



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – September 17, 2021

00:18:41 - 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.

00:18:57 - 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.

00:29:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Associated Ministries!

00:30:53 - Roxy Magno: - Roxy Magno, MSW

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Homeless Outreach Resource Event and Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, Sept 28th

5:00pm-7:00pm

Tacoma Recovery Center

813 MLK Jr Way Tacoma 98405

00:32:31 - Maureen Howard: - For those who are new - we save the chat

00:36:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - A little backwards, like so many of our systems...

00:37:42 - Sally Perkins: - We spend a lot of time and money mitigating the harm that system policies and operations cause. Sigh.

00:45:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Hope Center website: <https://mcfhc.org/homeless-prevention-project/?fbclid=IwAR391jFdZLXEV9Wk2MWaCtMJggIts81mFFOwEgUpOzIUl-GIHeBiZVXFYbw>

00:52:33 - Jennie Schoeppe: - how often is the encampment map updated, Geritt?

00:53:04 - Jennie Schoeppe: - ME EITHER!

00:53:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Targeting concerns are real.

00:56:52 - Sally Perkins: - What are people told about what "emergency shelter" means?

00:57:35 - Gerrit Nyland: - Learn more about the shelter initiative and provide feedback at our on-line open house <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7405/Survey-2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Ho>

00:58:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I am curious - do you have any sense of the demographics of the folks who have been completing the survey?

00:59:38 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We make judgements of who deserves help, sadly.

01:00:20 - Johnathan Hemphill: - I think its interesting that Youth and Young adults are the lowest

01:00:26 - Sally Perkins: - LONG history of Americans judging folks' worthiness,

01:00:30 - Rob Huff (he/him): - People who are disproportionately impacted by poverty and homelessness should be on that list.



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- 01:01:06 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Yet
- 01:03:16 - Maureen Howard: - \$20K/year for shelter or \$20K/year for rent????
- 01:05:44 - Gerrit Nyland: - Gerrit Nyland - gerrit.nyland@piercecountywa.gov - 253-370-9593
- 01:06:04 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This page has the most recent information about the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness effort: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessn>
- 01:07:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Gerrit - are low barrier shelter sites on the possibility list, and would those carry lower cost to help stretch our dollars?
- 01:09:50 - Colin DeForrest: - great stuff!
- 01:10:25 - Johnathan Hemphill: - When you say smaller what number are you looking at?
- 01:10:59 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How many wanted a "lightly managed" site rather than a 24/7 site?
- 01:11:09 - Jeffrey Boyce: - 40 to 50 ?
- 01:11:11 - CC Mendoza: - Are we asking people who are experiencing homelessness?
- 01:11:24 - Zaneta Reid: - Cheaper to Perm house and keep housed by stability then continue to invest in temporary solutions.
- 01:11:35 - Johnathan Hemphill: - Hey heads up I shared the link with other lec folk so some of them may come up as me
- 01:11:41 - Gerrit Nyland: - Should we prioritize fuller service shelters - case management, behavioral health, or lower service levels but more shelter space?
- How should we prioritize which shelters to launch first - easiest to launch? Least expensive? Geographic areas? Specific populations? Groups we don't serve well?
- 01:11:49 - Jeffrey Boyce: - CC not often
- 01:11:53 - Rob Huff (he/him): - CC, yes, some have been asked and surveyed. But there is a need to hear from others.
- 01:12:16 - Sally Perkins: - Amen, Zaneta.
- 01:14:03 - Zaneta Reid: - We always say we don't have enough, it's building owners who need to stop discriminating against unhoused. We do have the housing stock.
- 01:14:18 - Wolf Cook: - there are plenty of empty buildings around
- 01:14:25 - Zaneta Reid: - The I don't want you in my building, but I want you housed.
- 01:14:37 - Colin DeForrest: - we also just need to meet people where they are at...now
- 01:14:49 - Gerrit Nyland: - Oops, I blew the agenda. Sorry folks.
- 01:14:59 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Colin, Amen
- 01:15:05 - Jennie Schoeppe: - no worries, Gerrit!
- 01:15:13 - CC Mendoza: - You are worth it Gerrit!
- 01:15:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Good presentation!
- 01:15:22 - Johnathan Hemphill: - This is Maria I totally agree with Colin and Zaneta
- 01:15:48 - Zaneta Reid: - I've been meeting people where they are at for a decade and perm housing them, not telling them what's best for them.
- 01:16:10 - Gerrit Nyland: - Just attached my powerpoint
- 01:29:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - too short but good conversation
- 01:30:23 - ZsaZsa Floyd: - Ditto Theresa
- 01:30:54 - Zaneta Reid: - A couple said they thought we should have 24/7 services. Most said lightly managed is the best way to go for most.
- 01:31:42 - Sally Perkins: - Bifurcating emergency shelter from increasing affordable housing is a false dichotomy. The two need to be integrated and the aff housing solutions need to be innovative



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because the market has created the unaffordability and will not solve it. Government will never have enough \$\$ to leverage the market. The market pulls all of the money to the high end. new thinking needed.

