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Rob Huff

Welcome everyone to the weekly meeting of the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition in homelessness, I think that's which meeting I'm in right now. And to get us started off, rosemary, would you like to offer a welcome and by new people to introduce themselves. And you're muted.

Rosemary Powers

And just to say if other people are interested at times and doing this kind of welcome to let Rob know because we really want to expand our ability to greet each other in ways that are important to do. I was thinking this morning about showing up as a concept to center us, and I've been impressed for as long as I've been part of this group with how willing people seem to be to show up for two hours every week, and then to stay longer and keep discussing if they wish to sometimes we don't finish our planning until noon almost. So that's a long, a lot of commitment to be to be showing up, just to be here. And so the



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importance of showing up though I think we've also indicated in recent things we've decided we've reinstated the racial Race and Justice Committee to have a show up for racial justice in ways that are individual and agency wise and for the coalition as well. And we are asking people to show up to help us meet this November 1 deadline to create safe sites for all So showing up seems to be the order of the day and I want to welcome everyone who has shown up today and to let you know if you're new, just a little bit about how we operate, we do have a set of norms that we've that we use as we talk with each other, and I'll put those in the chat, I can do that. There we are. And so the ones for zoom in case you haven't been here before are to keep yourself muted if you're not speaking and if you're doing other things or someone gives you a phone call to take your video off as well so we don't have the waving of hands that we talk, when we talk even if we're on the telephone. So those are the, those are two things. And so what I'd like to do just briefly here is to welcome anyone who is new, we'll have time later in the meeting to have you meet a few of us, but we'd like to know who you are. And just briefly, if you're associated with a group, or if you're a community advocate whatever your role is just very briefly to mostly for the zoom, things we ask people to raise their hand with using the little raised hand symbol if possible. But while Rob can always see all of that, especially if we are showing sharing a screen. Sometimes you may just need to wave your hands and make a little bit of a ruckus so that we can make sure you get hurt. So my invitation though is for anyone who's new to just unmute yourself and let us know who you are and if you are with any group or as an advocate.

Lisa Kleiner

Hi I'm technically not new. My name is Lisa Kleiner and I'm with inside passages Pierce County.

Rosemary Powers

I attended a couple of these meetings, probably over a year ago when they were still in person. So, well welcome to this format Lisa it's really good to have you here. Thank you.

Ben Miksch

Well, I'll jump in. Good morning, Ben Mitch I had been to some of these meetings previously but it's been a little while since I've been here. I work for United Healthcare for my day job, although I've been kind of working in this, in the, on the advocacy side for a long time also. So I'm involved with a couple of organizations up in Seattle and King and I'm involved in some of the medical respite work down here,

Rosemary Powers

welcome Ben It's wonderful to have you here too. Anyone else. Well if you are new to us, and aren't able to speak right now or prefer to put some information in the chat about what your group is doing or something you may be interested in having resources to help you show up in the best way you can do that and I'll turn it back to you, Rob. Thank you all very much for coming.

Rob Huff



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Great, thank you, rosemary, and one quick reminder about the chat a lot of you probably know this but some who are new may not. We do use the chat as a repository for information so the chat, ends up being edited and published, along with the meeting video on the PC homeless.org website every week, so please use that if you have information that you want to pass along. That's a good place to put it so you make sure that we have it for use later. So, the first regular item on our agenda this week is our segment about this week on the streets. The purpose of this segment is to convey the latest information about what people are seeing going on with those who are living homeless across Pierce County, so feel free to raise your hand and give us an update about what you're seeing out there, and Wolf I see your hand up.

Wolf

Yeah, hey I'm Sam been able to make it to a meeting for a while I've been taking some time off. But Food Not Bombs is doing our regular thing we've had a bit of trouble lately. Just that you know after the heatwave in early July, we were able to receive a lot of support and we were able to increase our distribution and output and have more volunteers and we're able to get up to doing six to seven days a week of distribution at camps. Since then, support has kind of fallen off. And we're pretty low on donations so if you've been thinking about sending money our way, this is a good time to do it. Remember this food f&b underscore Tacoma is the best way to send money if we want to support. So we've had to cut our days in half, we're down to doing three days, three sometimes four days a week at camps, we're hoping to get back to where we were before sometime soon, but, you know, we take a week and get so other than that, there's been a lot that we're treating on campus we had to take a few people to the ER recently, some pretty gnarly stuff for distributions going well. Yeah, that's pretty much it. So yeah, if you've been thinking about supporting us. Please do that. Okay, wonderful. Thank you, Marie.

Rob Huff

And thank you. Well, if you want to put your information about how folks can support in the chat, that'd be great too. And Jeffrey.

Jeffrey Boyce

I got out and about to a few encampments, this last week. One of the things that was noticeable is an increased fear of people coming in and trying to hurt campers. One encampment I went to was surprised that people actually cared that they were out there, and appreciated the fact that I parked my truck and walk over and started talking to them. This is not a norm for them. Normally they get people yelling at them, honking their horns they drive by. And this goes into probably something else is we've got to do something more about advertising what we're doing. The campers don't know what we're doing, and neither do the citizens. Thank you. Thank you, Jeffrey, Monique.

Monique Brown



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So I did some water deliveries on Friday, and went out the other decade, or what day and just doing some one offs on water deliveries. There's an encampment, I don't know if you're aware of it, it's back in the bushes at 54th. And what does that

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Monique Brown

Yes, in five. Yeah, it's a one of the 54th just new 509 You have to walk down a steep hill and then into the bushes, but pretty well running camp but there's 30 people there I deliver him some water and they seem like they're doing okay back they're managing themselves. Went out and dropped some water over at 705. I noticed though, I know that someone said the numbers had increased but I noticed that there was a lot of empty spots where I had seen tents last time so I don't know what's going on there. And then I saw more RVs. On the street parked on the street there than I have before, in vans there, and you know just delivered them some water but same stuff as far as communication.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you, Monique. Anyone else with updates about what they're saying on the streets this week. All right so you can also drop information in the chat if you're more comfortable with that, regarding what you're seeing out there. The one thing I will say about the camp off 54th I think that's an area where I've heard conversations about the construction that's going to happen or for the highway 167 extension that may impact that site. So, I don't know of any. I don't know of any direct timeline for when that happens, but that's just an awareness item. And I noticed that wolf has said that they have served their home yeah Monique.

Monique Brown

Can you keep me posted on that, I'm the guy who's kind of in charge there is a veteran that I've been working with. And so if you keep me posted. Then I can let him know so they know that they need to start figuring out where they're going to go, because like I said, about 30 people out there.

Rob Huff

Yeah. Yep, definitely Oh, keep an eye on that. And Jeffrey again.

Jeffrey Boyce

Yeah, this was unfortunate I just had been at Camden on seventh then to come out in New South, and there were two people that had just moved into that camp out of 705. Because directly because of the violence. So I suspect that others will be doing the same.



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Rob Huff

Yeah. Yeah, that might be part of why people are leaving that site. Alright so once again if you have additional information, please drop it in the chat, I see folks are doing that so that's fantastic. And we will move on to our next item in the agenda. And I'll turn the floor over to Dean tea from where I work, Metropolitan Development Council, Dean is going to talk a little bit about the role of peer recovery coaches and what that resource can be used for So Dean. Thanks for joining us today.

