



Homeless Coalition Friday Meeting Transcript

Fri, 10/8 9:00AM • 2:00

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

shelter, encampments, county, questions, meeting, people, money, pierce county, plan, sites, put, tacoma, city, updates, coalition, week, folks, homelessness, chat, funding

SPEAKERS

Julian Wheeler, Duane Parker, CC Mendoza, Luis Rivera Zayas, Jennie Schoeppe, Gerrit Nyland, Paula Anderson, Laurie Davenport, Kiedrick O'Bannon, Ed Jacobs, Laurel Howard, Rob Huff, Theresa Power-Drutis, Charles Jones, Rosemary Powers, Wolf, Valeri Knight, Kelly Blucher, Amy Gillespie, Jeffrey Boyce, Tiegan Tidball, Janet Runbeck, Maureen Howard, Joanne, Mike Boisture, Jenny Lorton

This Transcript is created by artificial intelligence - mistakes are numerous. Consult the audio at <https://podcasts.captivate.fm/media/6c558612-5fa4-4308-90a5-7649bcfbf089/2021-10-08-coalitiontoendhomelessnessprovidermeeting.mp3> to verify anything that seems crazy.

Duane Parker

And it looks like as Rob usually says we are at critical mass. So, we'd like to welcome you guys to the coalition meeting today for October 8 2021, when things are going well. Again, I hope everybody's gotten their coffee or their morning motivation, whatever that may be, I see Jenny had her puppy, a little earlier, which was very much a wonderful bang and morning motivation. I mean, get it wherever you can. So, wanted to start off by. As always, asking those of you who are new. If you'd like to jump in and introduce yourself. And if you haven't been here for a while. please also reintroduce yourself to the group. Luis I see you waving

Luis Rivera Zayas

your myself. You don't have to say hi, I haven't been here for a little while. My name is Louise and I work at PRM.

Duane Parker

Thank you. Welcome, and this



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Luis Rivera Zayas

is my accent this is therapy.

Duane Parker

Hi Max, how you doing,

Luis Rivera Zayas

it gives me mellow.

Duane Parker

Welcome.

Charles Jones

Do we have any others that would like to introduce themselves. Yes, hello. My name is Charles Jones, and I'm with inside passages, this my first week and I've learned so much from everyone I've met, especially with Jenny. We went earlier and saw Fhn and view their new facility, and that was really great. I had a chance to meet with some of the C's, and see how the process works. And we had a meeting yesterday where we got a lot of information from different groups that are trying to help our homeless population. And it's really heartwarming to see there's so many people in our community that are willing to just go out there and do that work, right, and I can't wait to be a part of it and see what we can all do together. So I just want to say hi to everybody. And I look forward to. If I can working with everyone. I do believe I met you yesterday Charles is ready. All right, anyone else would like to introduce themselves, and before I pass it on to our wonderful Rosemary powers.

Amy Gillespie

Good morning everyone. My name is Amy Gillespie, and I'm the Deputy Director at Pierce County Emergency Management. Jody has been attending a few of your meetings, our director but she's on vacation today so I'm filling in for her so but really glad to join the group. Thank you everyone.

Duane Parker

Thank you. Appreciate you being here.

Kiedrick O'Bannon

Hi, my name is Kendrick O'Bannon I work with the City of Tacoma homeless outreach team. I used to come to these meetings, a while back when they were in person. It's been a little while so here I am.

Duane Parker

Very good to see. Let's see, let



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Laurel Howard

me, let me get myself open here I am. Hi everyone, I'm Laurel Howard, I am a member of a hot team with Keegan are with Keegan with Kendrick and Tegan and Alison and all those folks, I'm new I've only been here about a month or so Kendrick is that right. So, yeah, learning the ropes.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome.

Duane Parker

Thank you. I shall pass it off to Rosemary, and I'm sorry, am I talking over somebody. I thought I heard somebody on mute, but I might have been wrong. Apologies. All right, rosemary,

Rosemary Powers

great, good to see you Dwayne and thanks for hosting today. I wanted to welcome everyone as Dwayne did that also to acknowledge that this coming Monday is indigenous peoples celebration day. And that gives us an opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of the land that we're on the history of terrible atrocities and land theft. Things to remember as we do our work, and to know as well that in terms of disproportionate effects of homelessness on folks that Native American population is in general about 1% of the population where it's more like 244 percent something like 4% of folks experiencing being unsheltered so we know there's something that's not just about poverty that there's something about racial discrimination that we all are facing. and, at least we all should be facing and acknowledging our presence upon the land of the Puyallup Tribe is an important recognition of both the role of history and the continuing role of racism in our society. So, I hope you celebrate that on Monday. So, the importance of acknowledging resilience and also the importance of doing work that acknowledges the continuing history. So, with those of you who are new and for those of us who could be reminded, we do have a set of norms and I'll put those in the chat, I think I can do that here. See if they go there. They had them see. Well, I'll, I'll put them in the chat anyway. But I want to just bring out a couple of them. I also put, I will put in the chat when I figure out what I'm doing, again, the Puyallup Tribal land acknowledgement is a small, about one and a half minute long presentation that uses a lawsuit seed, loose chute seed language, and then translates it into English so that we acknowledge that as well, but we do ask for zoom meetings that we keep ourselves muted when we're not speaking And while we love to see everyone's face, and in their gestures when they're talking, it's not so much appreciated when you're waving your hands madly about in whatever culture you're in that speaks with your hands. So if you're doing some other things just to stop your video for that period of time. We also have encouraged people to use the chat function to ask additional questions make additional comments. We want to be sure everyone has an opportunity to speak and we asked people to step up to speak, but also to step back when we have spoken so that everyone can have a chance, and we want to hear from you and The chat is saved, and is available for people to look at after the meeting



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

and if you need to know how to save it. Just ask that in the chat and I'll also make sure I can let you know how to do that. Also we were trying to push ourselves challenge ourselves on how we can be a more open and inclusive community all the time so it's an open table everyone is welcome our meetings are posted, and you're all welcome to attend, and we really appreciate any help you can give us in how to make our group, even more inclusive than it has been so far. So with that, Dwayne I'll turn it back to you.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much, appreciate, Rosemary. All right, with which family. This week on the streets. Do we have any outreach teams updates, that's what. Just go ahead and unmute yourselves and speak up if you do that.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Wolf has his hand up. Okay. Yeah, so.

Wolf

Hello everyone. Good morning. It's pretty early for me but Wolf from certain people Tacoma. We did our regular outreach I couldn't make it last week, because I was helping some folks out at camp, but just meeting. Fortunately, but uh yeah we've been doing our regular outreach the past two weeks, we've been to camps. Six times over the past two weeks, talking with folks helping them get set up for winter. We've been lucky to get some pretty big close donations to help you know get some warm stuff out to folks before it gets really cold. And it is getting really cold so you know it's it's tough out there right now, with, you know, winter already here and, you know, trying to get people supported a lot of people need tarps, to keep their shelters rain proof, and all that good stuff. If you have anything that you'd like to donate or if you want to support us monetarily or Venmo is STP underscore to comm. Thanks for considering supporting us.

Duane Parker

Sorry I got myself, thank you well and curiosity, how can folks get just straight things to you, such as the tarps and tents, if they don't want to do with a month

Wolf

or a year, you can we have a donation center set up so you can message our page, or through us, through social media or just message me and we'll get that stuff from you.

Duane Parker

All right, thank you very much wolf appreciate you and the work you do. All right, already, and as I can, as you can see in the chat, Rosemary has shared the meeting norms if you'd like to review them.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Alright. Are there any other updates from this week in the streets. And I'm sorry, I really cannot see hands because my screen is only half, so just please unmute yourselves and go ahead.

Luis Rivera Zayas

This is really strong PRM. Just to let you know I have outreach teams going out every day during the daytime, and also, we have a search and rescue team going out six nights a day they've been working with encampments on different places. We're offering Coordinated Entry conversations on the street, we're connecting people with services, providing items for the weather and food etc, that that goes on every single day, five days a week during the daytime, on nighttime we do it six times a week, so that's going.

Duane Parker

Thank you, Louise. Let us know how we can also support you if you need anything, please reach out to us put your request in the chat and we'll do our best to help out.

Luis Rivera Zayas

Thanks.

Duane Parker

All right. Are there any more updates for today on this week on the streets.

Tiegan Tidball

By doing this is taken to the dolphin city of Tacoma. Morning, everyone. Hi, I want to take a little bit of time because I know the last time I was at a meeting, the coalition wanted to meet our homeless outreach team, so there are two members are here today, I wanted to introduce them and let them talk a little bit about themselves, even though it seems like they're already engaged in the chat so the first one I want to introduce is keytar cabana he's with the city for a few years now, and Laurel McIntyre Howard, Howard, she's very new with us, so I'm going to pop off and let them say hello and introduce themselves.