- 01:33:01 - Jessica Grandon: - Wrap around services need to include mobile supports, on site medical and dental teams, and they must meet people where they are. Services should be tailored to the community and the needs of the people. For some the initial intervention may need to be focused on establishing stability medically and in a mental health capacity before moving forward with the other key essential needs like housing. Balance between full service and case management teams on site as well as other sites that offer different levels of assistance.
- 01:34:02 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Safe lots are not without services - good referrals and on site visits are options
- 01:34:03 - Timothy Harris: - Group 8 is unanimous on emphasizing immediate harm reduction by prioritizing low cost shelter that can more quickly be put up to serve more people. There was an idea about finding ways to bring services out to more low cost shelters. Maybe there is a way to be creative about this. On prioritizing services, the thought is that this should lean toward groups most excluded right now, such as felons and sex offenders. There was also discussion about how expectations that people will be able to increase their income to become more sustainably in housing are not realistic: a problem when programs for poor people are designed by those who do not understand the challenges of poverty.
- 01:34:51 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you so much for your insight, Harold!
- 01:37:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Please use the chat for additional questions. And thank you everyone for your time and insight to inform this!
- 01:37:34 - Maureen Howard: - We talked about separating support staff from shelter operation staff...aligns with Colin's comments. Context - matching services to people - the right service at the right time. From the right people in the right place. Person defined rather than a set program.
- 01:38:33 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Agree with Wolf on the notion of security - but not all security folk actually hate homeless people
- 01:38:34 - Sally Perkins: - Take the services to the people, I agree with right service, right place, right time.
- 01:38:55 - Maureen Howard: - Re staff wages - if you want to join this conversation, please let me know.
- 01:39:18 - Richard Berghammer: - In some of the self-managed sites I have visited, the security is rotating residents
- 01:39:28 - Monique Patterson: - Maureen I am would like in on that conversation
- 01:39:40 - Wolf Cook: - @sally it doesn't need to all just enough but it has certainly been the majority of the folks that I've talked to
- 01:40:19 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Wolf.
- 01:40:34 - Rosemary Powers: - group 1 —priority for smaller shelter sites with case management — especially with case management services available on site —that could be “floating” that could serve several smaller sites. self management options are more likely to develop over time with some assistance up front . prioritize privacy and safety. so while not a solution to housing at all, as winter approaches having a place where could be—whether tiny houses to lock or minimally a secure camping area where a person would have the right to be with less vulnerability than unsanctioned street camping. Also discussed the fundamental question of ongoing housing crisis that will not be solved by private sector or government commitment.
- 01:41:05 - Patricia .: - * separating physical spaces/shelters & case management services so there is more monitoring & accountability