Dean TeeHee

Good morning, everybody get my notes up here. So my name is Dean tee I'm a peer recovery coach here at MDC. Today we're talking about what we do here at MDC and then. So I work in two locations at the treatment center I work here, down in our detox facility, as well as the Center for Substance use and recovery. So how clients get to us, they seek out personal or patient services from our detox services. They can be referred to assessments and things like that to the center. Upstairs, clients who are when clients are mandated treatment through the judicial system, they can come through our doors and get assessed and seeing what they need to get done, client is referred to a therapist with weekly outpatient meetings. Myself and another peer recovery coach here, Paul. Just. Our role is to do with to is to keep engaged with the clients that we have upstairs. Just with resources, the community food banks, employment, 211 housing opportunities, and most of all, just having someone to talk to, like a listening ear. We also do outreach in the community best setting up our clients to success in their journey here in the chat box I will give you my contact to the center number. And that's basically a little bit of what we did here at the Metropolitan Development Council.

Rob Huff

Thank you Dean. Anybody have any questions about the service Dean's discussing. Yeah, Teresa.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So thanks for coming Dean and I guess what one question I have is your, how did you get involved in this peer piece is that available to other people, How do you go about becoming a peer.

So I became a certified peer counselor with the previous job that I had. And then I moved up into the area and I'm now learning to become the peer recovery coach, which is what mostly focused on substance use disorder where peer counseling is more of kind of like the general mental health side of things but it all kind of correlates into into everything.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Well congratulations on sounds like you're getting promoted along. I also have a question about, you do the assessments do you do work with anybody who is in jail, currently incarcerated. Do you do



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not currently incarcerated but I know I want to say we have people at the Pierce County District Court Resource Center for peer recovery coach from noon to four. I'm not sure exactly if you can, new on this. Rob or not, but I know on Thursdays we have Paul. Our other recovery coach out there just kind of doing the same services that we do here, kind of guiding them along to see what kind of services they can get.

Rob Huff

Alright, thank you. All right, any other questions for Dean,

who sees in the chat box, can a person refer themselves. Yes that is true we have the centers open now for walk ins, if I, if you show up, we can tell Paul's usually there from 9am or 8am to noon. They can walk in and start the paperwork and usually get assessed that day, address at 71 faucet. Down here in Tacoma.

Rob Huff

Great. Alright, so thank you very much Dean and if other folks have questions, do feel free to drop them in the chat maybe Dean can hang around and respond, they're a little bit, and thank you very much. All right, so our next item on the agenda. We're going to yesterday was the most recent meeting of the Pierce County shelter workgroup, and I wanted to give an opportunity to Mike Boyce sure to talk about what was covered during yesterday's meeting and sort of help cue us up for breakout conversations that can help help inform that work. So Mike, the floor is yours.

Mike Boisture

Thank you, Rob. And I think a few people on this call was in the room with us yesterday. James was on the call me it's part of the team. And so James aren't gonna let you jump in there like he did yesterday. And to help me along here so I was really impressed with, maybe an eye opener with the data that was provided. Amman is, I don't know how she gets the data but she really provided some insight. And again it's you know it's priority. When we're looking at the number of homeless people, you know, it kind of went from Tacoma to peel up to Lakewood, which is kind of what we understood already but it was a confirmation of what we known, and it was with data. And so we spent some time on that. The other thing was, we, I think in one of our first meetings we had issues with definition so we created a definition page of a number of, I think four or five different types of shelters. Okay, and so we had that definition. Before I go any further I think Maureen, you sent out a email yesterday, that had our meeting agenda and all the data on that. I'm not sure if everybody got that, but we might want to send that out to our group again. So that was kind of rabbit trail I'm sorry. Um, also, um on showed us, geographically,



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you know a lot of us like the topographical stuff. And it was really really interesting, and it kind of brought a perspective of, there's not a lot, and there needs to be more. Okay. And so then we talked about the locations and types of recommendations, and that's going to be kind of our breakout session that we're going to have. I just need a little more feedback on pushing, I think. I think it was Joanne, somebody was talking about the hospice stuff and I push that into the meeting. So that is a part in some of the identification of the homeless locations. The respites are part of those. So that was, that was good for me to understand that say the other thing I lost track of my time here sorry, Rob. One of the things that I want to push out today is we launched the survey this week. And I would like that sent to, we'll put it in the chat here. And if you come in contact, Jeffrey I know you're always with somebody. And so if you come in contact with him. we have three different options. Okay. One is on your iPhone, you can fill it out for him, and one is the paper form. Okay and once on the internet. So we've Garrett has covered all those bases. So what we're trying to do is collect the data, some of the questions are similar, but again it's confirmation of what we're doing. All right, um, every time in our meeting everybody says well, November 1 is right around the corner. Yes it is. And so, um, but I think, and James and maybe Maury. I think we're right on track, we're pushing as hard as we can right now. Again, it's data and confirmation, and some people like myself you know I've been told, man, you can get paralyzed with data. And so sometimes you got to stop and just do it. Let's see. I think I'm going to stop there, James did you have any take off the meeting.

James Pogue

Not much else but for those that, that are kind of new to this group or are new to this conversation that we are looking to try to create enough safe shelter space that's that's dry and sanctioned by November 1 To cover everybody sleeping on the streets that are interested to have access to it. We've had a little discussion about the number we started off the beginning of the workgroup, you know, a couple couple of months ago with the number 1350 of people who like to shelter shortfall and now that number is almost doubled, just from our data collection folks to 2400, and there's a little question should we shoot for, for that number, or does everybody going to take shelter and so should we look for less, should we shoot for that number and be ready to do more and and some discussion about layering or approach with like opening a couple of shelters quickly and then get those full and then add some more and then get those full part part of this also has to do with like which areas of the county are going to be supportive of this work and allow programs to open up and then once that is established and defined then who's going to open them up needs to be answered pretty quickly so hopefully I'm not quite as like as optimistic as Mike is, unless there's some group behind the scenes doing a lot of work that they're just not sharing with us at the county level or something that would be my ideal work because there was a couple of mentions of bringing that back to the county or the going to the workgroup or I'm not sure that is, but I'm assuming there's a county initiative that's even behind the workgroup that's working on the shelter so I don't know I feel good about the conversations but I feel better about a couple of actions getting, getting them.



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Mike Boisture

Good, thanks. So, um, that's kind of the 50,000 foot level Rob.

Rob Huff

Okay. Maureen I see you have your hand up.

Maureen Howard

Yeah, I did watch the most of the meeting yesterday, and everybody should know I thought that Mike and James really represented us well I know James is representing the continuum of care, but he's also representing us I think. And I'm in James's camp. And Rob's, it's like, Okay, now we're finishing week 11 Or we have 11 weeks left, and unless I want to see some timelines to how many people are going to be trained to operate these places, who's going to train them when does that start, I mean, I got real concerns about getting to the end of this and people sort of throwing their hands up and saying, Well, we tried, and I got even more concerned when I read the title of the agenda which was addressing homelessness, not ending. So I went to Garrett and said wait a minute what happened here and he said, Oh no, that was an error. Okay, well maybe it was and maybe it wasn't. But we got to watch stuff like that, so.