Laurel Howard

I sort of already did I jumped the gun a little bit I think. But my name is Laurel Howard, and I, as I said earlier, I'm from the hot team I'm pretty new, only about a month and a half in come from doing homeless outreach with the Bremerton Police Department. I've done this about 16 years now it's kind of work. So, yeah, that's, that's me. Nice to meet all of you.

Duane Parker

Thank you Laura appreciate it.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Kiedrick O'Bannon

Hey, this is Eric with the homeless outreach team. I've been working with the City of Tacoma for in December be three years. So, been doing this for three years as far as outreach work goes, I came from the stability site and I worked there for a couple of years when they first opened up with CCS. So yeah, probably about, about five, five years of doing this work, what our day to day work looks like is we go out to encampments we reach out to the folks that are staying in the encampments, just to check to see if they're, you know, connected with resources and it's not that we kind of navigate them to the direction of services they might need. Things that we also do is try to get them into shelter so we try to get them into the rescue mission. We try to get them down to the stability site and then we also get folks referred over to the tiny homes that we do have. So that's kind of what our work looks like and we're out five days a week doing that.

Duane Parker

I appreciate you guys and if you could, if it's okay with you if you could put your contact information in the chat so we can find out how to get in touch with you that would be much appreciated. Thank you guys, and welcome. Thank you. Alrighty. Sorry, my camera went away. So at this time. Are there any more updates if not we will move to the winter shelter planning discussion with Laura, Luis.

Luis Rivera Zayas

Good morning everyone. I was approached by Rob about talking about Windows winter shelter. I can't tell you what PRM plan is. And I know that we actually met probably two or three months ago, but probably all providers are planning to increase capacity I got I got I got to speak in AI terms which PRM will increase capacity by 51 remote, remote site, so guests will continue to come here to our regular 425 Santa come away location. We will transport them to overnight shelter, and then we will bring them back in the morning. That will give us an extension of 50 Beds from one November to 30/31 of March. As of right now I still have capacity on my women's shelter. Well, that will also expand if we need to wait we're increasing, we're going from 38 all the way to 50 and you if we need to increase that we will be able to do that too. So that's what we got going on.

Duane Parker

Dell. Thank you very much for sharing.

Luis Rivera Zayas

And before I forget. Also, we are actually open all day. So if guests are here and they want to stay here for today, they can stay here for today,

Duane Parker

do and can we ask, are there any restrictions as far as the shelter, or is there. I mean, could you tell us what the restrictions are if there are any.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Luis Rivera Zayas

Yeah, you know, thanks for asking that our rules are pretty easy. No violence or threat of violence, no alcohol, drugs, or paraphernalia on the premises and no grass destruction of trn property, if you can stay away from those three, you're more than welcome to stay here. We're a true low barrier shelter. People come to us, they might be intoxicated, we just get them to a place that they can be safe until they are, they come down, and as long as people are now on safe to themselves and the people around them. We are Okay.

Duane Parker

Last question because I noticed that you have a very small animal on your lap. Do you guys allow for service animals are getting things such as that

Luis Rivera Zayas

in the show. Okay, Let me, let me. We are very open. We don't use the term service animals. We don't use the term pets. If somebody comes and tell me that that pet is good for them and their pet is safe to them and the people around them. The pet counts with them. I mean I didn't say the pen. I said, Daddy, no.

Duane Parker

Good deal. All right. Are there any more questions for Louise. I see my Kansas No.

Mike Boisture

Yeah, Louise, um, I was trying to take notes on what you were talking about and you said on the women's shelter. I had 15 was my number but you said what was the number going up to. Oh,

Luis Rivera Zayas

my woman shelter right now capacities 38 We're going to 50 immediately. What if we, yeah, that will be five zero, that's immediately, but if we surpass the 50, we will be able to also have them on the overflow space.

Mike Boisture

Okay, so you're going to use the overflow too as well. Right, yes. Okay, perfect.

Joanne

Louise, um, they'd have to come to this meeting but I'm Joanne from Goodwill and I start class 55 and older. I have for homeless women right now, and they are over 55 Is there exceptions to the age limit or the women's shelter.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Luis Rivera Zayas

What do you mean age limit.

Joanne

I thought I heard you say the, the woman shelter was open to people 55 or younger 38 to 55 or something.

Luis Rivera Zayas

That's the capacity.

Joanne

Oh okay great, I'm glad I heard a team

Luis Rivera Zayas

18 an hour.

Joanne

All right. I would love to have your contact information

Luis Rivera Zayas

in the chat box.

Joanne

Thank you very much, Louise.

Duane Parker

I see where I was married with her hand up into resell so

Rosemary Powers

just a quick question, Lisa was wondering how the continuing pandemic is affecting your ability to meet the needs of those who request to be there with you.

Luis Rivera Zayas

Thank you, rosemary, the pandemic immediately took my capacity down by almost, well by over 60 beds that that was from the get go. The reason why our shelter has been operating on 38 beds, rather than 50 is because we we spread them six feet apart to make sure that we accommodate for that. So that was the first part that it affected the way we serve. The second part is we used to have a dining room, where everybody could come in and actually sit down and have dinner. We had to go to the takeout model. And we had to convert the dining room into a door in order to make up some of the



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

capacity that we lost because of the space restrictions. So it's been, it's been tough. We actually had a during the pandemic waste. I mean, the early stages we stayed pretty tight. And we had a very good record. Maybe one case every now and then. Lately, By the way that team that was on the, on the shelter meeting, we did not have two cases. This week, we had two that were inconclusive, they sent up to PRC, and they were negative, but before that we actually had six compositive on one particular testing day. And that creates a whole issue with where we're going to put them etc So, being tough well we adopted overcame, and we continue to serve.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So, Louise what a good thing to see you back here. We have missed you, and I know you're very busy and I understand all that but I'm very glad to see you. My question is about. If you, I know you've given a lot of thought to what would work for sheltering people, because you're right in the thick of it. If you didn't have any kind of restrictions on your imagination, is there something that TRM could do if you had enough funding that would actually increase what you're already expecting to have to increase. What else would help and is there a way that we can help to advocate for that.

Luis Rivera Zayas

At this point, Theresa we've we have thought about this. And a lot of the expansion also hinges, aim to appropriate personnel to handle that expansion. If we had a place that we could run, I mean physically we are at capacity, we cannot do anything else, physically, because we cannot build quick enough. But that, that will be. Not even long range but mid range, our plan to actually increase our space to make it still dignified, safe, and increase the capacity. But right now, if you ask me by November 1 The only way we could do something else would be to be able to have a space that we could run to increase capacity, just like, like we're gonna do with a satellite site.

Duane Parker

Thank you. And I see Marine has her hand.

Maureen Howard

It's my good behavior, mute. Thanks Louise. In addition to just buildings, you know the physical space. What about staffing. Can you bring on the right staff quickly enough to be able to expand, and I guess it's a, it's a question for the other providers as well. And, and, yeah,

Luis Rivera Zayas

I gotta be honest with you, marine staffing is a problem. We have not been able to staff, quick enough. People are not applying. I mean, two years ago I had every time I had an opening I had 2025



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

applications for him. Now, I have all buddies, and sometimes they go, even on answer. That's significant.

Maureen Howard

Could we sweeten the responses, if we could have some sort of across the board. Entry wage that people felt comfortable being able to offer you felt good about it. What if we had a housing benefit of some kind, for people.

Luis Rivera Zayas

The idea of coming up with a, with a common benefit for providers, not just DRM but providers at all. I think definitely will improve our odds to get staff, and also staff that are committed, because the other part of this is the right staff. Our guests are traumatized, I don't need anyone to re traumatize them further traumatized. I don't. And unfortunately, some people come here thinking that this is a paycheck. If you, if you come to an organization like ours or, or other providers with that in mind. It's not going to work.

Maureen Howard

Thanks.

Duane Parker

No reason no apologize, that is very much the truth, and we thank you for putting it out here, because you need to have the right heart and mind to keep doing this work, because, truthfully, as we talked about, it's not about that paycheck. All right, so thank you very much Luis. Are there any other questions for Luis, before we move on. I will take the silences consensus. Thank you very much we appreciate you. Alrighty. Now, let us move on to Pierce County shelter request information. That would be Garrett, so I shall pass it off to you, and give it to your capable hands.

