



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – September 3rd, 2021

00:14:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

00:15:13 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:17:14 - Dean Teehee: - Good Morning,

My name is Dean, I want to put the word on behalf MDC Detox. If they are ready you can call Dorris' Direct line 253-284-9018 or on the weekends or past 3pm. call direct line here in detox 253-593-2413! Thanks!

-Dean Teehee

Peer Recovery Coach (MDC)

00:17:46 - joshlair: - Josh Lair Ideal Option

00:18:03 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - HI Everyone!! I don't have a mic. Nice to see you all,.

00:18:09 - joshlair: - joshlair@idealooption.net 503-576-9388

00:20:37 - Richard Dorsett: - Kenneth Fowlkes is a 46 year old man living in a tent at 11th and Yakima. He is amenable to services and is interested in housing and work. He has no identification.

00:20:56 - Kristin Husebye: - Hi, my name is Kristin Husebye and I am an attorney at Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project. I can be reached directly at Kristin@tacomaprobono.org. This is my first meeting and I am excited to be here!

00:21:11 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Welcome Kristin.

00:22:00 - Richard Dorsett: - Thanks Rob

00:22:13 - Dean Teehee: - The Center here at MDC has employment services

00:23:34 - James Johnson: - Hello my name is James Johnson 253)254- 4402 my email is Jjohnson2@tpchd.org

00:23:53 - Kathleen Edelheit: - @Richard, do you know if Mr. Fowlkes needs legal services regarding past evictions? If so, please refer him to Tacomaprobono.org.

00:23:57 - Laurie Davenport: - Hey Kristin, thank you for coming! Welcome!

00:29:53 - Tanya Sisk: - I also take the repurpose items directly to the homeless camps.

00:30:45 - Stacey Soltoff: - What a great organization to highlight Labor Day weekend!

00:30:46 - Tanya Sisk: - Items can also be dropped off at our food banks the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

00:32:33 - Tanya Sisk: - Tanya Sisk - tanyasisk5@gmail.com phone 480-603-7337 for repurpose items.

00:32:41 - Monique Brown: - Great job Sharon!

00:35:02 - Michael Sterbick: - Operation Keep 'Em Warm and Fed Michael Sterbick--253-302-9634. email: dkrist.sterbick@gmail.com

00:37:34 - Maureen Howard: - Thanks Mike and Dottie

00:38:09 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Thank you, Michael and Dottie.



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00:38:19 - SHARON HOLLEY: - APRI -Tacoma website: apritacoma@gmail.com

00:40:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This website provides an overview of the Pierce County effort, with both the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Steering Committee and the Shelter Plan Workgroup:
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/2021plan>

00:41:43 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This is the long agenda packet from yesterday's Shelter Plan Workgroup meeting:
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/107600/ShelterPlanWorkgroup-Agenda-Packet-2021-09-02?bidId=>

00:42:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Is "adequate shelter for all" the same as "safe sites 4 all"?

00:42:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That includes the slides from Ned Whiting, Puyallup City Council.

00:43:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How long can people stay at the hub?

00:44:40 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - The supportive services sound great. When can we expect additional safe sites?

00:45:45 - Rosemary Powers: - These services are really important. Who is getting enough safe sites to send folks to?

00:46:40 - Cynthia Stewart: - Are there any purse strings?

00:46:48 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Here is context of this effort, from the website I linked above:

00:46:53 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The Pierce County Council created the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee to facilitate further planning to help end homelessness in Pierce County through Resolution 2021-30s. Two groups were formed from this committee - the Steering Committee to End Homelessness and the Shelter Work group.

The Steering Committee to End Homelessness is made up of members of the community who are developing a comprehensive plan for consideration by the County Council in November 2021. The plan will outline steps, participants, timelines, process and resource needs to end homelessness in Pierce County.

00:46:57 - Sally Perkins: - What are the budget implications of these important services? Is someone pricing these services out?

00:47:08 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The Shelter Work Group is comprised of homeless service providers, advocates, and city representatives from across the community. The ambitious goal set for the work group is to build and implement a plan to end street homelessness by November 1, 2021. This shelter plan will comprise one part of the comprehensive plan created by the steering committee.