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- 01:41:14 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Wolf - this gets to Colin's point about quality and commensurate pay - thanks for bringing up the points you made.
- 01:41:19 - Johnathan Hemphill: - Hello All, I am Johnathan Hemphill with the Lived Experience Coalition Tacoma Chapter. I live here right on Hilltop. Ive Invited TreVon who also lives in Tacoma and other folks from the entire statewide coalition to join todays call under the framing that we need all boots on the ground to support our folks in Tacoma. I have to roll off but I wanted to share a press release with you all as fellow community that was geared toward King County but I think also applies here.
- 01:41:20 - Wolf Cook: - You can also ask folks whether they would prefer that we spend 50k a year on a security guard or use it on more recourses
- 01:43:37 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - A little hard to hear you Valerie - can you move closer to the mic?
- 01:43:59 - Patricia .: - @Valeri - I am having a hard time hearing you
- 01:46:09 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How many positive cases = outbreak satus?
- 01:47:14 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Better now than after folks are gone, thank you!
- 01:47:49 - Maureen Howard: - Another reason to have more than 72 hours' notice on sweeps so TPCHD can set up mobile vaccine team...
- 01:49:08 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How many positive cases = outbreak status?
- 01:50:53 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Do you include encampments as shelters?
- 01:51:49 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Theresa, is that question about encampments for me
- 01:52:23 - Monique Patterson: - @Theresa my site is currently on outbreak status because we have more than 1 case at the same site
- 01:52:45 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Kejuan said the testing is reserved for schools and shelters. Are encampments included?
- 01:52:46 - Johnathan Hemphill: - Also, I wanted to say we look forward to working with you all deeper soon. Hopefully by end of business day today we will have a consistent official organizing and outreach headquarters here in Hilltop (fingers crossed). I also hope that we can get on the agenda to share with you all updates moving forward you all seem like awesome passionate people!
- 01:53:14 - Maureen Howard: - Timing on Q & I low barrier?
- 01:54:10 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Agree, Mike. Id also like to have access to that Public Works data and mapping for vaccine and other health related outreach.
- 01:56:41 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Human dignity
- 01:58:08 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The power!
- 01:59:22 - Monique Patterson: - absolutely
- 02:00:03 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Comp = Comprehensive Life Resources
- 02:00:39 - Judy TAYLOR: - Shiloh launches SEPT.27...
- 02:00:48 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Judy!
- 02:01:23 - Judy TAYLOR: - Your Welcome
- 02:02:31 - Laurie Davenport: - If you want a sign, come up to our table at Project Homeless Connect before 2!
- 02:04:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - TUUC = Tacoma Unitarian Universalist Church, I think ...
- 02:04:45 - Maureen Howard: - LeC folks - welcome. Talk with Rob about getting one agenda...and with Theresa P-D about the five minute intro...Plus you are most welcome to join any of our committees...they are all open.
- 02:06:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Interested in offering a 5 minute partner spotlight about your organization? Contact Theresa Power-Drutis tpdrutis@nctacoma.org
- 02:08:58 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Cynthia posted a series of emails to the mailing list about that this morning too!



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02:09:37 - Rosemary Powers: - Race and Equity committee Oct 7, 3-4 pm.
Contact Rosemary Powers at rpowers@eou.edu

Please consider joining and publicizing the Forum Series
Racism Evolution: History to Hope
<http://tacomapiercelwv.org/Forum.html>

Sponsored by League of Women Voters, Vibrant Schools, Tacoma Chapter NAACP

This is series of panels each discussing their respective cultural perspectives. Each forum in the series will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

- - September 15 Indigenous People <https://bit.ly/3CnszPb>
- - September 29 African-American <https://bit.ly/3xt1iY9>
- - October 6 Asian and Pacific Islander <https://bit.ly/3yuVn6a>
- - October 20 Latinx/Hispanic <https://bit.ly/3is4LSk>
- - November 3 New Immigrants <https://bit.ly/3juyNEu>
- - November 17 Hope (the Science of Hope and its Application) <https://bit.ly/2WU5nrC>

02:10:13 - CC Mendoza: - I'm getting a lot of calls from low income folks that their rents are going up from 100 to 500 dollars a month.

02:10:51 - Stacey Soltoff: - i'm expecting mine to go up \$300

02:11:32 - Johnathan Hemphill: - [CC Mendoza I know here in Auburn there is a 5% cap with a 60 day notice and the more the \$\$\$ is increased the longer the notice

02:11:52 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - RE: encampment testing -----Hi Theresa, no this does not include encampments. We are working with our enrolled vaccine providers. As Jennie stated we'd look to focus vaccination efforts with a more consistent approach for encampments on an ongoing basis in the future.

02:12:01 - Kasey Burton: - kasey@tacomaprobono.org

02:12:19 - Kasey Burton: - tacomaprobono.org is our website, big red button on home page for intake form

02:12:32 - Richard Dorsett: - Missing the city.

02:12:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great to have such a clear presentation from Gerrit

02:12:56 - Austin Colburn: - Did not get to attend the whole meeting, but very informative. First time today.

02:12:58 - Maureen Howard: - Johnathan - please send a copy of Auburn's ordinance re rent increases
mhoward@pchomeless.org

02:13:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Austin - welcome!

02:13:27 - Jessica Grandon: - Thank you everyone

02:13:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Austin

02:22:57 - Julian F. Wheeler,PC-ACACchair(he/his): - Let's commit together to make Pierce County more accessible for everyone, including, but not limited to, people with disabilities. And not only for PWD's as customers and constituents, but also as potential leaders, managers, department heads, and even elected officials.

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



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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>