Rob Huff

Well thank you to all of you for kind of setting the stage, what we hope to accomplish today what we've actually been trying to do and this whole series of weeks leading up to this November 1 date is to try to find ways that the coalition might be able to lend some thought and additional information that could be helpful for the workgroup and both for the for the workgroup that's directly related to shelter as well as for the effort to build a comprehensive plan to end homelessness, that's the broader effort where Maureen represents the coalition on that particular committee, but today. One of the things that was part of the discussion yesterday was, what do people think should be in the mix of types of shelter, that would be needed to in order to actually make the impact on the ground and and street homelessness by November one. So, I thought, after a conversation with Mike last night that it might be useful to spend a few minutes during our networking breakouts this morning to kind of collect our thoughts are about what mix of things we think should be in there in terms of should we do more congregate shelter. Should we do more tiny homes. I know. Should we do a low barrier tent encampments, what, what should be in that mix, in order to actually create an continuum of shelter, that would be useful and attractive to, to those who are currently living on the streets. And yes, Sally that that 2400 Number is an estimate of the county wide number of people who are not currently in shelter, the overall number for homelessness that was, was calculated is actually 3400. But there, if you include all of the shelter spaces that exist now shelter and I think Garrett said also, transitional housing, those pieces, that's about 1000 units, so that reduces the 3400 number down to 2400 has been the gap. So, So the question that I'd like us to consider in the breakout rooms is, what do we think needs to exist in terms of the mix of shelter options. And we can talk about places as well. This is really an exercise to try to



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capture your thoughts have somebody in each breakout group, take down notes and put them in the chat. And it's also an opportunity we take 15 minutes in these meetings every morning in order to kind of get to know each other better. So, does anybody have any questions before I break us into groups of five or so folks. All right, so what we will do is we will spend the next 15 minutes in small, small groups discussing that question. And let me set up our breakout rooms. Oops. Stop share. All right, so everybody's just going to be randomly assigned to rooms and we will start that discussion now I will bring us back at 945.

<Breakout Rooms>

Rob Huff

Welcome back everybody. Hopefully that was a good conversation. As a reminder, please post your thoughts from the breakout conversations into the chat so we can make sure we retain that perfect hailing. So I'm presuming that it's probably too short for what we needed to have the conversation about but that's the nature of the beast I think I'm, we're just hoping to try to move the ball long here so appreciate that any closing words for us, Mike. No,

Mike Boisture

our conversation was very good did get some notes so like Rob says get it in the chat, and I will push this up the up the line and Maureen I heard you. I'm one of those that give me a timeline, give me time like give me a timeline. So, I got it.

Rob Huff

And Danielle I see your question in the chat about a new tiny home facility in Tacoma, you might be referring to the site that's that the city is moving forward with at South 69th and proctor Street which is actually going to be, I don't want to speak for the city folks and they're there on the call so they can talk about it more later but it's going to be a state where they are moving the tiny houses from the McKinley Thames site to this new site at South 69th Proctor, but they're also talking about adding potentially another 20 tiny homes to the total number of that site. So, can I mean that's probably what you're referring to.

James Pogue

That's right. That's right, Rob, it's exactly right, okay. Just want to make a little clarification and our use of the language tiny homes, as we, when we look at the shelter committee we have to do a little bit of work on definitions because we're not all using the same things. The tiny homes for example that are in boarding veterans homes that have foundations and structure and toilets and things like that are considered tiny homes like they are permanent structures and our homes with addresses and and are considered permanent residents, the ones that we're referring to in our shelter project and the ones that Lehigh operates are what we call micro shelters, They don't have a foundation they don't have toilets,



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they do have privacy and four walls and they are built to sustain longer term with a bed and some access to electricity light heating whatever but, but the actual structure is not a tiny home. It is considered a micro shelter just for clarity sake, we do believe tiny homes are an absolute solution, and we believe micro shelters are a solution, but they're not the same solution, they don't have the same goal.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I appreciate that James I know the two things do get conflated with each other a lot so definitions matter. All right, so let's move on to the next item on our agenda and that is a advocacy update from Maureen our. So Maureen, you have the floor.

Maureen Howard

Thank you. Well good morning everybody. And just so we're gonna do it a little differently this morning. So, this morning is more about how can we impact what's going on. And here's my list one, we've got the shelter plan workgroup we've just been some of our agenda Friday agenda time on that responding to a question. We can argue definitions all day long, it's useful if our definitions match up with the rest of the known world, right now they're not going to. But there are a couple of key things one that we've talked about sense of urgency that some of us feel that group needs. Also, that some of us believe it's important that they maintain the public recording of the meeting, everybody is not available at that particular time. But there are people who would like to know exactly what happened and so that's very important. And then to continue giving Mike moisture and also James Pogue information, either as an individual or representing your organization on with suggestions concerns, comments, as they continue to move forward. The second thing is that we've got the comprehensive plan to end homelessness. I'm on that steering committee. I don't know if there's anybody else if Clarice is on. She's on that committee, I think, not sure who else is on this meeting, who's on it, but Mr Green represents the continuum of care on that committee. And Courtney Chandler represents associated ministries Richard Burnham, it represents the faith community. And so there are others as well. So, one of our concerns, is we do not want a staff driven product that we meet two hours a month to respond to. There are several of us who believe that we should be engaged in this, now that the county has hired Garrett full time as a project manager as a county employee now that the, the technical assistance, collective I think it is, and Bree Williams is the facilitator, that we really, there are many of us who want to be engaged, more than two hours a month. We were given a preliminary kind of outline of what a plan would look like. And I rewrote it and prioritized housing. We don't end homelessness without housing services are critically important, but if we don't have housing, we just have good services and people are still where they are right now, which is out on the streets. We also need the recognition of the unfunded system and the system that is not funded by Pierce County government or by the City of Tacoma government. These are real programs, real housing programs real services programs, real paid employees, real volunteers, and they make up our entire system, and we've got to recognize that, and then. Okay so here's something really good that some of you know about. So there's a progressive