00:47:40 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Yes, Sally. A couple of effort to provide pricing are listed in the agenda packet from yesterday, both in the County info and the slides from Ned

00:48:30 - Richard Dorsett: - The Tacoma downtown Y offers showers every day they are open. They require identification so that they can check if a person is on the sex offender list. Where is a person without identification able to get a shower in downtown Tacoma? Additionally, where can a sex offender get a shower?

00:48:42 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Rob. I'll check the packet you just posted.

00:49:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The survey website can be found here:
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7405/Survey-2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Ho>

00:50:24 - Maureen Howard: - Hotel rooms are free through Dec. 31 BUT the City and County refuse to use this resource

00:50:59 - Monique Brown: - Where are hotel rooms free? Maureen

00:51:56 - Maureen Howard: - Hotel rooms are free through FEMA. Right now we don't have them because the City and County would have to go through the required procedures to make this happen. We have worked and worked on this but no luck.

00:52:15 - Monique Brown: - That's too bad



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00:53:50 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Maureen, what can we do to influence and/or persuade the city and county to get on board with hotel rooms through FEMA?

00:54:07 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - The hub site will overflow if we do not have new safe sites to send people to

00:55:30 - Maureen Howard: - The county has identified property - across several jurisdictions - probably two years old now...their chart includes likely use..

00:56:56 - Maureen Howard: - Re money - there are several potential pots.

00:59:51 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is an image of Page 9 of yesterday's agenda

01:00:40 - Sally Perkins: - There a whole bunch of County Council Comm of the Whole meetings on the upcoming biennial budget coming up. Dates in this resolution.

01:06:44 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Tax the predatory real estate investors. Housing is not the stock market. Shelter over profit is the way forward.

01:07:16 - Maureen Howard: - It is my understanding that Pierce County is bringing out an RFQ to address the Safe Sites...

01:08:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We need leadership at every government level

01:12:09 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - I don't have a mic, so I am good staying here:)

01:17:44 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - It's okay I'm working while we wait :)

01:23:06 - Christine Lindquist: - Very hopeful!

01:24:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Tim works for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

01:26:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How many spaces are available now?

01:28:18 - Janet Runbeck: - For shelter managers: 253-820-4684

01:30:25 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - What about a 24/7 service

01:31:08 - Maureen Howard: - Tim - you can reach me at mhoward@pchomeless.org

01:31:53 - Maureen Howard: - Friends - its is NOT the shelters' job to provide Q and I. This really IS the Health Dept's job

01:32:12 - Valeri Almony: - you can take the Tuesday Meeting. this is what it was set up for

01:32:33 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - At New Connections we don't have space that could be made into an isolation room iether

01:33:25 - Maureen Howard: - There is only one Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.

01:34:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Valeri!

01:34:35 - Nathaniel Cooper: - Thank you.

01:35:09 - Davina Schwab: - Yes Thank you Valarie!

01:35:24 - Sally Perkins: - TPCHD is the only county-wide entity, with the power to direct action in any town or city or in the unincorporated areas.

01:36:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Tim - thank you for coming into this difficult conversation

01:37:21 - Adam Reichenberger: - Great job Valeri!!

01:37:25 - Paula Anderson: - Valeri- CONGRATULATIONS! Amazing work!!

01:37:37 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The City of Tacoma does not have anyone on today's call, but Tiegán Tidal asked me to provide the slides from this week's Study Session presentation for everyone:

01:37:39 - Maureen Howard: - Valeri - are the City of Tacoma rental assistance dollars included in your report and your dashboard?

01:38:06 - Sally Perkins: - Valeri, you and your team have ROCKED the rental assistance work! Bravo!!

01:38:11 - Christine Lindquist: - Excellent work!

01:38:46 - Rosemary Powers: - Valeri and all doing rental assistance work are amazing! thank you all!

01:39:17 - Monique Brown: - OUTSTANDING, Valeri!

01:39:19 - James Johnson: - Nice work



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01:39:36 - Valeri Almony: - our rental assistance live data is updated every Tuesday:

<https://internal.open.piercecountywa.gov/stories/s/k2k6-6sa4>

01:39:40 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Valeri, and PC

01:40:04 - Maureen Howard: - Jeff - status of the Dept of Transportation project?