Gerrit Nyland

Thank you to Wayne, much appreciated. It's good to see you all today. Pierce County has put out an RFI request for information. And the goal of this request for information is to find out what community organizations, nonprofits are interested in doing around shelter, so that when we are designing the request for proposals with actual money. We're going to be able to do a good job of matching that up to the kind of projects, people are interested in doing, it's also a chance for us to learn a little bit about the challenges that you have and maybe try to figure out how to help you put together a proposal, so that we can get more shelter in the community. In an ideal world this would have taken place six months ago, And we would have had funding flowing in so we can actually hit our goal of having more shelter. By the end of October, but that's not the world we're in. However, there is a lot of funding that's going to be connected in with this request for information, and I don't exactly know the numbers right now, but they could be as high as. So, ARPA money is one of the funding sources right that's the American



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

rescue plan Act and the city of Tacoma and Pierce County both have substantial amounts that they intend to spend around homelessness, and a lot of that may go into shelter. So, the county executive proposed around 25 million, that's money that would have to be spent through the end of 2024 on homeless services, so a good chunk of that could go into shelter. City of Tacoma has about 7 million they're talking about spending on homeless services, probably a big chunk on shelter. And they've been involved with reviewing this request for information. So our hope is that they as well we'll be kind of taking a look at what providers are willing to do and sort of designing requests for proposals around that document recording fee money which is a state funding source used to around homelessness, pretty free money, free in terms of our ability to run different types of programs so not a lot of limits to the types of programs we run with that funding source. We have about 14 million in one time money that we haven't really allocated how to spend on that different than that but that's how I'm thinking about it, and then we have an increase in that of about 7 million a year going forward. And that may be money spent on shelter that may be money spent on other things, but that's another funding source that could, that could be using the information gleaned from this RFI, when it puts out an RFP, with the actual money for proposals. And yeah, so that's a chunk of a lot of money and the thinking, the goal with this RFI is all about us as a county, and other municipalities basically learning about your projects, and the work you do and this RFI is going to be able to be leveraged in the RFP process right so the request for proposal process is going to be very similar, very similar questions, and our goal is not to ask me anything so I don't know how much time I have read them enough. But they just kind of jump in that seat screenshare do. And this is what the RFI looks like there's this is not that phrasing around and I'm going to put the link in in a minute but this is the application form. And I just want to show it to you so you're not scared by it right if you've not applied for something like this before, this would be a lovely entry point for your organization right we've got some boring information about contacts, then we're not asking a lot of questions, right, we're asking, what, what type of shelter are you looking at running, who are you planning to serve what area you're gonna do it in, and then we ask a number of just sort of narrative question, Hey, lets you describe the project for us. You know, if it's a sanctioned encampment right we're interested in those not staying sanctioned encampments but becoming something else do you have a plan for that. Right. Do you want to put tiny houses in at some point or, or if you want to keep it a sanction in Canada, we're, we're open to anything. And then some questions that aren't typical on these RFPs RFIs, what challenges are you facing, What do you need to be successful, right like Again, our goal is kind of all about trying to figure out how we can get shelter created and how we can get more agencies doing this work, right, so if you, if you've got the you think your organization has the capacity to staffing, you have no idea how on earth you would find a site, great put that in that your challenges, we were not sure about finding a site we could use some help there. We kind of want to know why you want to do this work, right, like, oh, traditionally we've done, you know pregnancy support for for women, but we found housing is so difficult, we'd love to get working on this right like how does this fit into your organization's mission. And anyway, and a couple other questions right but that's it. Like what 10 questions right and some of them were multiple choice. We did a little bit about kind of your staffing model. Again this is just a sort of learning about how you're doing things. And the reason we're asking a lot of those is, again, to kind of get this sort of jump started and to make our



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

processes, right better tuned in to the sorts of things that people are going to be interested in funding or figuring out if their supports we need to create print so that these projects can actually happen. I'm going to put a couple links in there is going to be a information session that you all can attend and ask questions that have not looked at the chat at all. I'm going to throw a few things in there. So that's the link to the proposal. And I'm going to put it with the due date right so you've got until October 25 So that's a couple of weeks, and then the information session, and as always you can get a hold of me and ask some questions I might have to refer you to the formal process but it's also possible I can answer some questions. So I guess I'm gonna ask if anybody's got any questions on that. Again, I mean, our goal is to help the whole community, create more shelter, and, and we're excited to see our existing providers do more. We're excited to see providers from other areas if our crew are all at capacity, coming in and doing the work. We're excited to see existing agencies that don't do this, expand what they're doing, Maureen.

Maureen Howard

Not for you, Garrett but for everybody else folks this is like a once in a lifetime opportunity in doing this work. All the responding to this request for information or interest RFI commits you to is filling out that form, It doesn't commit you to anything else. And this is your chance, no matter how big or small your organization is to put something on the table that can really make a difference in our entire system, and in the lives of the people we're trying to serve. So it doesn't matter how small your organization is if you've never done business with the county. This is the chance to give it a shot. It doesn't commit you to actually doing business. Maybe you can find a partner, put it in the chat if you're small, and you'd like to access this money, but you don't want to carry the load yourself, put a request in there for a partner. There are 70 people on this call from probably 50 organizations. So, this, this really is a moment. so use it

Gerrit Nyland

and not filling this out and will not bar you from doing future applications right so don't think that but what the county will do, is we're going to take all of these, and we're going to learn what you're willing to do but we're also going to create a prioritized list, which would be if we were to fund these, this would be the order that we'd find them so these are this is a project we the counting values highest to do right all the way down. And I think that will help as like, oh, you know the county's not interested in finding my project, you know, let me call it the county and talk about why that is and I can retool it so that it's something that's more attractive to the funders, right, so that's, or, you know, you can look at the projects that were prioritized and learn a little bit, you know about what the county is trying to do. And, and we're hoping that city of Tacoma can be involved in that again so that we can you know we can centralize some of this work, but we'll see how that goes. It's challenging enough doing this just within the county.

Duane Parker



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Thank you Karen. Appreciate that. Sounds like a real good way to help steer the county into the direction that we would like them to go as workers. So jump in if you can and help me to appreciate it. Are there any more questions for you. You all know

Gerrit Nyland

how to find me.

Duane Parker

There it is. All right thank you Jared appreciate you and your time. All right, now we are going to be moving on into our breakout sessions this morning, we're going to be asking you all, and I'm curious, does somebody have the capacity to do the breakout rooms because I do not.

Maureen Howard

Laurie.

Joanne

I don't have an I'm apparently I'm not yes you do and I think Garrett, I can do that,

Gerrit Nyland

what do we see we have 70 people, 1659 people and we want to have how many people per breakout room.

Duane Parker

No fine. Yeah. All right, well, as that is being put together. The question for today is what brings you to the, sorry. What brings you to these meetings, and what can you and your agency do to respond to winter shelter needs. Last question. What do you need to do that. I have added those questions in the chat.

Gerrit Nyland

All right, and I'm going to launch you all into breakout rooms in we got 12 rooms so that should be four or five folks per room which is perfect. So, see you in 10 minutes longer someone nodding, Jeffrey says 10 minutes so Okay.

<Breakout Rooms>

Duane Parker

All right, thank you guys, I hope there was some great conversations in the rooms, there was a great one in ours. How would we like to share out. Do you want them to just put their share outs in the chat or are we going to do it as a group. That's



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Maureen Howard

it goes in the chat, Dwayne, in the interest of time. Okay. And if people didn't have a scribe. they anybody from any of the rooms can put whatever was important, into the chat, and that way, we all have it.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much for the probationary, so please share whatever you came up with and the chat, so that we all can glean from that beautiful knowledge. Thank you very much already. So, at this time as we are a one minute late, I will pass it off to Mike moisture, as he will be talking about Pierce County's comprehensive plan to him, homelessness outdates.

Mike Boisture

Oh, okay, I want to first say, Oh, let me get my camera going here sorry, he got shut down too much gone. Thank you to Garrett, and most of my notes have been talked about, which is kind of cool. But again thank you to Garrett and Maureen, bringing up and talking about the RFI, I'm right with Maureen, this is, I don't think this is something that Pierce County has done, and it is its information gathering, and so we need to take the opportunity to do that. So I just want to do it. What did they call it a shout out to those two that brought it up so let's do it. The other thing is, I've asked Garrett to kind of give us a little bit of an update on the plan. It was in draft last time we've sent it out a number of times in the last meeting we tweaked it a little bit, but before I'm gonna let Garrett tag right when I'm done. Okay, good. So I'm going to go through a couple things one happens to me, and this is kind of what I said in our breakout room I gather a lot of information from the coalition, and Garrett sent me a new shelter capacity and he called it a pipeline. And some of those changed. Okay, I'll attach that document, but Garrett also put out there for the inclement weather. If you didn't see it in the chat. Sorry, most of those were already on this file that I'll send to you and I'll just real quickly go over that to come a rescue mission weapon shelter. Luis said there was 50. So why that in there to come and rescue mission Holy Rosary. We had 50 capacity there. See, Catholic Community Services and activity house overflow, there was at brotherhood rise was 20, and the Comfort Inn, we had 120 there. And so this hotel voucher thing that may change that I don't know. Shiloh Baptist. They're open and running capacity of 40 beds there. And then six nights and proctor we had 20 there. So that's what we're almost at 400 with this chart that I have. And again I liked what Garrett said in the chat. Kind of reminded us that the inclement weather, beds, okay. November to March 31 So that's, that is the bed capacities that I have that's going to be coming on November 1 But I'm going to say that changes. I would say changes almost every week. So, that is, that portion, who is brotherhood rise, that would have to come from. I think Garrett, if Dena who brotherhood rises.