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organization called Washington fuse. And one of their senior organizers Carrie bull contacted me and she has some availability, from now until the end of the year, she wants to work on housing and homelessness, they already work on a list of issues, and they're focused mostly on electoral politics. That's not what Kerry's talking about what she's talking about is how can she be useful. How can she use her skills, and her experience to help us advance housing and homelessness. And so she's met with our steering of the coalition steering committee. She's gonna meet with Safe Streets. She wasn't able to join the Housing Committee yesterday, but I'll refer separately. And so these are the things that the housing committee did come up with a list of issues that we felt Carrie could be useful on, but here are some things that I was thinking about where we have a real gap. Okay, Marines, rule number one for advocacy is you show up. Okay, number one, that's where we have a gap in showing up, Not for Friday morning. I mean, 60 100 people show up for Friday morning. It is a question of showing up. When a specific issue needs to be handled by a specific elected official or a specific employees someplace, or organization that target could be an individual who's got a vote on a county council resolution it could be an organization that we'd like to have them expand, maybe they you know that kind of thing could be a whole range of things. We are not talking about elected about getting candidates elected, we are not talking about that at all. All right, once they're elected though, How do we help them do what we need them to do for the people that we represent. So, in the last legislative session because Pierce County ranks so high at the state level in terms of influence. We've got the Speaker of the House coming out of the 27th district. and I'll bet half the people here, either live or work in the 27th All right, so we have access the rest of the state doesn't have. But when the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance would come out and say, can you get people to contact. Conway, and get them to vote yes on this particular budget item that in, you know, increases the amount of money available for homelessness or for housing. We didn't have a list of who's in the 29th, and was willing to be contacted indivisible Tacoma has that kind of list. Other people have those kinds of lists, we didn't have it and so many times I think I use the entire list serve, instead of being able to target. So one of the things that I think we need to do is to ask Carrie to help us figure out how to get the people who want to be contacted, where they live, where they work, or where their organizations are located, and are willing to receive the information when we need to reach out and then we're in a hurry, that something needs to be done. A day before a hearing or something. So that's one thing at the state level, we got lots of time to prepare for the state. And I hear people all the time they'll say, oh I know so and so. Oh I know so and so. So we have an opportunity to have Kerry help us organize what we know better. All right, that's one thing. The second thing is, we are not going to end street homelessness and we are not going to end homelessness in this county, without having a really forceful engagement with our elected officials, and I know if you're working for a nonprofit, you've got to follow the policies of your nonprofit. I know if you're a government employee, you've got restrictions by virtue of your employment. Those are just facts, but you also have an ability, except for the Feds they're different, but you have an ability as an individual to exercise your rights as an individual. So part of what we need to be able to do that 21 jurisdictions across this county. And somebody on this call know some elected official in at least half of those jurisdictions, you go to church with them, you shop with them. They belong to your PTA.



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Your parents know them, you know somebody on the school board, whatever it is, you know somebody. And so this is our opportunity to ask Carrie to help us figure out how to best communicate with these folks. When I started with coalition and I remember asking how many people had been to their state elected officials, offices, almost nobody raised their hands. Not even the local office. I'm hoping if I asked this question. And three months, every hand would go up. Some of you belong to organizations that don't align with us all the time. All right, but you are the bridge. We are not going to house people without housing units, and Mark I'm looking at you. Okay. I mean that's the reality of it. We have got to have the units, how many units. All right. You heard 2400 people, how many units I don't know maybe that's 1800 I don't know. But we've got to have the units, and we're not going to get them out of this room, except as we get them as they already exist, and they become available to us, either because we have the relationships, to support the people going into them, we have the funding to cover the rent, and we have the ability to acquire. Anything that comes on the market, so we don't lose any units. So, I'm just thinking that that's the conversation that I want to have with Carrie ball. I'll invite anybody, I'll put it out on the listserv anybody who wants to have a, you know, sort of a first time conversation with her about where you go forward. We'll get the chat looks like it's exploding which is wonderful. And so, so that's the thing is, we've never had political will, around, ending homelessness. We have it now in those two resolutions, we have a city resolution. We have a county resolution. Those words matter. And I don't want to come to November 1, and have somebody throw up their hands and say, Well, we really tried, but we couldn't do it, or the same thing, December 31 I want to get there and know that we did what we set out to do. So, we, we gave up the coalition give up the leadership on doing these plants, when the county said, Oh, it's our job will step forward. So now it's our job to make sure they have the support they need from the County Council, and the city council and all of those councils, and all of those mayors, and we've got all their names. We've got all their information, we know where they stand jurisdiction by jurisdiction on affordable housing. So this really is a moment, I don't know that we're, I never envisioned it. And I want us to use it really wisely. So, thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen. Lots of clapping. So any questions or comments for Maureen before we move on to our government updates. Okay, please feel free to use the chat, Jeffrey I see your hand up.

Jeffrey Boyce

Laureen, I couldn't agree with you more. When I was working on HB 1754 on churches rights to perform their own ministry, it was because I live in 27th district, and the newly elected House member. Let me have her here. And because of that. hB 1754 moved through the House and the Senate, but it was because of that connection within my district. It can't be stressed enough that that kind of advocacy is absolutely essential.

Rob Huff



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Great, thank you, Jeffrey. At this point let's if you do have additional comments or questions, please drop them in the chat. We're going to shift over to government updates, and we will start with City of Tacoma so I saw Clarissa on the call earlier Do you have anything to add Clarissa.

Klarissa Monteros

I got a few things, but to, to continue on the conversation earlier. Yes, the city has, we are moving forward with the mitigation stabilization site at 69 proctor. In that is micro shelter to follow up with what James was clarifying so yes that's happening that's exciting. We're going to add capacity with that. We also have cooling centers Lighthouse senior centers operating as a cooling center during implement whether NCS is also using Lighthouse as a distribution point for water. Their address is fifth, I can put this in the chat 5016 A street Tacoma, Washington 98408, there are hygiene stations. The city is currently operating a temporary hygiene station at at Yakima on private property and I 705 and a street, on ws.on property. These temporary stations provide restrooms hand washing stations trash removal and 24 Seven on site security. If community members have questions or concerns about either of the hygiene stations, they should contact to 532501766 more information on hygiene stations is available on our website. I will put the link in the chat. And then of course our rental assistance portal is still open. You guys can find information at this link in the chat. And lastly, I will be transitioning back to the Office of Equity and Human Rights on August 16. So next Friday. I will be here to present on the homeless strategy to you on next Friday, but that will be my last coalition meeting as MCs. The City of Tacoma, it has a lot of several anti racist initiatives and racial equity action plans that are being implemented in every, every department across the organization. So I'm going to go back to the Office of Equity and to help them do that work. Next, on August 16 That's next Monday, I will still continue to work through the homeless strategy that I did share with some of you, I'm going to present to you guys next week and I continue to hold focus groups in the community. Some of you may have received emails from me, I'm still going to work on incorporating all that info and developing the final. The final. the final report for that. I will also keep working on Beacon center and working on building relationships with our providers to ensure that we have long term services in there, and we're hoping to solidify something more permanent. In the next month or so, So I will also continue that work as well. And I'm still chairing the CLC so I'll still be around. I'll just be doing this work from the Office of Equity and where you stand up for a while. Yeah,

Maureen Howard

a clearer so I want to clarify if you would please. Mike, you said the lighthouse center was going to be the distribution site for water I thought the stability site opened when Lighthouse opens, so the outreach workers go to the stability site for the water to take out.

Klarissa Monteros



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Um, You know, Maureen I could double check and clarify, this is the last update I received the last update, I received was at Lighthouse I haven't heard it being somewhere else but I can't double check and see

Maureen Howard

if you could get back to us, still this morning because that's really important for people, this is the last time we'll be together before the temperatures hit the 90s on Wednesday. And my understanding was the lighthouse was a distribution center for water for shelters and cooling centers, but outreach workers still go to the stability site to pick up water to take out.

Klarissa Monteros

Yeah, I could go back and double check. This would be great, that was given to me it's not the focus of work I do over there, but this is the last update I received. So yeah, I could go back and see if things have changed since then.

