 - Danyelle Smith: - is there a new tiny home facility in Tacoma?

01:03:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Christine for taking notes for room 1!

01:03:52 - Lisa Kleiner: - More options like the Puyallup Pilot

01:04:33 - Danyelle Smith: - thank you

01:04:40 - Haili Crow: - One thing I was going to add before we got cut off was that we need buy in from community members. We had a concerned community member come in to Oakland talking about safe camping. I know there are folks that are potentially never going to be accepting, but how do we get folks outside of the housing system to have a better understanding

01:04:54 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Haile for the notes

01:05:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes! let's call them what they are

01:05:41 - Danyelle Smith: - okay thank you for clarity

01:05:50 - Kelly Blucher: - Breakout Room 10: important to meet folks where they are at.

Sanctioned tent encampments closer to grocery and transportation access

Hotel options

Tiny home sites

Micro Shelter

Need to have more transparency with community around use of sites.

01:05:51 - Monique Brown: - Thank you, James

01:05:56 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 6. We had Inside Passages and Food Not Bombs with real world experience.

Ideas: Avoid excessive policing at sites. New systems should be people centered, not system centered.

Need more "lived experience" voices at the top to design & implement new sites.

01:06:04 - James Pogue: - Any time :P

01:06:23 - RoxAnne Simon: - Room 3 Safe parking for RV's and Campers

Tent encampments-need to step up services- improved hygiene facilities-showers/laundry facilities

01:06:32 - Sally Perkins: - thank you, Jan.

01:07:27 - Sherri Jensen: - I am

01:07:37 - Timothy Harris: - Group two leans hard toward tiny houses and sanctioned encampments as forms of shelter that people who are sleeping out will accept. Need options to accommodate couples and pets. The only shelter available for youth is congregate, and that is very unattractive to many homeless people. Also, DV shelter needs emphasis. Waiting lists are way too long. We're thinking of micro shelter primarily. Also need streamlining of availability of options from county and city because the complexity of this is very hard for street outreach workers trying to get people inside. More congregate shelter will likely be rejected by almost everyone currently sleeping out because they've already rejected that.

01:07:37 - Sherri Jensen: - Missed the last meeting though!

01:08:40 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 1: Need to open up something now. Safe spaces for RVs, small campsite spaces (20-40 spaces), need numbers that are specific to needs such as RV spaces or tiny



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homes, people definitely know what they want (privacy, access to a bathroom), on the shelter side we need a plan to get people out of shelters - what comes next - such as shared housing for people who are working - a combined household model, might need a tiered or segregated group such as for people who are actively using, units that accept pets, people who are released from medical care, folks with mental illness.

- 01:08:51 - Rosemary Powers: - group 4 noted that micro shelters may have most acceptance in neighborhoods and provide more privacy and flexibility with other needs. support the sanctioned tents and safe parking option—wish we had the will to respond to this emergency as as natural disasters are treated—with temporary structures that are in place while the “emergency” is still with us. likely will need a mix of all the ideas presented. encourage “boarding house” type option as either temporary for people just losing housing and in transition. Could also be a longer term solution. concern raised at dependence on congregate shelters given the advance of Delta variant of Covid.
- 01:08:55 - Monique Brown: - Room 7: All types of structures are needed, now. Offerings need to be flexible to what those experiencing homelessness believe they need. Waiting for structures to be built should not be an option.
- 01:09:22 - Monique Brown: - *Is not an option at this point
- 01:09:56 - Michelle Burchett: - Good morning everyone. I am working as Foundation Community Support Supportive Housing (FCS). I am new to this work, however very passionate for planning for housing and homelessness. I nearing am nearing the end of master @UWT in community planning with a focus on homelessness and recovery from substance use disorder. I work for Sound Integrated Health as SUDP/FCS Housing Specialist.
- 01:10:33 - Sherri Jensen: - What is the non-profit she works at?
- 01:10:51 - Janet Runbeck: - FUSE
- 01:11:49 - Sherri Jensen: - Thanks Jan
- 01:12:45 - Monique Brown: - Hello, Michelle!
- 01:13:27 - Laurie Davenport: - Group 8 - Mike Boisture, Ben Miksch, Paula Anderson, Kasey Burton, Laurie Davenport, Loa Lee
- 01:14:07 - gerrit nyland: - FUSE did a really compelling presentation to the Coalition back in May of 2019. They presented on how to make change happen by using the "Hero Narrative". notes from that meeting are at <http://pchomeless.org/MeetingMinutes/Details?id=406>
- 01:14:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Ending street homelessness will require political will and even more community will, and each of our voices will matter in this work.
- 01:16:17 - Ben Miksch: - Maureen - Reiny Cohen, who is the Communications Hub Director for FUSE, used to be the Comms Director for WLIHA. you should try and get her to come out with Kari and join the work :-)
- 01:16:46 - Laurie Davenport: - Sorry Koa Lee. We need to ask people on the street what they need. Seeing many new people who have not had contact with the system. Need to move away from congregate sheltering. COVID is a big issue. SS4A — many options, safe parking, sanctioned encampments, motels, tiny homes — sanctioned camps are a more immediate answer for 11/1/21 goal. If property is purchased or planned for tiny homes it could be a sanctioned camp in the interim. Definition of what’s necessary for a sanctioned camp — place for cars, RVs, tents to be safe, food prep available, not necessarily showers, toilets, etc. A sanctioned camp needs layers of management, directly managed by someone who lives there but also need an entity to provide basics like portapotties, showers, garbage — hopefully a County team to set up a structure and check on people on a regular basis like Colin does. When people are moved to a sanctioned camp they need to move together — an unsanctioned group is a family. What can we do now to stop the bleeding?