Gerrit Nyland

Yeah that's Gerald Daniels and his crew that are up on MLK



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Mike Boisture

up somebody already jumped in there. Maureen's fast. Okay, so my next thing that I wanted to share would be the shelter workgroup. We originally had on 1014 a meeting. And that was cancelled. And we wanted to move that to 1028, but after kind of discussions and everything and with the RFI not having time to look at the information and so on so forth. We've moved that out to November 4 And so that's when we're going to be reviewing the RFI, and that information of that data. So, let's see, that would be, that would be all my notes that I have. And then, Gary. There you go. Thank you sir, I'm going to turn it over to you to, I will turn my time over to Senator Nylund for the remainder of my time,

Gerrit Nyland

he could talk on this one tonight thanks Mike. This is just a little bit of a visual of where we are. So this is a, it's got a number of these swim lanes. So this is kind of a mix of the shelter. Plan workgroup and larger comprehensive plan, and again we're Reno started October, and the shelter plan is basically done we're, I'm still working some feedback feedbacks kind of trickling in a little bit on it, and I really want to include a lot of that so I'm trying to work some feedback and from the city of Tacoma and there was a nice long piece from from Nate Blackmer that that had actually some, some worthwhile things to think about so trying to work those in and actually their shelter plan I think won't be final final for quite a while so if things come up, or if you see, you know, a more final draft coming out hopefully soon. Do not hesitate to reach out to me, and provide a little feedback right that's the goal is to get it functioning for the community. Right. Anyway, so their shelter plan basically is showing being finished although like I say we'll, we'll keep editing another comprehensive plan that is going to be finished in late November, and that plan may have some generalizations in it for things that we're just not able to get to details on but it's going to be very much like the continuum of care five year plan or the county's five year plans is very, very specific goals and strategies to accomplish them that are clear and able to be measured and Amanda we can really put energy behind. We're still doing community engagement if you, if you have a group that we'd be interested in learning about the comprehensive plans work or the shelter plan work. Just get a hold of me again, I'll throw my contact information in, but you shouldn't have trouble finding me, and, and I will be happy to come and talk about what we're doing and listen to what you all think about it. And we've got kind of the shelter implementation. We're still looking for funding. And we basically identified a lot of those buckets I mentioned before, we're working on getting other jurisdictions, sort of bought in to funding some of this with their ARPA money looking at you Puyallup and Lakewood and five and then communities that have kind of I think an interest in working on shelter and homeless programs, and some art but I need to do it so it'd be nice to figure out how we can get them really kind of working within their own municipalities in a way that maybe we've not done great in the past. And then contracting is going to take place. I probably need to update this probably going to be going on November, early December, just the way that the RFI ends and then the RFP process is going to need some more time we hope to have actual funding coming out of the request for information, interest, but that doesn't appear to be possible, so we're going to have to have an RFP process and then no one's going to be ready, right, like, oh, I would love it all to come online,



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

immediately, and that's not realistic. And so, there's just going to be a pretty long rollout and it may go beyond march right but again we've got money to spend through, you know a lot of this ARPA money through the end of 2024 Right, so getting ourselves up and going and, and a lot of it too is the county and I think the city have to come and maybe trying to figure out how to sustain a lot of this, if it you know, after 2024 but that gives us a lot of time to figure that out. And then when we're talking about the comprehensive plan which kind of had in my lane a little bit right that work on funding sources is sort of ongoing that's probably going to stretch way over this way, and then really pursuing funding is going to be a massive part of 2022 Right, so the things we need to actually build permanent supportive housing and the quantities we need that's, that's the work of yours, and not work of months, so I hope that's useful, it's not. It's not the greatest visual things seem to be sliding in the project I don't know whose project managing that but they've got to get things back on schedule. Questions or comments. Dr power Drude is

Theresa Power-Drutis

the only one who calls me. So, I'm in terms of getting other jurisdictions involved, I'm wondering if 1220 is having any impact or if your group is reaching out to groups who've really been sitting on their butts for quite a while and saying, Hey, if you're interested in implementing the or following the law. We have some ideas for you. Are you doing that or are they reaching out to you is that having any impact.

Gerrit Nyland

Question. We're definitely having conversations not with that as a starting point but, I mean, not having cut kind of broaching the subject like working. I don't know how to phrase this correctly, I'm working in concert together on this type of homeless work is not something that is baked into how these governments.

Mike Boisture

Go start pitching everything out. And so,

Gerrit Nyland

in, and so I think we're working like on, who's the right person to talk to the right, you know who's the right person in the county to be talking to the right person in the city of five and whose right person in the county we talking to the right person at this kind of operational level within the city of Lakewood and so I think that that's, that's kind of where we are is is developed and we know all of these people because we do work with them but not in this way, so I think it's a little bit of, of, yeah.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Would it be helpful if people who do live in jurisdictions that are not doing much, if they wrote to their representatives and said, Look, we want you to. We want to follow 1220 And here is the group you should be contacting in order to do that.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Gerrit Nyland

I mean, I think so, right, like if they, if they're pushed to do more around homelessness like because a lot of our communities don't fund any of it now, right, it's like the city of Lakewood has \$50,000 of Social Service money a year, right that's what Lakewood does right they don't have an infrastructure that does social service programs because they do \$50,000 A year of social service work right. And so that may and may be someone not someone's main job at Lakewood, right, and so I'm in different times it might be different people i don't know I'm like, projecting too much on the way but but I know they have a really limited budget, right, but like, Tiffany spear you know is active with this stuff but you know she's just teaching planner for the right so I think just pushing that look this ARPA money could be used effectively around homelessness, which is an issue in your community. And, you know, if you work with the county, right, that might be an easy way to get involved with some of this work, right, that would be my message, I think, is that if you're, you know, wanting to do this, you know, there's some good partners and the city of Tacoma too, right I know the city of Tacoma has been a big help with the city of Fife as they were working on working on a setting up, possibly a tiny house village in Fife right like they leaned on the city of Tacoma because the city of Tacoma was knowledgeable and interested in providing that expertise, so just encouraging that look if you don't know what to do, there's organizations that do and they're excited to help you, Jan.

Janet Runbeck

I'm wondering how nimble and reactive and responsive, this plan can be for instance we know that safe parking network pilot program funding is ending, the pilot program. We know that safe parking network program is successful, the timing of this county planning. How quickly can the county step up to assist with the continuing, of the, for example the safe parking network and expanses of other types of safe sites for all methods and models like RV parking or sanctioned encampments, those, how quickly and how responsive Canada county planning, step up to take on what has already been started, is my question.

Gerrit Nyland

Again, you all know, I've been working for the county for like 47 days, so we'll caveat, all of that, but the goal for most of this money is to have a competitive RFP process that's transparent and fair, and that is in competition with the need to be responsive and agile and. And so that's, so that's a good question, And I don't think that the county knows how to support safe parking right now. So, I think putting a proposal in front of somebody's face with \$1 amount, and is an effective way to get someone to be nimble, Right, so if an agency says we need, you know \$360,000 to do you know 80 safe parking spots over X number of sites over the next 12 months. Right, that's an awful lot easier for the county to process agile highly and quickly than it is we'd like to continue this going, You know what I'm saying, like that's something that it's possible to throw in a budget provides or something like that with leftover money, for instance, Right, if there's things that are ready like that. How many people you serving, where are they going to be served. You know when is it going to start when's it going to end. And,



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

yeah, what's it going to cost. Right, I mean that's kind of the bare bones to start a conversation. Other than the RFI right the RFI is much more about what do you want to do but maybe don't have the full plan ready for, and how can the county help match you up with sites or other providers and, you know, make you successful. But what you're talking about is something that we just need to get that sitting there ready to be funded. Again, I don't know if the county's going to be interested in funding safe parking. But I think RV parking, we'd be all in on my read of the tea leads.