Rob Huff

Thank you. Thanks a lot, and I do see a question in the chat from Teresa, if you know who will be representing the city at these meetings going forward after next week.

Klarissa Monteros

I'm not sure I know that Teagan still will be at these meetings, and she will probably get help from another colleague. I know that we've suggested some folks from our street outreach team, so we don't know for sure who will be representing but we will have we will still have representation here at this meeting, and still provide weekly updates to you all.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you. And then I also saw a question from Sherry in the chat, I don't know if you see that

Klarissa Monteros

they have not hired for my position, I believe that they will be posting soon. I know that there has been some internal work going on about like what is evaluating what is best needed out of a program manager position at MCs, and I do know that they will be read probably releasing that position in hiring, and I may be helping with that I may not I'm not sure, but no as of now. As of, no, no, no.

Rob Huff

All right, thank you very much. So that's shift over. If folks have other questions for the City of Tacoma please use the chat to post those and Clarissa will see those. I'm not sure I know that Valerie is going to join us a little bit later in the meeting with an update on the rental assistance program, but is anybody



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else on the call from Pierce County that needed to offer updates. All right, I don't see Jeff Rogers on the call at the moment so we'll come back to Valerie to hear about the rental assistance program around 1030 And is there any update from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. This is

Adam Reichenberger

Adam raking Berger here the housing policy coordinator. Also, give me a moment for anyone else from the health department who's on the call to speak up, I'm not sure if anyone is I can't see the attendance. No real update here other than our update channels shifting a little bit, I will continue to be a part of these meetings, however the updated information you were receiving from Rana, I don't have access to that channel right now. But, as I was, to speak with Marina about last night. As we get that figured out, and even after we get it figured out, if there's ever something you feel like you're missing from us or you wish you knew more about or needed more information on. I want to make sure that none of that information gets dropped so just as this transition happens. Let me know what you need, and I'm happy to continue working to get that for you.

Rob Huff

Perfect, thank you Adam. And this is not on the agenda but Laurie I wonder if you wanted to kind of talk through with folks. The interaction between the CDC monitor moratorium that he posted in the chat, so that we can better understand what that interaction is between the new CDC moratorium to keep people from being evicted nationwide and how that interacts with the, what the current understanding is how it interacts with Washington State's bridge resolution that's underway right now.

Laurie Davenport

Well I can tell you we don't really have any uniform guidance on that right now because as you know this is all very confusing. We're waiting for the state to come out with something but what I put in the chat is what Mark are managing attorney, put together, and I'm going to send that to Valerie she'll send it out in her big email that goes out to rental assistance providers but basically what the CDC is trying to do is the same thing that the governor's bridge proclamation is trying to do is just give people more time for the rental assistance to get out, I mean we're, we're still taking a couple of months here in Pierce County but we're way ahead of the rest of the country, it's, it's a big mess there's, you know, billions of dollars and it's not getting out to people so that's basically what it's all about. And the differences. This only applies to non payment of rent cases, I think this is confusing for people. As of the end of June, the moratorium ended on all the moratoriums ended in terms of just evictions period, we're only talking about non payment of rent, and we're just trying to give time for people to get rental assistance so that's the first thing. There are some differences. This is going to come into play for people who can, you know sign the certification give it to their landlord the certification is available it's also still being worked on, but I think they have a final version of Washington law help but basically just says, You know I can't, can't pay rent because of COVID. If you evict me I'm going to be homeless, handed to your landlord, that's, that's what needs to happen. So that's it will, it will help some people who have not gotten rental



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assistance yet who need something that they can you know give to their landlord, they're going to be covered until October 3 which is basically the same period of time that the governor's proclamation is in effect as well. If anybody here who's actually an attorney who works in this other comments that would, that'd be great but that's, That's the clarification that we have right now,

Rob Huff

great glory when when communication is actually available related to this, can you send it to the coalition mailing list.

Laurie Davenport

Yeah for sure it will put it in kind of a format that we can end up people.

Rob Huff

Perfect. Very good. All right, so I think that covers our, our updates from the government folks. The next item on our agenda we wanted to talk through how things worked with the water distribution, with the most recent heat that took place over the weekend, and, and kind of do some conversation about the expected heat wave coming again late next week, I'm seeing the information in the chat about the clarification about how water will be where water will be distributed but Maureen any thoughts that you want to share about what worked and what, what could be better.

Maureen Howard

As far as I know, the last I heard from Linda Stewart, only for groups picked up on Friday, nobody else picked up over the weekend. I had hoped Jeff Rogers would be on this call to update us from the county. I have, I reached out to the city and county earlier this week when I saw the 90 degree forecast for Wednesday of next week. I heard nothing back from either I asked both to report today. Clarissa told us of the change. I have no idea how people get water from the lighthouse center, what their hours are, how much will be available, how it will be organized, I have no idea. Linda Stewart is out of the office, and I've put a message in to the acting director, and I know that clearly says gone back to her as well. but we need to know the stability site worked for us. We need to know exactly what time people can pick up. And if it's still going to operate the way it did before which was that you take what you need for the day. And it doesn't matter who you are, or what organization you're with. If that part isn't available 24 seven, then we're back to square one, basically.

Rob Huff

Well let's wait and hear some, some solid information back from Clarissa I know she's going to chase that down so. And if we can't get that during today's meeting. Then, then maybe we can get that in distributed through the email list after today's meeting. Jen,

Janet Runbeck



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there is a, there was no water delivered for our outreach Jameson, and at the Puyallup Salvation Army and the water develop delivered to the Puyallup Salvation Army. The hours are posted on their website, the addresses on their website their phone numbers on their website, and it is available to any outreach team, or anybody that is serving those who are living homeless city or county, but I'm wondering if we should order another pallet for next Wednesday because I believe the weather is getting hot next Wednesday. And that was used as a site shoot. Should we, should I do that. Yes. Okay, so next Wednesday we'll have at least one pallet of water delivered to the Puyallup Salvation Army.

Thank you, Jen and Maureen,

Maureen Howard

and the supreme irony of this right now is that the coalition is going to receive the city of Tacomas compassionate Tacoma award for our collective work and the heat emergency the end of June, along with Niagara, water, and that our ability to keep people alive rested on the fact that we had a 24 Seven distribution site that we got water to it. That Niagara modeling got water to it, that anybody could access it and take it out 24 Seven. And I get two minutes to respond. And I think I might, depending on what we hear back from the city of Tacoma may have to change my comments.

Rob Huff

Well, I would assume would hopefully we will have better information later today and so we can figure out what the system will be if it shifted to lighthouse.

Maureen Howard

The other thing is that, on August 11. Jan runback Monique Brown and I will represent the coalition in the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. After Action Review on the June event. That's it. One to 230 in the afternoon. I still don't have any confirmation on whether that's in person or zoom. But, and I've asked, but I will send out the registration email, and anybody can it's a public meeting anybody can register to attend. You just don't get to talk and if they don't do zoom, then there won't be a chat, I don't know if they'll do a chat anyway, some of the, of the Pierce County, meetings, have a chat some don't. So, yeah. Anyway, right, thanks.