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- 01:17:33 - Laurie Davenport: - That was Group 8.
- 01:18:37 - Mark Melsness, Spinnaker: - Maureen, please add me to the group to meet.
- 01:19:40 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - RE the question from James: should we aim to provide safe sites for around 1000 people or 2000 plus? We cannot create these all at once. We will know we are there when we actually offer a wide range of low-barrier and special needs sites and no-one is still left without a place to set up their tent or park their vehicle home. ONE urban campsite should be set up before the end of August to start. ONE RV safe lot should be operational by the end of August too. Find out who these work for and who doesn't "fit," Pivot and repeat.
- 01:20:38 - Danyelle Smith: - what is the criteria to get into or how would folks get into the micro shelter?
- 01:20:41 - Maureen Howard: - Klarissa - Lighthouse is a distribution site for whom? I thought the Stability Site was the distribution union site?
- 01:20:51 - Klarissa Monteros: - www.cityoftacoma.org/hygiene-stations.
- 01:21:07 - Klarissa Monteros: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>
- 01:21:58 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Who is taking your place here?
- 01:23:40 - Julian F. Wheeler, PC-ACAC chair (he/his): - Let's commit together to make Pierce County more accessible for everyone, including, but not limited to, people with disabilities. And not only for PWD's as customers and constituents, but also as potential leaders, managers, department heads, and even elected officials.

All are invited to our next regular session of the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (PC-ACAC) is on-line on Tuesday, September 14th, at 9 am. We are looking for new members and new ideas.

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- 01:24:20 - Sherri Jensen: - Have they hired for your position Klarissa?
- 01:24:23 - Sherri Jensen: - I know you have been an interim
- 01:24:35 - Laurie Davenport: - Information on the CDC moratorium: it halts nonpayment of rent evictions until October 3, 2021, in counties experiencing high levels of COVID transmission. A tenant is entitled to CDC moratorium protections if the tenant submits a CDC declaration to the landlord or landlord's agent. The declaration form is available at www.washingtonlawhelp.org. To be covered under the CDC moratorium's declaration, a tenant has to meet certain criteria: (1) the tenant is using 'best efforts' to obtain governmental rental assistance, (2) the tenant earned \$99,000 or less in 2021 (\$198,000 if filing jointly), (3) the tenant is unable to pay full rent due to loss of household income, (4) the eviction would likely render the tenant homeless, (5) the tenant resides in a US county experiencing high rates of COVID transmission (Pierce County qualifies). With Washington's Bridge moratorium requiring tenants to start paying rent again August 1, the CDC moratorium may apply to numerous tenancies in Washington facing eviction.
- 01:25:18 - Laurie Davenport: - The CDC moratorium expressly excludes hotel, motel or other temporary guests. Also, it is important to note that the CDC moratorium does not prevent evictions for reasons other than nonpayment of rent.



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- 01:25:20 - Sherri Jensen: - NCS seems significantly short staffed, it's unfortunate they did not hire prior to your transition. Thanks for your work!
- 01:25:34 - Maureen Howard: - Klarissa - glad to know you will continue with us from OEHR
- 01:25:46 - James Pogue: - Tiegan called me earlier this week to state the same (about Lighthouse). I believe their was some challenges about making the stability site the water distribution center.
- 01:26:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Agree with Sherri's comments and thank you for your work Klarissa
- 01:26:51 - Gerald Daniels: - Thanks Klarissa for your time with us.
- 01:30:25 - Faatima Lawrence: - Yes, if someone can please give us clarification about the water at the Stability Site that would be great because as of right know my staff are planning to give out the water at the Stability Site to outreach workers when temp go above 85.
- 01:31:02 - Janet Runbeck: - There is NO water available this week at Salvation Army Puyallup.
- 01:31:27 - Gerald Daniels: - Thanks Janet
- 01:34:09 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you Jan!
- 01:35:48 - Lisa Kleiner: - The city website shows the last extension on the Hygiene stations through July 19.... Sorry if I missed it, but what is the current end date?
- 01:36:00 - Dean Teehee: - the water in puyallup is for distribution for homeless next week?
- 01:37:08 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Lisa, I believe the last weekly report extended the time for the hygiene stations through the end of August.
- 01:37:36 - Christine Lindquist: - Could we download and print?
- 01:37:36 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Yes, Dean, the water in Puyallup will be for distribution to the eastern part of the county.
- 01:38:25 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The business cards are double sided, full color. I will defer to Laurie about printing these at home.
- 01:39:05 - Klarissa Monteros: - Lighthouse is distro for shelter operators who we have contacted and need supplies, separate operation from stability site, which is for outreach workers. There is no change to stability site being activated 24/7 when the need arises.
- 01:39:28 - Stacey Soltoff: - We're up to 2 cars (3 ppl) & it's going well at Tahoma :)
- 01:39:48 - Dean Teehee: - what is safe site phone number or website?
- 01:40:20 - Faatima Lawrence: - Thanks Klarissa!!
- 01:40:38 - Monique Brown: - Thank you, Klarissa!
- 01:41:31 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You can sign up for the listserv here: <http://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>
- 01:41:41 - Janet Runbeck: - Colin's Safe Site number is 253-348-4596
- 01:41:59 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Safe Site- 253-348-4596 colin@i2-strategies.com or pchomeless.org
- 01:42:00 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The Safe Sites web page is: <http://pchomeless.org/Home/SafeParking3>
- 01:42:32 - Dean Teehee: - Thanks!
- 01:45:40 - Janet Runbeck: - There will Covid shots, and well health checks at Project Homeless Connect, Sept. 17
- 01:46:19 - Gerald Daniels: - Jeffrey and Jan, we have just exited our last safe parking participant to housing and now have space available.
- 01:46:28 - Kelly Blucher: - Kellyb@goodwillwa.org
- 01:46:52 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Gerald
- 01:47:07 - Gerald Daniels: - You're welcome
- 01:47:07 - Janet Runbeck: - Well Done, Gerald! We'll spread the good word of availability at RISE.
- 01:47:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - CARDS STICKERS & SIGNS: You can drop by to pick up safe parking cards, "end street homelessness" stickers and yard signs from 1-6 pm today or Monday from 10 am - noon.