Duane Parker

All right, thank you very much appreciate your time and your responsiveness to the questions. Marine, did you have anything that you'd like to add before we move forward.

Maureen Howard

In the interest of time I just put something that I had prepared for Garrett I'm on the Subcommittee on permanent housing interventions. And so, that we were asked for data questions that sort of thing research that we'd like done and so I responded so it's in there. If you've got other thoughts on permanent housing interventions. Please give them to me. We meet again, either Tuesday or Wednesday of the coming week. So

Duane Parker

thank you very much, Marie, and those of you who are interested in that please check it out in the chat. Alright, so at this time. We are moving a little behind so we shall move to the government, updates, and I shall ask Is tieghan your I know she was earlier.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah I'm here give me just one second. All right, some reason my computer is giving me lots of trouble today.

Duane Parker

Always especially when you're ready to go.

Tiegan Tidball

I know right. That's always how it is. Well, thanks everyone. It's always a pleasure to be here and see everybody and I'm really glad that our homeless outreach team could also be here and introduce themselves today. So I've got just a couple short updates today. So the first one I want to share is that the beacon activity center. We have found. Finally a contractor and we have agreed upon a term of starting that that renovations, and it will start October 22 So I just wanted to highlight that we'll start it, they estimate it's going to be anywhere from four if they're very aggressive but we know construction is going a little slow nowadays due to the pandemic and shortages. So we're hoping it'll wrap up in about six months. Um, I also want to highlight the Shiloh Retreat Center located at one to one one South II



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

street has quite a few vacancies right now so please if you have any single men that are in need of shelter, please reach out to them and they have the capacity to serve 40 individuals. Also I want to highlight that on September 20. The transition for Thames to was completed and all the residents were relocated to the new Thames for site, which is located at 69th and Proctor, and that will be able to serve, I believe, 85 individuals and couples, and this week they began taking new referrals. So please, if you have anybody that needs space, reach out to them as well. Those are my updates and if there's any questions I'm happy to answer them.

Duane Parker

Thank you to you appreciate you. Any questions, we see Marina with her.

Maureen Howard

Thanks Teagan i i didn't understand beacon.

Tiegan Tidball

Yeah, so the, so, um, gosh, it's been a long time coming. So, in 2018, the city did a feasibility study for the beacon activity center to see what kind of programming can be done there. And at that time, we, we determine that can be feasible for a Senior Activity Center in for the youth and young adult day overnight shelter. Some things happened obviously during the pandemic and some funding was lost, so we've re evaluated that in the construction that will be happening there. And so, our public works department primarily oversees the building in that work. And so they have been working really hard this last. This last year trying to get a contractor to start the Phase One of what we're hoping to do it's not our long term plan but it's what we're available for funding right now, and what we've contracted for. That's gonna start October 22 It's gonna be some good stuff, I'll just highlight a little bit I know I don't want to speak too much for public works, it is not my wheelhouse. I look at blueprints and I start the phase, sort of fade out a little bit, but we're going to add on five single shower bathroom units there and they're all gonna be gender neutral everything's in close to the bathroom shower, so five of those would be included. We're gonna add laundry facilities so there'll be some for the staff that are working there, but also for the young adults in the youth that come to that building as well so they can wash their own laundry. There's gonna be a kitchenette, they're gonna do some painting resurfacing the floors, things like that so making things ADA assessable in some areas and a little more safe in regions as well so that's the first phase. For this next six months of stuff that's going to do, and I know I did a high level, like I said I look at those blueprints I gloss over a little bit. I'm also happy to see if I can get some for public works to attend a meeting and really talk through it. I think that might be helpful as well if if we're interested.

Maureen Howard

So you get, it's the youth shelter going to keep operating during construction. Is there a new provider has that been decided.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Tiegan Tidball

Yes, so we, thanks for asking. So, a couple of weeks ago we reviewed the proposals that we received for a brand new operator and so we're in the works of negotiating that right now that contract. So soon as I know, and we do have a signed contract is right now, it's, we don't have that, I would be happy to bring them and have them talk to you, and move forward with that what that's going to look like but yes we're gonna continue services through this time period we don't see a gap in services at all for the young adult shelter. Thank you. No trees I saw your hand it did it go down or did I answer it.

Theresa Power-Drutis

It went down because Maureen asked my question and I'm very glad that you found a way to keep it up and running, while the work is going on that's it takes a lot of creativity to manage that.

Tiegan Tidball

Thanks, I appreciate it. We're really looking forward to our partnership and below you guys have been great. We know that it's been squirrely trying to get everything moved right now, I mean just for the record, they're like, stripping on getting rid of a bunch of stuff and they're filling up dumpsters and doing tons of work so I appreciate Vallejo being really receptive in allowing you to come in and do that work too because I know I know it gets a little hectic.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much for the big team appreciate you. If there's any more questions, we'll just put it in chat and we're a little for sale right now we're going to go ahead and move to Jeff Rogers and his Pierce County Human Services. Yeah no update for today from our side of the house, but I do see that Valerie is on the line, and I'm definitely valid Valerie has an update. Ready.

Valeri Knight

Thanks for having me. I am in my car because we've had lots of in person events this week. So with rental assistance, it has been busy busy busy. I will start off with saying that we have been invited to present at the county leaders conference in Spokane in November. So that's very exciting. We're going to partner with Tacoma pro bono and present all of the work that's been done around rental assistance with legal assistance and with the Dispute Resolution Center so the Center for dialogue and resolution. So we'll be headed to Spokane in very cold November for a presentation. As far as spending we did recently allocate 74 Just under \$74 million in additional funds to our nine current providers so we have added Lhasa, as you know, Lhasa was funded under the City of Tacoma. And so we are now funding them under the county as well. And so those nine providers will continue the amazing work and the application evaluation committee has given us authority to help allocate additional dollars because the State and Treasury are both reallocating from what they're considering low performers to high performers. We are currently at 81% spent of our funds and national averages like 11% So, we are



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

planning on being allocated additional dollars both state and feds, we already have a plan of where those will go. It's going to be based on performance, it's going to be based on accessibility it's going to be based on budgets. And so all of that is in the works with our nine amazing providers who we just could not be more thankful for. I have a couple of in person events, as well as virtual locate virtual events so we're having a tenant q&a, where we will present commerce will present about their landlord program to come up pro bono we'll be there to talk about tenant rights, and the Dispute Resolution Center, we'll be there to talk about mediation services so I'll get you that flyer and date and time I sent it out in email so if you could search there first, that would be great. We're also doing a landlord version super successful last month with over 300 people attending. And so our plan is to just keep moving that forward and doing it once a month. Object answers questions and it really builds that bond in that relationship with our landlords because none of this is successful without the support of our amazing landlord. So, we are also doing some in person events at libraries throughout the county. We were at the South Hill Library yesterday, I don't know if y'all know but it was cold, and then we are at three locations next week, we're at Lakewood key peninsula, and Portland Spanaway on Friday so I'll send you all of those. We're also at a couple more events throughout the month and then I was at the Coalition for Sumner yesterday and they've asked us to come to some more of locations in their, in their area next in the next couple of weeks as well so what those are is folks can come in and ask for an update, they can help apply. So I did five applications yesterday, the landlords come in and get updates to come up pro bono is there as an amazing partner, giving legal assistance and advice right there on the spot, and we're just set up outside the library so it's super accessible for everybody. And we're just answering all of those questions that sometimes you just want to see a face, so that is what we're going to continue doing as we go. We're also preparing a postcard mail out, yes there is a coalition in summer. It's the money Lake Cole Bonney Lake Sumner coalition. I'll connect you it's morally, Miss Merrilees, she's the She's the lead for it. Great, great group super fun. Um, y'all are better but super fun. So, and then we are gonna see what those are. Yeah, so they'll come in and help apply, but we're happy to come to other events so while we were at the Coalition for Sunday yesterday, they asked us to come out to like their food bank and they have some school events. So we're going to do that as well. The postcard. We did one in July we're doing another one, the new one will have mortgage assistance utility programs. Water assistance to come or pro bono and rental assistance so we're gonna add everything to one website to folks can get a postcard and no matter what their need is they'll be able to go to one location, which I learned from Gary is super important, and they'll be able to see what they need and apply so the that we are finalizing and hopefully I can go out in the next week or two, and that way we can get folks just in the know of what their resources are available to them. So, rosemary, I see your hand.