Rob Huff

Yeah, we have some more information to sort out, so there's always something. So the next item on our agenda is an opportunity to hear about the work of the safe sites for a whole group. A number of us on the steering committee just got an email that Collins actually away and not able to join us today so Jan Do you have anything to share about the safe sites for all.



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Janet Runbeck

Yes, yes yes yes just because Colin is physically absent, he is still with us in spirit, and text. So I keep those referrals happening. We want referrals we do have space available. Contact column we also have business cards available so that if you see a car, or an RV or a van that hey Geoffrey's holding it up, flip that card that Jeff is holding up underneath the windshield or pass it to somebody who may need the use of a safe site to park. And also I think Teresa is offering her front porch as. Yes, she is if you want the cards go to Teresa's front porch, she will post her address. Pick up a dozen or two or three whatever you feel that you can share with your friends to pass out two cars. That looks suspiciously like homes for some folks. And on Monday we will be talking about these cards and how well it's working, but also on Monday we're going to talk about the recent violence at 705. If we would like anybody to come, who has either experience with that or sentiments about that. That is not a safe site. Right, I mean isn't that where we're trying to prevent is what happened at 705. So, That is an example of how things don't work. If they are not. If they're not on anybody's radar. So join us on Monday noon. You can register at the website, pick up your cards at choices porch, called text column if you have anybody that might qualify for a safe parking site. And with that I'll I'll shut up.

Rob Huff

Thanks Jen, I see Jeffrey with his hand up.

Jeffrey Boyce

Yes, we just admitted, another car to our safe parking sites at the Tahoma Universalist Unitarian Church. There are now three campers there, and everything is going quite well.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jeffrey. Let's see. Okay there Clarissa, Clarissa just dropped an update in the chat, regarding water distribution.

Maureen Howard

Clarissa. Thank you for taking time to do that. Yeah, this is, folks, this is no change. Alright, this is how the city handled it. In the last heat event that lighthouse center was for distribution of water to shelters and the day centers and the cooling centers, and outreach workers went to the stability site and that remains so clear said, thanks a lot for handling this for us.

Rob Huff

Yeah, thanks a lot, and it's great when we can all work together and do these updates quickly, even in a live setting like this. So, Thank you. All right, so let's move forward with the, if we're prepared to do updates from any of the coalition committees that need to be shared with the full group today. So, those who had to the coalition committees anything update for the group. Rosemary.



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Rosemary Powers

So I'm very happy to be able to announce and thank you very much Garrett for putting up the information on the website about the Race and Equity Committee, appreciate that. We are going to meet at three to 4pm on Thursdays for a little while. We don't know how long we'll be meeting that often or at that hour, and if someone is interested here, there's now the ability to sign up on the listserv for information to receive information about the meetings. So do that and I'll figure out how, what I need to put on there. But, Monique and I will be co facilitating the group for a while, we'll see how that goes. And you hope others will be involved in that as well. We're going to be looking this week in case you're interested. At the resources and data that the coalition has available to it because of our extensive archived materials. We know the importance of collecting data about ourselves if we're going to try to develop plans to hold ourselves accountable at all kinds of levels, so many of us are new to this commit coalition, And we all want to honor the history and understand the history before we plan for ways we might increase our ability to be standing up for racial justice. So, that will be Thursday, coming up next week from three to 4pm and look at the website under committees at the top menu item, and you'll be able to find the racial Race and Justice Committee there to join us if you're interested. The other committee that's involved that I don't think we have a set group for yet it's a governance works group and this group has been charged with helping the coalition, come to some proposals that we might accept about any changes we might want to make and the kind of group we are we are an informal open table without a strong list of ways that we operate that are clear and clear to everyone. And while that's been a wonderful opportunity for people to show up. We also have questions raised that sometimes aren't able to be answered in those kinds of settings so this is a small group again if you're interested in talking about structures and coming up with alternatives of, whether it's about finance or how we make decisions, their governance work group is meeting if we will be meeting on Monday this coming Monday from three to four. My email is in the Genda today, as I did the welcoming so you could let me know if you'd like to receive information about that for this coming meeting otherwise. Hopefully we'll set up something on the listserv, but we're not quite ready for that. I think that's all I have.

Rob Huff

That's a lot Rosemary Thank you. Any questions or additions that folks wanted to share.

Kelly Blucher

Rob I can do an update for the Workforce Development Committee. Sure, definitely. Awesome. I'm driving right now some stain off camera, I so we met with associated ministries, last week and we are good to go on the collaborative effort and higher to five three with projects Homeless Connect. We really couldn't be more excited this is, I think, been the dream since higher 253 was first created to really partner these two amazing events together and, you know, how about those experiencing homelessness and facing homelessness as much as we can through this collaborative effort so super excited about that. The event will be on September 17 In People's Park from 10am to 2pm. We are still looking for a lot of volunteers we figure about 100 to 120, volunteers to pull this large event off, you can



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sign up as a, as a volunteer at associated ministries website I was trying to pull that up but hopefully in the next few minutes I'll be able to put that link in the chat. Um As for the higher 253 portion we're working with WorkSource workforce central goodwill of course to bring in employers that are offering like current livable wage opportunities. You know maybe sign up bonuses, low barrier access to employment, of course below vocational be there. And, Anyway, so that should be a pretty amazing employer turnout. We're working on some ideas right now for power as how to help, um, you know individuals apply directly when they're at higher 253 So we have some options we may need if anybody else has access to like one of those power boxes that would be great. Otherwise, we may have the funding to be able to just purchase a couple of those and have laptops on site so people can just do on spot applications, and then we will be able to provide assistance. So, again, I'll put my email in the chat as well, always feel free to reach out to me for any, if you want to participate or your organization wants to participate in higher 253 or Project Homeless Connect, or both, please let me know we'll get you on that list and I'm just really excited to finally be able to bring higher 253 Back to the coalition, I'm so excited. So thank you everybody.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Kelly. Maureen.

Maureen Howard

So the Housing Committee met yesterday, and we'll meet again in two weeks. And so I think we're settling on a couple of immediate issues. One is around the expansion of shared housing options, shared housing itself, that I think we're familiar with Marc Merrill is the executive director of shared housing services, but then looking more broadly at people sharing housing, and there are different terms that folks are using but basically we were renting the room, and is to what how could we expand that across the county, how, what would it take to do that. And how could we ensure that we know squat is working with a group of stakeholders around to come up policies and regulations. How do we ensure that those are safe and decent housing options. What and that people have their rights as tenants. But once we get outside of the city limits. And so that, that's one the other one is talking about, it's some possibilities of some sort of a collective or collaborative entity out of the smaller organizations that maybe don't want to expand dramatically but want to sort of bump up their housing level. And then the third is just as a note for everybody. That Tacoma Public Utilities is has energized, its conservation program focused on rental housing. So maybe there's a way for us to tie in the. I'm thinking probably fairly substantial resources that they're going to bring to the table with our needs for both those four people who are housed, who are within our framework, people who are below 30% Ami, whether they're at risk, whether they are safe and stable where they are, or whether they could be housed if we could just get the pieces together. So, again, the listserv is on the coalition's website the meeting informations on the website, and I keep trying to shift more housing information there, echoing what some Laurie said earlier, we might be the only county, not just in the state but in that country that's actually getting rental assistance out. And, and so every other Hauser I know of is talking about rental



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assistance getting it out, and it's like the one thing I'm not worried about. And the. We're gonna know, there are multiple pipelines have proposed housing development, going forward, to Pierce County Council for ARPA funding, and for the county's budget process. And so we'll have a pretty good idea of what people are planning on, but it still is, like we talked about earlier is, what is it we can acquire that already exists, it's faster, it's cheaper and it gets people into housing, and preserves people in housing, and one of our members Kimber stars also a realtor, so she's putting together a list for us of what is available out there, through her resources, and I just saw Mark nodding madly. And, and that's where the housing information is all right. So, anyway, join us, were fun group.

