



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – November 5, 2021

00:12:32 - Ed Jacobs: - Good Morning

00:18:43 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

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

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

00:18:56 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:21:15 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Hi everyone. I have been unable to attend and it makes me feel disconnected.

I am grateful to be attending today!

00:21:45 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Glad to "see" you Kimberly!

00:22:20 - Jeffrey Boyce: - welcome back Kimberly

00:22:44 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - YAY!!!! TRM!

00:22:54 - Jennie Schoeppe: - AWESOME WORK, TRM!

00:25:34 - Sunshine Harper: - Good morning everyone!! I am the CHAP (College Housing Program) Navigator at TCC. I'm so glad to be here!! Lots of faces and people I know. Good to see everyone!

00:25:51 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Good morning, Sunshine!

00:26:44 - Sally Perkins: - Wonderful news from Fife, Valeo and Goodwill!!!

00:26:45 - Sunshine Harper: - Good morning Rob!! :)

00:26:51 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Yes

00:29:11 - Kelly Blucher: - Wasn't there a clean up on 25th and A st with Tacoma Safe? If I read correctly they assisted our unhoused community in a pretty big clean up.

00:34:48 - Kathleen Edelmet: - For information regarding protections for DV survivors' rights in terms of breaking lease agreements, see <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=59.18.575>

00:35:18 - Sunshine Harper: - Thank you Kathleen.

00:35:29 - Dean Teehee: - Thanks for sharing Patricia!

00:35:34 - Sunshine Harper: - Thank you Patricia!

00:36:03 - Gerrit Nyland: - In Pierce County, 63% of adult women and 17% of adults men experiencing homelessness identify as Domestic Violence Survivors.

00:36:34 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for that context, Gerrit. I was about to ask you about that data from past PIT counts and other sources.

00:37:39 - Kathleen Edelmet: - Patricia, please contact me so we can discuss the landlord-tenant act and how it can be used to help DV survivors. I would really like to get this information out.

[Kathleen@tacomaprobono.org](mailto:Kathleen@tacomaprobono.org).

00:38:39 - PATRICIA .: - ictims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8.0 million days of paid work each year. The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$8.3 billion per year.



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- 00:39:00 - PATRICIA .: - On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide
- 00:39:40 - Jennifer Ammons: - Resources: YWCA Pierce County 24/7 hotline: 253-383-2593
- 00:39:43 - Jennifer Ammons: - Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Helpline at (253) 798-4166
- 00:40:14 - Jennifer Ammons: - Exodus Housing: 253.862.6808
- 00:40:15 - CC Mendoza: - I have experienced some law enforcement not believing women who call and report when the women have evident MH issues.
- 00:41:39 - TIEGAN TIDBALL: - IPV happens in same sex relationships
- 00:42:43 - Laurie Davenport: - Some information from the Housing Justice Project on tenant protections for DV survivors: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xnpcm52p2l04mkh/DV%20tenant%20protections.pdf?dl=0>
- 00:42:45 - Jennifer Ammons: - for legal help escaping DV or dealing with the consequences of it: TacomaProBono (<https://tacomaprobono.org/>) & NW Justice Project (CLEAR 888-201-1014, or direct referral by DV advocates)
- 00:43:01 - Gerrit Nyland: - Korean Women's Association (KWA) has additional resources, including shelter, accessible via a multilingual hotline - 253-359-0470
- 00:43:04 - CC Mendoza: - Great idea Angela!
- 00:43:37 - Jennifer Ammons: - Thanks, Gerrit! So does Tacoma Community House.
- 00:43:57 - Jennifer Ammons: - TCH: 253-383-3951
- 00:45:30 - Gerrit Nyland: - YWCA recently opened a new Permanent Supportive Housing project for survivors of domestic violence - they are a great resources for how to shelter and permanently house survivors of domestic violence.
- 00:45:47 - Jennifer Ammons: - Homeless service providers working with DV survivors experiencing homelessness (or on the verge of it) can also contact me. (Jennifer Ammons, Staff Attorney w/ NJP, [jennifera@nwjustice.org](mailto:jennifera@nwjustice.org))
- 00:46:11 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you to everyone for the rich resources in the chat!
- 00:47:05 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you Patricia!
- 00:48:46 - Maureen Howard: - Michelle - can we get the slide deck? Thanks
- 00:51:10 - Maureen Howard: - Can we get similar data for each school district in Pierce County? This is a really clear presentation
- 00:51:32 - Gerrit Nyland: - OK - one more DV resource - the Puyallup Tribe has a Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program as well as a DV shelter. It is for Puyallup Tribe members - their 24-hour hotline is 253-680-5499.
- 00:53:42 - Janet Runbeck: - Is Boys and Girls Club a partner?
- 00:55:01 - Angela Connelly: - Is Coffeooasis , the under 18 year old youth shelter a partner?
- 00:55:12 - Sunshine Harper: - Thank you for all these great resources!
- 00:56:01 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - THA has opened applications for families of 9 to 10 people
- 00:57:11 - Maureen Howard: - Ancient history - I lobbied McKinney-Vento for the National Coalition for the Homeless in 1994
- 00:57:18 - Jennifer Ammons: - That is a huge gap: the money to move directly from one unit to another (first, last, deposit, & moving costs) without first becoming homeless.
- 00:59:01 - Laurie Davenport: - Yes, it is a real crisis point. There are some occasions where rental assistance \$ can be used for this.
- 00:59:18 - Maureen Howard: - I think the ERA could cover that but they are way behind in current applicants. Might be worth talking with Valeri Almony...especially going forward.