Rosemary Powers

This is really quick, but in our group we discussed the terrible rising rents for people on fixed income, and I'm wondering what kind of conversation your group's been having about the expected uptick in requests for rental assistance.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Valeri Knight

Yeah, great question, and we're seeing up ticks as much as \$1,000 a month, which is really scary. I was asked by an elected official and a higher level of what I would need for the program to be more successful and I said I need rents to start being raised. So, which is true, because that is our biggest barrier and we're finding folks who are being out of their home we met a lady yesterday who is in a mobile home park and her lot is over \$1,000 for her, just a lot, not the house, just a lot, and so she's on 750 a month so security so she's got to go. And that's just really unfortunate so with rental assistance if they accept a payment after September 1 for an applicant who is out new or new money, they have to agree to not raise the rent. So that's one way we're helping, they also have to agree to not evict for six months, which is another way, and we're just having lots of conversations. I know we are talking about other as Maureen knows, other ways that we can maybe help maybe piloting a program where once we help you with your background, we then can help pay deposits, we already have a great connection with housing connector to get folks moved into a new cheaper location, that way the old landlords hole they can get someone new in but the new landlord supported, but we're still working out with the details of what that looks like and the new money. The new money coming in, does not have COVID impact requirement. So these, everyone who is behind in rent will be eligible for the new dollars that will be starting sometime, at, at the latest January one.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you.

Jenny Lorton

You're welcome. Any other questions for me.

Valeri Knight

Okay, well if anyone wants to without COVID We won't have anywhere near enough rent assistance money. True, we technically don't have any more. Enough now but we will have to figure out what that looks like and how we can grow that pot of money. Since these funds will in 2025, the state funds are permanent, but it's going to be a much smaller amounts, we're gonna have to figure out what does that look like, who, like what are our barriers where are restrictions, and we are working with the state to help set up systems performance measures. And so that way we can all be aligned, as far as what's the best means for the tenants, and the landlords of Pierce County. Yeah, so if anyone wants to pop into a library event. We're there for like three hours outside, you're welcome to show up. I can't have you show up as your business. We got in trouble yesterday because someone joined us unexpectedly and we have an MO use so please don't get me in any more trouble. But if you want to pop in and if you have folks who need help applying need updates, feel free to send them our way. We also have locations throughout the county. At our nonprofit at our nonprofits and so that's on our housing Help website as well. So if anybody needs assistance applying we're, there's lots of options.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Duane Parker

Thank you very much, Valerie. You're welcome. And I don't know if you see a Jeff but there was a question for you real quick before we move on from marine. I think we might have lost Jeff on here I didn't see the question. Yes. Where are we, where are you with a written shelter plan to cover emergency storms and etc. That's a good question. We're are we're

Amy Gillespie

able to answer that.

Duane Parker

People know Amy's with our Department of Emergency Management.

Amy Gillespie

So hi everyone on the shelter on the plan for emergencies during the winter time we did convene a small group, the email asking for availability went out yesterday, and this is going to look at emergency response across for unsheltered homebound and those experiencing access and functional needs. And so we are looking to write a comprehensive plan that will look at all our hazards in Pierce County, but the start will focus on winter, and then will that plan will support human services and developing a plan for shelters and expanding shelter capacity, and what emergency management can do to support that plan. So I hope that helps answer the question.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much I need to appreciate that already. So, we will now move on to, and we are moving behind I apologize for that. Oh, my case is ended, or did you have something you want to add up for me. Yeah.

Mike Boisture

Oh sorry, I didn't hear you. I got stuff going on the background so it's hard to hear, Amy, I do have a question is I know you said, a plan winner is like here, almost. So when you say plan when is that going to be ready. What's the timeline.

Amy Gillespie

Great question. So, we do have the after action report from the June heat wave that does provide us an outline of what measures need to be happened for all of severe weather incidents in Pierce County and we're utilizing that as our kind of format to improve the existing planning efforts that exists. So, there are existing plans and emergency management has for opening severe winter shelters that are open to all residents of Pierce County. And then we also working with human services to expand the triggers in winter weather. We anticipate that that can be accomplished by the end of October with these meetings that were happening, which would prepare us right into our winter season which we prepare for starting



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

on November 1, so please don't hear me that there aren't existing plans and procedures between all of our county departments, we're just looking to improve those based on the feedback we received from the coalition, and different stakeholders during the after action reporting process. In addition, one of the items that was identified in the after action process was to develop a very specific plan for emergency response across all our hazards and put that into one plan that's going to take a little bit more time to put together, and we're hoping that that'll be accomplished by the end of the year to be able to have out for comment. Thank you.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much, Amy appreciate you fielding those questions already. Are there any more updates I believe I'm missing somebody, I'm looking for my notes,

Jennie Schoeppe

yeah this is Jenny from the health department. There we go. Thanks. Hi. Hi there everybody. Nice to be here. I'm going to be our point person today and going forward with strong backup from our team here at the health department but I'll be given reports out weekly. Just like KeyOne was for the last few weeks several weeks, I'm going to walk through some immunizations updates, testing and outbreaks, give you the latest on isolation and quarantine and then if you have questions please feel free and I will. I can't talk and drop things in the chat at the same time but if I mentioned anything that I will drop in the chat I promise to do so. After I get through my report. Um, so, for our immunizations work. We are in the process of transferring our, our shelter clinics vaccine clinics that we've been doing with our own mobile teams over to our contractor ambulance, they've actually been doing six, they've actually been the vaccine provider for six of our sites on but we're transferring more work over to them and we'll be working very closely with them, I'll be working with our planning and coordination team to make sure that goes smoothly, been doing some work to partner with outreach teams to bring vaccines to encampments, that's been not a huge push of our work, as some of you probably know medical teams International has been doing work with greater lakes team to do a lot of encampment outreach with vaccines weekly for the past, I think, two months now, getting a lot of great work done outside of the city, but we're actually going to partner with comprehensive life resources on the 13th So next week to bring vaccines to the folks, Staying on the highway sub 705 area encampment which is a large one, as you all know, um, feel free to reach out to me if you have questions about that. I'm going to drop. Sorry, go ahead. Was there a question, sorry. Nope. Maybe someone just wasn't muted, um, there's new you know guidance for COVID vaccine boosters and who's eligible so people who are immunocompromised or who live or work in congregate settings are eligible for booster six months after you've finished your series so that may, that definitely is folks you serve, and maybe some of you as well, so I'll drop a CDC link in the chat that kind of outlines that pretty nicely. For those who are interested the timeline for finding out more about boosters the FDA is meeting next week to discuss Moderna and j&j boosters. And then on the 26th, there'll be meeting to discuss Pfizer for the five to 11 year age group, and then we expect to know more and have more guidance between Halloween and Thanksgiving, hopefully. So more to come on that. I'm have heard some concerns I wanted to address a concern someone reached



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

out and asked about people needing access to their COVID records and this is a really gray area. Unfortunately we're looking for more clear guidance from the state do h on this do H has said that lack of proof of vaccine should not stop a medical provider from giving someone a booster if the person reports that they are eligible, this should be true for people seeking second doses as well, medical providers who who give vaccines have access to the state system to verify people's vaccination status so really this should be happening but we know systems are not perfect, um, I'm going to drop a link in the chat that outlines some of the different ways you can get proof of vaccine, I know this, these ways won't be accessible for all but if you yourself are in a position to help folks with this that would be great and we will just continue to push to H to give us better guidance and clear guidance so that we can pass that on to you. And lastly, in terms of vaccinations we've gotten questions about flu shots. We know we're getting, getting into flu season and we're committed to offering flu shots at our shelters and for other folks experiencing homelessness like we have done in the past. We don't have a plan yet so we are I'll be reaching out to our flu vaccine team finding out what their capacity is and then working with our shelter contacts to set those, those clinics up. I'm testing and outbreaks.