Rob Huff

And you know you said nice things about Valerie just as she popped into the room so great timing Valerie, do you want to give us an update on rental assistance program.

Valeri Knight

Sure, I just got off the phone with Representative Kim Schumer's office and gave some just great feedback and lots of conversation about what's going on here in Pierce County so it always makes me nervous. But it is a great hour. So Pierce County as of today, our Department of Transportation, Department of Treasury dollars. We are at 57.75% spent so we are ahead of where our expectations are so we will be fully at 65% by the requirement of August, so that's great, great news. And then for our state dollars we're at 53.58% So we are ahead for both funds sources, and we have actually asked for more money, so we are already contracting the 9 million from the American rescue plan funds, we have let the Feds know that we are 100% obligated all of our dollars, and we have asked the state for additional dollars so we are asking we've asked for 10 million more of trap 1.0. We have also asked for our trap 2.0 contracts so we're just moving funds out our NOFA. Notice of Funding Availability is open now, so if you're interested in being a provider please apply, and our RFP for our new and improved portal is also open so things are going well, I will put the link back in for our live data that is updated every week, where we track our demographics and all of our information, and we actually look at that every week, just to make sure we're not missing any populations or not missing any geographic locations, and we just keep working through to make sure that we are as approachable as possible so sorry I was late, thank you marine for the kudos as we came in, but it has been a busy week, a very busy week of reporting this week.

Rob Huff

Fantastic, so any. Anybody have any questions for Valerie. One I have Valerie is that so you say the dollars are 100% committed. But 53% is like the those percentages are the amount of dollars out the door.

Valeri Knight



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Yeah 53% 57% checks cut to tenants, and then what they, what the state considers obligated is under contract so a lot of communities are still having a really hard time contracting, their dollars and we are at full 100% contracted out, and we have enough applications in the portal to just continue, we know we'll be able to spend 100% So we have notified them of 100% obligation.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. Well congratulations to you and everybody working with you to that we're so far ahead of the game. Yeah,

Valeri Knight

I got it. Somebody asked me yesterday they said but no for no renewal systems dollars are going out and I was like, wait, wait, wait. Yes they are. They are in Pierce County and other communities are really trying to get them out the door. So patience is key. And then just a public shout out to become a pro bono and the Center for Dispute Resolution for being so great, and responding I'll link them to tenants landlords all day long every day to make sure that we just prevent all the evictions we can so public shout out to all of their staff because they are just doing a stand up job.

Rob Huff

Great. All right, so thank you for that Valerie. Were actually ahead of our agenda which is a weird thing to have happen. So what I did, I do include did include a little bit of time in the agenda to take another look at the Pierce County, homelessness.org website. So let's do that real quick and then we'll move on to the good of the order announcements and reflections on today. So let me bring up the website. And if somebody can give me a thumbs up, that they're seeing that. Perfect. So, earlier in the chat, folks were asking about, how do they get ahold of Collin, how do I access safe parking. That is actually on the PC homeless.org website. The link you can see here in the green bar. But this is, this is the actual page that has information about the, the way that the program works, how to contact Collin, and how to get into that program. Let me go back to the main page. So I just wanted to do a quick tour here again, you'll see that Garrett has been hard at work and put up information about our recent presentations we talked through how to access those last week. Essentially there's keywords for what was covered in the meeting. When you click on those keywords, it takes you to the opportunity to listen to the meeting, and how we yammered on for an hour 41 and doing good. And, and also how you can then access the recording the chat that happened and read the full transcript from the meeting. I know Garrett is working. We're working on a system to try to help us speed up and make it easier for these to get posted to the website, so that there won't be such gaps and Garrett also just so folks are aware I he's, he's, let me know how I can add some information to this page as well. But the key thing to look for here is, if there is an upcoming meeting, you're gonna find it here under the Council on the upcoming meetings and events. And it's not just meetings sometimes Garrett has updated this with information like this CMR wellness event that's happening on August 8, so you can turn to this for as kind of a calendar as well as for links to register for each of the committee meetings that take place. And we also



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had someone asked about how to subscribe to email lists. If you use the listserv link here that's at the top of the page, it'll bring you here, and you can see the list in the yellow section that shows all of the different email lists that exist including the new Race and Equity Committee list. So that's your opportunity you just put in your name and email and check which of the email lists you want to receive the many of you already know this but if you are overwhelmed by the amount of email that you receive. Using domain coalition listserv, there is a way to get a daily digest for that. And that's the first option that's listed here as well. And what else would I like to share with you today. I think that's probably about it for right now unless anybody has any questions anybody have any questions, let me stop my share. Alright, not seeing any questions from anybody so let's shift, rosemary,

Rosemary Powers

I was just a little pokey getting my hand up there. I was interested a little earlier when Jeffrey was describing that people in the encampments, don't know what we're doing and that many of the people in the neighborhoods don't know what we're doing. And I think sometimes we don't know what we're doing. This is a really incredible resource that we have on the web page. At the same time communicating by email to some folks isn't how they get their messages. So I know the work of the communication committee, Theresa and Laurie, and leading that work, that's really important to get their messages out. So that's a way to encourage that to happen in various ways. So there, there are people on the call here who have a lot of experience with other forms of media other than email, it might be that we could develop more and more approaches. I know there's some work on that I just want to encourage us to think of other ways we can share the incredible resources we have available in this one form, that might be able to be shared in other forms as well.

Rob Huff

Thank you, rosemary and that's a great point, not everybody lives in email. So, and especially the folks who we actually do outreach to rural living outside. So, you know that maybe that's one of the things that I do the communication committee or steering committee could discuss in an upcoming meeting so that we can talk about strategies to make sure folks who are actually trying to help, are aware of what the coalition is doing with resources are. Any other comments or questions before we move on to items for the good of the order. All right, not hearing any please do use the chat again. If you have additional items you want to share, but I'll open the floor now for anybody who has items that they want the full coalition to know about, but weren't already on today's agenda so any items for the good order just raise your hand.