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01:02:04 - Maureen Howard: - Laurie - Can you ask the tenants you are helping how we could notify them better?

01:02:08 - Gerrit Nyland: - The best place for McKinney-Vento data is the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website - <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/access-opportunity-education/homeless-education/homeless-student-data-grant-recipients> . There are some canned reports that are a bit old, but if you waded into the rather difficult to use Washington State Report Card Website (there is a link there from the above site) you can get at current homeless data for all the school districts in Pierce County.

01:02:42 - Maureen Howard: - Gerrit -is the OSPI data monthly?

01:03:29 - Valeri Almony: - Pierce County Rental Assistance Program is having some (25 actually) Housing Help Pop-Up Events though out the County

11/8 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family center: 11/9 from 12-2 p.m. at the Buckley Library

11/10 from 2-5 p.m. at the Lakewood Library 11/12 from 12-2 p.m. at the Key Center Library

11/12 from 3-5 pm at Gig Harbor Library

11/15 from 12-2 pm Orting Library

11/18 from 9-12 pm at Salishan Housing with THA

11/18 from 2-5 p.m. at the South Hill Library 11/19 from 12-2 p.m. at the Fife Library 11/19 from 3-5 p.m.

at the Milton/Edgewood Library 11/20 from 12-3 p.m. at the University Place Library 11/22 from 11-1 p.m.

at the Eatonville Library

11/22 from 3-5 p.m. Parking Library

11/23 from 11-1 p.m. Steilacoom Library

11/29 from 2-4 p.m. Summit Library

11/30 from 12-2 p.m. at the DuPont Library 11/30 from 3-5 p.m. at the Tillicum Library

Setting up events with the Tacoma Public Libraries and with the Puyallup Tribe as well.

01:04:27 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Please get the word out about our pop-up events!

01:04:31 - Sharon Seabrook: - PCLS librarian here, we are so happy Tacoma Probono is partnering with us!

01:04:39 - Valeri Almony: - We are creating a flyer now and will send it out shortly

01:04:40 - Christine Lindquist: - This is fantastic.

01:05:25 - Maureen Howard: - Laurie - can you get a note into every food basket???

01:05:40 - Gerrit Nyland: - I don't know the OSPI update frequency. I'm typically interested in full year data, so I just pull the prior school year (although COVID dramatically skewed the data in ways that make the 2020-2021 school year almost not worth looking at).

01:06:00 - Valeri Almony: - ALSO: MiCentro (formally Centro Latino) is creating some Latinx specific outreach events at the Latinx Community grocery stores, local schools, and the swap meet. We are also looking expanding this and doing specific outreach events for our Pacific Islander community, Young adult communities, and Black/African American populations

01:06:23 - Paula Anderson: - I have to leave to another meeting....happy Friday!

01:06:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Just thanksgiving or TG and Xmas?

01:12:55 - Valeri Almony: - Im about to leave for son's Cardiology so i have to miss the last part. our spending is at 85.83% for Department of the Treasury (spent \$17,781,989.87), and for WA State Department of Commerce 81.12% (spent \$35,035,332.33), and American Rescue Plan funds 16% (spent 1,446,839.44).

01:14:46 - Valeri Almony: - More funding in final contracting stages: TRAP 2.0 \$ 36,112,027 coming and ARP allocation 2 for \$ 14,273,892.84 allocated to our 9 amazing nonprofit providers.

01:15:03 - Valeri Almony: - we have extended our contract with United Way 211 and are increasing their staffing

01:17:46 - Valeri Almony: - Washington State Legislation presentation November 19th at 8am :)