I've got Jennifer I think on the line in case folks have specific questions about testing but just continuing testing and helping support those shelters that have had outbreaks to test regularly to come rescue missions actually taking over their own testing and then working with us if they need assistance last positive there was a 27. Unfortunately, nativity house had six symptomatic cases yesterday and we are waiting on those results, and they are sheltering in place, because there was not capacity for quarantine beds. Unfortunately, the good news there is that all six of those folks were vaccinated. And so, since they are symptomatic, and they need to be tested. They got rapid tests that were negative, but just to be extra cautious. They're doing the PCR tests and waiting for that so, good news again that they're vaccinated, but we will do our best to follow up with that. Um, and of course our testing branches working closely with isolation and quarantine we're doing our best to coordinate those efforts to get folks placed in a timely way. Okay, um, isolation quarantine, which has been a hot topic and continues to be. So I want to give time for that. The current process, current process is still the same, which is that multi care is doing the referral the care coordination, I will drop the phone number in the chat as well. Um, calling leave a message, seven days a week, that line is monitored closely from 730 to 530, and then on an, in an on call basis until 10 o'clock on. We are well aware of the limitations of this and we're working hard to working hard on a new contract with a provider that would have expanded hours from 8am to 10pm, that would be more seamless in terms of that provider would do the intake the care coordination, the transportation and the placement during the ADM to 10pm time, and there'd be increased medical oversight available, things like that. So, that is coming very, very soon, we thank you for your patience. I know this has been a really tough situation for all and really frustrating. I want to let you know what the capacity, I know Garrett will ask me what is the current capacity for IQ, we've got and again this is something else I'll drop in the chat for everyone to read it just can't talk and do it at the same time, I'm seven beds are available at Lighthouse, we only have one AFH adult family home bed available. We have 124 Depends on if it's an individual or family member,



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

emergency bed at White emergency beds, White House, and one bed available Avenue house so as of 10 to. So as of October 2 There have been 201 Total referrals, the great majority of those for isolation 181 for isolation 24 quarantine and 39% of those have been placed, 61% have not. Many do not meet the IQ criteria or do not meet the facilities criteria. And as I've said before, I know there's there's nuance there, there, there are a lot of nuances in terms of the criteria and we're working hard to try and lower barriers. But yeah, I think that's, I think that's about it for me, like I said I'll drop some of the links I mentioned in the chat. What questions do folks have

Jennie Schoeppe

Maureen Do you have a question.

Maureen Howard

I do Jenny, thanks a lot for the report. Um, I might have missed it. But where are we with November 1 with the low barrier Inq site.

That is a fabulous question, I do not have an update, we are just looking, looking, looking, um, I'm going to see if there's anybody here on the chat that can wait, or on the meeting that can weigh in, um, Stephanie is on. I don't see Stephanie on but I will ping her and see if she can jump on or if she can give me an update before the end of the call so I can let you know. I just know that folks are working to try and find new space because I know that concerns about that. The lighthouse space, shutting down the end of October so I hear your concern and I will follow up.

Duane Parker

Thank you. Are there any more questions for June. If not, in the sake of time, we shall move on. Are there any more government updates, or anyone else on the call. I will take that silence as it is time to move on. So, I will pass it off to Teresa, as he will talk about how to build community benefits agreements.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Well, people have probably a different idea about community benefits agreements and the one that I'm going to talk about today, but I want to say, This is not a solution. It is a small tool to use when you're a neighborhood that that has a lot of people living unsheltered in it. It's something that has worked pretty well in this neighborhood. And so, I'm going to share what we've done, and see if it might be useful to somebody else. So this is what most people think of as the community benefits agreement. It's been used really effectively to work on reducing some of the problems with gentrification. But one of the things about these agreements is unless you have a very progressive government body that is pushing these, they're not really enforced they're more things that large corporations are developers. They're agreements that people make. To make it easier for them to join in a community or to be community



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

responsible it's not, doesn't have a lot of bite. I'm talking about this neighbor to neighbor community benefit agreement, and it's the idea that communities do benefit from agreements. Our neighborhood this is my neighborhood this the scene outside my door, and you can see where we are, there's the county, city big city building and beyond that the jail, and you see the right to the left of this is where the tivity house is so they're literally in my backyard. If you look in either direction you see a beautiful view of Mount Rainier, so both views are beautiful in their own way. Regarding this idea of community benefits agreements, one size definitely doesn't fit all. This is the only one I've ever worked with is the one right in my own neighborhood, so I don't know if other people may have tried some of these things and have come to a different conclusion. I'm going to talk about ours. And the nuts and bolts of it. There were a lot of people involved in this, including some young people who had creative ideas and I'm not listing all of the people involved but just know that this is not me. This is my neighborhood, and I'm part of that neighborhood. Here's what we included as little as possible. So, making it simple, sticking to the things that are critical, and not. No more than that. We worked on making it as clear as possible, clearly stated. And the goal was to get the issues out and get the shared interest out, not the kitchen sink, And who was included in. In this, we started two summers ago, and they were we had meetings in the back of Guadalupe house on the plaza there, and invited all of the people in the neighborhood who were housed and unhoused to come and chat about this, and I don't know how much the pizza had to do with the attendance but it was pretty good. So we included as many neighbors as possible. And we invited people as early as possible and then as often as possible because we kept having meetings, and that goal was to get as many people involved us we could and to make it clear what we were doing important thing to remember when you think about inviting as many people and engaging as many people as possible. The reality is that to make an agreement, the minimum number of people, you need us to, you can, if you have somebody camping on your front lawn. You can make some agreements with them. It's great to have a broader community conversation about it and broader community buy in, but everything, every agreement that you can come to that makes it more possible for people to survive and feel welcome and be welcome. And for house people to be open. Anything you can do there is useful. Until we get enough safe parking and safe. Lots to house all of our people. So, this is not instead of that, this is while we work for that. I'm going to show you our little agreement. This is the way we started it out, that we're asking people to agree to these expectations. We don't say, if you can't follow these agreements. We are going to force you to go away, we have no power to force people to go away. The city will not enforce moving people off your sidewalk even if you want to have them move off during COVID especially, but we can say. We hope you'll find someplace else, where the behavior that we're saying, doesn't work well here might work. So here they are. Physical and safety, physical safety and community health agreements include these one the violence. When you notice here with this one, it's not saying no one can use drugs, our assumption is that people who are house some of those people are using drugs, some of those people are doing things that are not healthy for them. We are not the nanny, but we're saying we don't want trafficking on our block because that's caused over the last several decades, the biggest problems we've had with violence have been around trafficking. So we're saying, No, we don't want trafficking safely contain and dispose of these things, again, whether you have a house or not, these are not things that people want to be walking in, and I want to



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

point out that when we had those meetings, the people who came to the meetings, who were not, who did not have shelters who were staying in their cars and staying in tents, had really strong feelings about wanting to have feel safe, wanting, not the garbage, not to be there. So there were actually some stronger statements that came from that side of the equation, than from even the House side. We also asked if people are going to cook, they keep their fires, or stove small contain tended. Be careful with propane, this, we've had a lot of tent fires in Tacoma over the last year, and some of them have been in this neighborhood. It really frightens people, when you have a fire and everything you own can get destroyed so asking people to be careful. Then we have this list of things that are for community well being, respecting privacy and property whether the person is housed or unhoused being mindful of noise levels we had last this summer that we started working on this summer before was just insane people who were living in their cars and tents could not sleep because the people. Some of the people came in were just so loud firecrackers all the time it was. And people who were housed also mainly we have a lot of elders in this community like me who don't function as well when you can't sleep. This is about garbage, it's going to be an issue whenever you have campers or people living in cars, what are they going to do with their garbage so the city has supplied us with two really large black garbage cans, they are not beautiful, but they make the neighborhood more beautiful and it gives a place that people who are living out there, mainly want to keep their space clean, if you don't have a place to put that though, it just gets piled up, and you're going to have rats and you're going to have mess. And then this last one. If anybody, whether it's somebody living in their car or somebody living in their house, who's a part of this agreement, we see somebody some harm coming to somebody, we are going to deal with it in any way we can, including at times we we do dial 911 Someone safety is in danger. So, then it's signed by. Whoever agrees to it. And that brings me to this next thing, which is the reality check. You can have a community benefits agreement without everybody agreeing to it, the more people the merrier, but it does help. And we've found the people who helped us create this. We don't take this list out to everybody knew who shows up in the neighborhood. It just has been spread because people who agreed to this tell new people. You have to ask yourself, what are you going to do if someone doesn't follow the agreement. And this comes to the point about the teeth no tea. Are you going to have a couple people go together to talk to someone. Are you going to have, you know what, how are you going to follow up on that without making it into an antagonistic situation but still trying to solve it. Those are questions that every neighborhood would have to answer differently, I think. And here's the, the reality check question that I think we care the most about. If you're making a community agreement that all of the agreements have to apply to people, whether they're housed or not, and if they aren't, you have to say, why aren't they, because why would we expect more out of people who are living, you would have to say, under much more traumatic conditions than people who are housed in general. Why would we expect them to do more than the people in the house. And then I want to end with this, we can find safe places for people to land so that communities do not need to host unsafe campsites, because there's no way to make them entirely safe. No matter what your agreements are with when you don't have the proper hygiene stations you don't have the proper people don't have a place to cook things like that. That's my little spiel and I don't know if anyone has questions, again, this isn't for everybody, it's some it's a tool that has been really helpful in this neighborhood. This last summer has



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

been the most cohesive, peaceful, collaborative time I've had in the decades, I've lived here, around a lot of homelessness. Turn it back to you doing.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much for sharing that concept with us during that I really do appreciate that and I thank you for your time. Alrighty. So are there any questions for Teresa before we move forward. Three, two, and if there are any, Please, just reach out to him. I'm sure he can find it very easily. Alrighty, so at this point in time, we shall move into the advocacy updates, marine, I shall pass it on to you.