Josh Brown

Josh, thank you, thank you for allowing me to physically raise my hand. I was looking around for that feature. Okay, well, yeah, I just wanted to update you guys were asking about the new Tiny House village or micro shelter site inside I should say, and I heard some comments earlier about people wanting to know more about our programs and wanting you know more transparency into them. So we,



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we actually have a community advisory committee that meets every month. I want to talk about the attempts site to come emergency micro shelters, currently located at 16th and McKinley and moving in around September to 69th and proctor as you had mentioned earlier, and it'll be expanding we're really excited about that we'll be expanding by 20 Tiny houses. So, I want to just mention to folks that we have it, we have the CAC that meets, and the next meeting is actually a Monday so right after the weekend. We're meeting on it's from six to 7:30, and it's, it's over zoom. These are public readings so anybody is interested is welcome to attend. We're also going to be setting up a new, a new CAC, for the 16th and McKinley sites or I'm sorry for the 69th and proctor site. So if anyone is a neighborhood stakeholder close to the site they serve at a nonprofit that's close by working a business live close by, you know, go to church close by those kind of things, please let me know if you're interested in joining the CAC, or if you just want to be just want to come to those meetings you could live anywhere, it doesn't matter. Please join us for those again those are public and that's that's an opportunity to learn about how the program is going. The case managed services residents are receiving outcomes like how many residents got into permanent housing. Any, any, maybe any concerns in the neighborhood that kind of thing. So, a lot of times we have city of Tacoma join those meetings. So it's a chance to hear from them as well. And we have city council members joining these beings as well so people take it really seriously, which we're always grateful for. So, so yeah please, you know let me know I'll put my contact information in the chat. I also want to mention, we're going to have volunteer work parties to set up the new site. We got to get these 20 New tiny houses, set up, and then we might need to do some work on houses that we're moving from the other location so please let us know about that and then lastly I want to mention that a quick update we're doing an enhanced shelter. We're partnering with with Tacoma Pierce County in the city of Lakewood on that to purchase the Comfort Inn. That will be in enhanced shelter, serving. It'll be it'll provide 120 beds for adults only. And we're going to convert that, so it's going to operate for about two years and as an enhanced shelter. So our case managers will work with residents to get them into permanent housing, employment, health care, you know any services that they need. They're coming directly from experiencing homelessness. And then the idea is to is a stepping stone from homelessness to permanent housing, just like with our tiny house micro shelter program. And then we are going to convert that to 80 units. After that two years is that 80 units of permanent supportive housing. So, and we hope to buy that hotel in September, and open in November. And I want to thank, I want to thank the city of Tacoma Pierce County Lakewood anyone who's listening on this call. Thank you for your partnership and working with us on this.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Josh. And there was a question in the chat about the process of getting people connected to the micro shelter sites. So maybe, yeah,

sure. So the city of Tacoma is a hot teen refers a lot of people and, and as well the a comprehensive life resources refers people. So those are the two sources, you know that provide referrals, and if,



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anyone's interested in us connecting, You know them with one of those resources, please, you know let me know and I can make that happen.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Josh. And the city's hot team hot is the homeless outreach team is what pots got acronyms, yep, yep, Teresa, you have your hand up.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So, First, it would be great if there is a way for people to connect with. It'd be good to point out how people connect with the places that refer people to you just as a general thing instead of somebody having to say how do I do that, so that'd be a good thing to either post or maybe we can have a conversation about this. Which leads me to. Wouldn't it be great to have one of those five minute intros for your group where you explain a little bit more about your program, and use the spotlight spot for that So Josh, I invite you and I also want to invite in particular, anybody who is dealing with trauma directly in the campsites in the encampments, within that I know there are many organizations that do some piece of that. But, Jeffrey and I were talking about the fact that when there's a shooting, or there's a tent fire or there's something as that is especially traumatic. How are you dealing with that, it'd be good for us to know what you do if you have recommendations for outreach workers who are not necessarily working for your organization, what, what, maybe some tips on that. So again another five minutes spotlight would be great. Let me know. I've got my email posted all over the place, and I would love to hear from you.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Teresa and Julian you have your hand up.

Julian Wheeler

Thanks, Rob. Can you hear me. Can you hear me okay that's too bad. Hi, Julian Wheeler chair the Pierce County accessible communities Advisory Committee. First one is just to do a quick shout out to Josh castle. It's good to see you again. Josh, I like the beard. I think we see each other at some fundraisers, but the last time I really worked alongside the was the 43rd district, before I enlisted in the Army in 2011 So, but we are connected at work. Good work. Yeah,

good to see you too. We are in the Institute for democratic future together. 11 years ago.

Julian Wheeler

That's right, that's right. So, and so maybe we'll see each other again on some fundraising circuit, or this, for example. But Rob I wanted to honor the time here. I just reposted information about the ACA



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see, and I invite people to our meeting. Our next one is September 14 That's the second Tuesday of each odd numbered month at nine o'clock in the morning on Zoom, and we're going to try to keep meeting via zoom or on Zoom, for as long as we can because the it out of this tragedy of COVID we learn about how to make things more accessible for people marginalized populations. Thank you again for continuing to hold these meetings, and if anything if there's going to be some in person, return to in person meetings, I'd like to, I would hope that hybrid remote attendance is still possible. In a way, our AC AC helps expedite funds for projects that are characterized as accessibility projects, and whether that's a volunteer coming to us, filling out paperwork, or maybe if some item on a, on a proposed budget doesn't make the cut during budget season. They feel free to come to us. We will love to help you out. We usually make a decision on whether to advance a project to the state level, which is the accessible community subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on disability issues and employment, where they make the final decision. But essentially, we can help expedite funds for your project. If there is an accessibility aspect to it. So we're looking for new members, new ideas, and now I got the link also in my chat comments so you could more easily. Check us out. Thank you very much. Have a good weekend.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Julian. So anyone else with items for the good of the order. All right, so why don't we wrap up today's meeting with any reflections on today's meeting. What could,

Mike Boisture

what went well,

Rob Huff

what could, what didn't go well, what could be done better, we'd love to hear your feedback so this is an opportunity for that, and awkward silence is okay too. All right, well, I would like to give everybody a few minutes back in their schedule for the day so everybody have a safe weekend. I see. Theresa with her hand up again though before we go,

Theresa Power-Drutis

I just want to say, we haven't had a chance this is seeing Garrett here and he's got his new position. And I think he should make an excuse for himself for jumping ship and going over to the county, even though we're very delighted to have him there,

Gerrit Nyland

jumping ship I wasn't on a ship to reset the ship I was thinking, blimey, and so I've got a boat. Yeah, so you can all leave you don't have to stay on my accounts but so I started Monday with a temporary position with Pierce County. And I'm project managing or miss managing will see the comprehensive plan to end homelessness. So that's it guys know all this right but it's the plan to actually get us down to



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functional zero. And that's kind of a long term project and then second one is shelter for everyone by November 1 So, I want all of your comments and ideas and suggestions so you can hit my coalition email address or I'll put my new Pierce County email address into the chat, and, yeah, looking forward to working on all this stuff so the goal is that we kind of put all this in motion from the coalition and I'm just helping to fulfill our objective of better serving our community. So, hopefully from inside the government, I can be effective, but again, we'll see.

Rob Huff

Yeah, it's great to see you Garrett thanks for popping in. And with that we will close today's meeting if you have an interest in helping us plan for next week's meeting. You can hang on the line, we will. The group, smaller group of us will be meeting after a short five minute break. Have a good weekend, everybody. Thanks, have a great weekend.