01:42:29 - Valeri Almony: - how to apply for rental assistance: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>

01:42:49 - Valeri Almony: - Landlord Q&A Session September 14th at 1pm

01:42:50 - Valeri Almony: - Calling all landlords, property managers and housing providers!

Join us Tuesday September 14 at 1PM for a Landlord Q&A session, hosted by Pierce County Rental Assistance Program.

This is your chance to ask experts about evictions, rent increases, program requirements and more. Presenters include LandlordSolutions Inc., TacomaPROBONO, Center for Dispute Resolution, WA State Department of Commerce and more.

Click here to submit questions and register.

01:43:12 - Valeri Almony: - registration is our website Pierce County Housing Help

01:44:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - A good place to start by providing a sanctioned encampment rather than just "removing" campers

01:44:25 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Jeff are there places to move these encampments?

01:46:32 - Laurie Davenport: - Registration link — <https://calendar.piercecountylibrary.org/event/5503808> — Housing Help presentation by Tacomaprobono Housing Justice Project and PCHS Rental Assistance!

01:46:40 - Valeri Almony: - Pierce County Rental Assistance and Tacomaprobono will be at the Parkland/Spanaway Library from 2-5pm on September 16th for anyone who needs in person help applying or connection

01:50:52 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You can find links to Coalition meetings on your website: www.pchomeless.org

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01:51:14 - Rob Huff (he/him): - <http://www.pchomeless.org>

01:51:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thanks Maureen!

01:52:48 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Also, another site of information is www.sun-ww.org.

01:54:46 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Anyone interested in opening an RV park?

01:54:48 - Maureen Howard: - Folks - if you have people experiencing homelessness with a lease for housing but need rental assistance - talk to Valeri...this is a provision I don't think we've really used yet

01:55:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Colin and Jan really know how to stretch those dollars!

01:57:12 - Sally Perkins: - Great news on the new WSDOT work, Colin!

01:57:18 - Maureen Howard: - Colin - good work on the WSDOT Gateway Project

01:57:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Colin - congrats on the new job!

01:59:05 - 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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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.

Under the mandate of the Accessible Communities Act of 2010, we help expedite funding for accessibility projects in Pierce County.

Email your interest to attend our next meeting to Julianfwheeler@aol.com.

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/5895/Accessible-Communities-Advisory-Committee>. (Sic, but link works.)

02:00:11 - Janet Runbeck: - Vaccine incentive program is up and running. Nate from TRM, can we talk later?

02:00:34 - Dean Teehee: - I'm going to put this in again,

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02:01:37 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Dean.

02:01:56 - Maureen Howard: - RV parks - Amazon sets these up around their distribution centers in some parts of the country...

02:02:10 - Timothy Harris: - The Dignity City street paper project is delaying our Tacoma launch due to covid resurgence concerns, but will be launching an on-line news blog by November. You can sign up for updates at dignitycity.org

02:02:39 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Timothy!

02:03:19 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Interesting info about Amazon - will look it up

02:03:30 - Gail Misner: - Well stated Rosemary. I'll be sharing your thought widely this weekend.

02:05:32 - Maureen Howard: - Important papers...can also go in the cloud...

02:05:39 - James Johnson: - Are those waterproof?

02:06:33 - Kathleen Edelheit: - If anyone would like further information regarding the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision, you can find it here <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-02/appeals-court-says-la-cant-seize-and-discard-bulky-items-from-homeless> and here <https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2021/09/02/20-55522.pdf>

02:07:35 - Jeffrey Boyce: - jeffreyboyce425@yahoo.com, 360-860-1711

02:08:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Appreciated the labor day focus

02:09:14 - Sheila Miraflor: - I vote for Monique Brown! :)

02:09:46 - James Johnson: - I appreciate everyone's willingness to selflessly help others I feel everyone is genuine in their efforts very refreshing thank you everyone

02:09:46 - Stacey Soltoff: - I think a new mini segment at the end "reasons for hope" might be helpful to carry us through the hard work that lies before us

02:09:47 - Monique Brown: - Well, thanks a lot Sheila! I appreciate your confidence in me!

02:09:56 - CC Mendoza: - I will volunteer again!

02:10:15 - James Johnson: - Hi cc it's finn

02:10:23 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Thank you!

02:11:01 - Julian F. Wheeler,PC-ACACchair(he/his): - Thanks all for your work.