Maureen Howard

Thank you. So in the interest of time, I just want to bring one thing forward. That I think is going to play out. What's playing out now and it's going to keep playing out and what Theresa has provided is a great addition to this conversation, which we're not going to have today. It's encampments. All right, so we've got the Protect our city petition circulating, I know some participants in the coalition have signed off. And I know folks have been reaching out and asking why. And we understand. I think our position as a coalition is we want police to do police work. We do not want people who are simply poor or experiencing homelessness. To be considered criminals because they are not by virtue of their poverty or their homelessness. And, um, we're gonna do, well have a one page kind of just factual piece, folks who want to get involved in that conversation can use. There is an attempt statewide by certain law enforcement organizations, to try and claw back the state legislative changes. Concerning law enforcement by simply not responding to anything. All right, that that is not a game we are playing. All right, so, so there's that petition, the State Advisory Council on Homelessness at their meeting on October 21 We'll have presentations by the state parks depart the state parks, the Washington State Patrol the State Department of Health and the Department of State department of transportation on their current policies on encampment, with an eye towards what recommendations should go forward to the governor concerning and cameras. This is a big deal folks, all right. And those are, That's a public meeting. The agenda is not out yet. When it's out, I will put it out, it'll be by zoom, for sure, I'll be at that meeting. We also know that the. We've got the 167 project moving forward Colin was on the call earlier I don't know if he's still is. And we know that we are not going to have everybody in safe shelter on November 1, unless something, some sort of a Hail Mary pass happens. So we are going to be dealing with encampments. So how do we make them safe for the people who will be in them, so people survive. So, and we will also ask, we've seen a carver put forward an ordinance in order to be grandfathered in, under House Bill 1221, which clearly is an old camping ban, they're not allowing 10 cities, they're not allowing camping. I have to review the ordinance to see if they are arresting people, that's the line on Martin V Boise you cannot arrest people for doing what people must do on public space. If you have no shelter and there is no shelter in Gig Harbor. So, and we have asked the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance to convene the other coalition's along with us to discuss sweeps and to talk about how we have some sort of a common humane sweeps policy I can't believe we're spending time having to do this, but we have got to keep people alive, so. Okay, thanks. You know how to find me.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Duane Parker

Thank you Marie, appreciate the advocacy updates. Already, we will in the sake of time, move forward with the safe sites, updates, do we have Colleen and Janet online.

Janet Runbeck

Paul was here, I believe he has stepped out. The funding for the pilot project first safe parking network is ending. It's been a successful project Monday at our noon meeting we will talk about how to carry this work forward. And I invite anybody with any ideas on how to use this potential money coming from the county to create a larger and more comprehensive approach to safe sites for all to include safe parking. And I'll take questions in the chat. Jeffrey, or Paula. Do you want to add anything.

Paula Anderson

I guess what I could add is I'm looking at for our area some way to try and take on some of the safe parking initiatives, and possibly I'm still talking with my board so this is all still new guys, but I'm very interested in trying to come up with being able to shelter people in place to work with whatever property owners do T, that type of thing in our area, where we know you know some of the folks that, that used to come to New Hope on a daily basis are now camping, but also to try and serve on the east Pierce County area. So, so I'm trying to put together a plan for safe encampment. You know, Garrett said put in if you're looking for locations. Besides one specific area, I definitely would be looking for other locations. I'm also looking for partner agencies who would be willing to help manage provide resources on and come together I typed that in after our little breakout session. I feel like it will be really important once a county gets all the RF eyes for what they're doing, if we have a couple of agencies that are interested in increasing the outreach or working on the safe sites I think there should be an Emergency Task Force for that because like everyone knows we're not going to have indoor shelter for everybody November 1 We may not even have that indoor shelter for every one that's on the street. For the next six months, I know we're all trying but, but somehow we've got to especially in this East Pierce County area. We don't have a lot of choices on where people can go so we need to make sure that people don't die, where they're located. So that's kind of the, the thing that I'm looking at now so I'll keep the group, informed, but it's going to take a lot of partnership, and a lot of people participating.

Duane Parker

Thank you Paula, Jeffrey, was there any updates from you.

Jeffrey Boyce

Yeah, I think, for this winter, I'm going to start reaching out to a lot more churches, through associated ministries. It's apparent that we're not going to get the help from the county or the cities in coughing up some of the land down. So we know that churches have parking lots, many of them do, and that we're



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

going to keep the safe parking going, it's got to be through the churches, under HB 1754. So that will be my push over the winter.

Duane Parker

Jeffrey, appreciate that. All right, at this point in time, let's move to our coalition committee updates. Are there any.

Rosemary Powers

I just, I just have two announcements of meetings, the governance work group will be meeting on October, 12 at 11 p 11am, to say bm 11am, and that will be on the website if you're interested in thinking about those sorts of things come and join us. And then the racial race and equity committee will meet again in a couple of weeks, I believe it's the 18th of. It's a Thursday afternoon so that will also be on the webpage, you can look for committees if you're interested in joining us, it's good work to be doing. Emory.

Maureen Howard

Yeah, housing committee meets Thursday. The October 14 At four o'clock. I'll send the agenda out on the listserv as soon as I figure it out if there's something you want audit let me know.

Duane Parker

I thought I saw one more hand up. Julian.

Julian Wheeler

I have my earphones plugged in for some reason that prevents me from being hurt anyway. This is Julian Wheeler, my chair the Pierce County, accessible communities Advisory Committee, and all of you are invited to our next regular session on Tuesday November 9 at 9am on Zoom, and wanted to indicate that as we are in the midst of budget season for a lot of public bodies like city, county, other government bodies. If you have a project that can be characterized as an accessibility project, I mean if it can be characterized as such, feel free to come to us but what I'm saying is, if you are trying to propose a project and it doesn't make the cut. Let's say the final cut with some budget considerations, then consider coming to us, we have an intake process, our meetings, they are where we consider projects, and we forward them to the state level Governor's Committee, if we vote to advance them. And we are looking for new members and new ideas, and we are funded by the parking tickets, issued to those who illegally Park and disability spots. So if you want to support us in that way just keep parking illegally. So anyway, thanks for your time and the information I gave is largely in the chat box. Just a few minutes ago. Thank you.

Duane Parker

Thank you, Julia, appreciate that. Kelly.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Kelly Blucher

I thank you so much, you know, I just realized we, we haven't done a report out on Project Homeless Connect and hire 253 So maybe I'll just go ahead and get on the agenda for next Friday to do a full report out on that. So really I just wanted to back earlier in the meeting we had a conversation about Goodwill having cease up and work first participants available for internships so if you're a nonprofit organization and you are looking for any interns in my view, we pay our interns, um, it could be anything from 20 to 40 hours a week we are we are getting in participants like crazy right now we just don't have enough place enough host sites to place people so please reach out to Joanne who is on here as well, or myself and I could certainly connect you with the right person, but I do realize we're all in staffing crisis's and I just want you to know that goodwill is here to help however we can. Thank you

Duane Parker

very much already. Is there anyone else that has any quick updates. I don't see any hands so just unmute yourself. Right.

Maureen Howard

Thanks Duane.

Duane Parker

You're welcome.

Maureen Howard

Nice job.

Rosemary Powers

So, did you have an announcement about the moments of blessing that you were going to add.

Ed Jacobs

Yes, good morning. Wednesday, October 13, at noon. We're going to have moments of blessing. And we're calling it healing of violent death in the homeless community. The person who was killed was Diego Escalante. And we're going to gather to mourn his death and acknowledge his death and then we're going to reclaim the area. And through Scripture prayer and blessing of the water and reclaiming rituals, so if anyone is interested in participating, and helping with that. It's. Let's see, at 38th and McKinley, it's the homeless encampment, understand we will be going into the encampment. So we want to make sure that we respect everyone's homes that they're living in. And one thing I would ask is if you would send me your email or contact information so that we can start compiling a list of people who are interested in being involved and I'll put my contact information in the chat room.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Joanne

What was the date and time again on that.

Ed Jacobs

Okay, it's October 13 That's next Wednesday at noon.

Duane Parker

Thank you very much, appreciate you letting us know about it, and we will try to attend as best, okay. All right, good trouble announcements I know we're running out of time. So we're trouble announcements are reflected on today's meeting. Before we let you go home for the Friday. Alright, if that is it, We appreciate you guys showing up today and engaging in the meeting, it was a very good meeting. And apologies for going over time. We enjoy you and appreciate you spending time with us, and you guys have an amazing Friday, and a good weekend.