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Email or text to let me know your eta and how many you want and I'll text or email my address back to you. tpdrutis@nctacoma.org 253.534.5402

01:47:30 - Gerald Daniels: - Thanks Janet

01:47:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Pun intended

01:48:02 - Monique Brown: - Awesome, Gerald! I love your work!!!!

01:48:36 - Laurie Davenport: - And you can pick up signs and stickers from me at the Tacomaprobono office, 621 Tacoma Ave S, 9-4 weekdays. Call me at 253-298-1187.

01:49:12 - Stacey Soltoff: - I believe this is the sign up for the September event Kelly was referring to <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=assocmin&id=68>

01:49:12 - Gerald Daniels: - Thanks Monique, we're doing it together, thanks for your support and all that you're bringing as well.

01:49:40 - Monique Brown: - We are going to be unstoppable together!!!

01:49:53 - Gerald Daniels: - Amen

01:50:39 - Sally Perkins: - Well done, Gerald! :)

01:51:31 - Gerald Daniels: - Thank you Sally, we haven't talked in a while :(

01:52:03 - Sally Perkins: - I know, I need to come by and say Hi. :)

01:52:20 - Maureen Howard: - Advocacy - who lives or works in Rep. Kim Schrier's 8th District?

01:52:38 - Gerald Daniels: - But I have been tracking all of your valuable input in other spaces :)

01:58:44 - Michelle Burchett: - I have to leave early, however I look forward to engaging more with the group. Wonderful work. Mahalo.

01:59:19 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - NICE work Gerrit!

02:00:40 - Janet Runbeck: - Josh, who do you work for?

02:00:40 - Sally Perkins: - I need to step off the call, thank you everyone.

02:00:50 - Julian F. Wheeler, PC-ACAC chair (he/his): - Let's commit together to make Pierce County more accessible for everyone, including, but not limited to, people with disabilities. And not only for PWD's as customers and constituents, but also as potential leaders, managers, department heads, and even elected officials.

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02:01:57 - Danyelle Smith: - what is the process of folks getting connected to the micro shelters.

02:02:44 - Maureen Howard: - Faatima - please let the Stability Site staff know how appreciative we are of their work and making water distribution so easy for us.

02:03:48 - Danyelle Smith: - thank you

02:03:59 - Lisa Kleiner: - Do you have a contact number Josh?

02:04:30 - Faatima Lawrence: - Thanks Maureen!! Will do!



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- 02:05:19 - Josh Castle: - Josh Castle, LIHI Community Engagement Director, 206-334-0508 / josh.castle@lihi.org
- 02:05:30 - Monique Brown: - Faatima, there was even a gentleman who helped me load my truck! I thank you and him...
- 02:06:09 - Faatima Lawrence: - Awesome glad we can help in this!!
- 02:08:46 - Christine Lindquist: - Excellent meeting. Efficient and informative.
- 02:09:01 - Kelly Blucher: - Always a pleasure to attend!! Thank you everyone!
- 02:09:24 - Jessica Grandon: - Thank you everyone
- 02:10:24 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I like how you choose simple, attainable projects, Gerrit!
- 02:10:30 - Christine Lindquist: - Great news for the county!
- 02:10:48 - gerrit nyland: - My new email - gerrit.nyland@piercecounitywa.gov
- 02:10:49 - Kathleen Edelheit: - The commitment and compassion of this group inspires me to do better every week. Thank you, all!
- 02:10:55 - Julian F. Wheeler,PC-ACACchair(he/his): - ty