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- 01:17:47 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Kathleen. Good conversation.
- 01:18:42 - Alan Brown: - The CCS-Family Housing Network Day Center at 5050 South Tacoma Way will be open for homeless families on Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- 01:18:44 - Kathleen Edelheit: - I agree, Sally. Email me, maybe we can continue our conversation.  
Kathleen@Tacomaprobono.org
- 01:18:56 - Serena Thomson: - resource Toy box in Sumner Dec 17 Turkey giveaways deliver to your door 1000 turkey's Dec 11 Christmas dinner at Sumner High School 12-3
- 01:19:52 - Dana Peterson: - Eloise Cooking Pot is giving 1000 turkey dinners for thanksgiving- register at website.
- 01:21:16 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thinking ahead to the whole holiday season. We are doing the 99 stockings project again this year. Will be live with our wish list by and contacts 11/11/21 ([www.nctacoma.org](http://www.nctacoma.org))
- 01:22:20 - Dana Peregrine: - Valeo is providing Thanksgiving dinners at all their shelters. For their work force group they are doing a teambuilding type event through preparing a Thanksgiving lunch together to be distributed before Thanksgiving. Richard and Tacoma Rescue Mission, in partnership with Fellowship Bible Church, is providing 60 dinners, delivery on Nov 21st. Families are all lined up, many thru McKinney Vento.
- 01:22:54 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Gerrit had to leave. If you email the info to our mailing list, I am sure we can put the document on the website
- 01:23:23 - Kelly Blucher: - Valeo is packing 150 Turkey lunches for Wednesday the 24th to be delivered. If you want to cook a Turkey... call Sherri. Lol.
- 01:27:52 - Sally Perkins: - Teagan, thank you for your hard work and upbeat spirit. Many blessings in your next role.
- 01:28:27 - Jeffrey Boyce: - I will miss you Tiegan!
- 01:29:10 - Laurie Davenport: - Teagan, we will miss you! You have been such a positive voice in tough circumstances.
- 01:29:53 - Rob Huff (he/him): - From Valeri:
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- 01:30:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - More funding in final contracting stages: TRAP 2.0 \$ 36,112,027 coming and ARP allocation 2 for \$ 14,273,892.84 allocated to our 9 amazing nonprofit providers.
- we have extended our contract with United Way 211 and are increasing their staffing
- 01:41:11 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I do think in terms of rain, the 1" threshold for daily rain seems significant. And sustained winds over 40 mph.
- 01:41:57 - Sheila Miraflor: - I'm reaching out to Jeanette Twitty with House of Matthew about Thanksgiving/Christmas to see if they are serving. As soon as I know something, I'll include it in my list to Gerrit. Thank you.
- 01:42:39 - Janet Runbeck: - 911 calls in response to outside conditions. Can multiple 911 call centers trigger a DEM response?
- 01:44:32 - Maureen Howard: - [mhoward@pchomeless.org](mailto:mhoward@pchomeless.org)
- 01:45:38 - Angela Connelly: - [Angelayconnelly@hotmail.com](mailto:Angelayconnelly@hotmail.com)  
[Tacomasafer2021@gmail.com](mailto:Tacomasafer2021@gmail.com)
- 01:45:53 - Maureen Howard: - Does anyone have a Continuity of Operations Plan they would share???
- 01:46:03 - Sally Perkins: - DEM, can you link in with Aging and Disability Resources there at the County, for how best to support older adults and persons with disabilities in these kinds of emergencies? And maybe you already to link in?



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- 01:46:56 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Raejean - do you have a template plan you can share?
- 01:47:00 - Janet Runbeck: - All hospital systems have contingency plans
- 01:47:01 - Jody Ferguson: - DEM can provide a COOP template as well. Yes, we will connect with ADR!
- 01:47:45 - Sally Perkins: - Excellent, DEM, thank you.
- 01:51:50 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Hypothermia is a huge problem when people can't get themselves and their gear dried out. Hope you'll set a guardrail around that issue. Hypothermia Prevention Program  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/hypothermia-prevention-program>
- 01:53:28 - Jody Ferguson: - Absolutely!
- 01:55:24 - Maureen Howard: - Folks - if you are an outreach person, what do you need for "emergencies". That are not a crisis??? What do you need and how do you want it?
- 01:55:38 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Bathrooms
- 01:55:48 - Jeffrey Boyce: - tarps
- 01:55:52 - Maureen Howard: - The partnerships with PC DEM and TPCHD are huge. Thanks
- 01:56:10 - Jennie Schoeppe: - To access all our COVID-related info, go here: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information/-npage-28/-toggle-all>
- 01:56:12 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - hand warmers, gloves
- 01:56:22 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Our Vaccine clinic page: COVID-19 vaccine in Pierce County | Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department ([tpchd.org](http://tpchd.org))
- 01:56:26 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Wouldn't it be great to have a calendar widget on the coalition site? Or a link to a good community calendar that we can add events to?
- 01:56:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- 01:56:51 - Laurie Davenport: - Yes, it would be great to have a calendar.
- 01:57:21 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Are you eligible for a Booster shot? (spoiler alert; many of you ARE!). Check out the guidance here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>
- 01:57:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - My email is [rhuff@mdc-hope.org](mailto:rhuff@mdc-hope.org)
- 01:58:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I look at it far too often, so hit me up
- 01:58:31 - Jennie Schoeppe: - If you are a medical provider, PLEASE sign up for TPCHD provider alerts: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/health-news-and-alerts>
- 01:58:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Falling down on my job - let me know if you want a short spotlight opportunity [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)
- 02:01:39 - Sheila Miraflor: - Never underestimate the value of an idea - or concept! Congratulations, Jan and Collin!
- 02:02:20 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Ed!
- 02:02:21 - Laurie Davenport: - Check out the Safe Sites for All Campaign website and blog at <http://ss4a.pchomeless.org> for our weekly posts highlighting critical issues for unsheltered people.
- 02:03:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Safe Sites for All Campaign is now posting on Tuesday (instead of Fridays)
- 02:03:17 - Ed Jacobs: - Memorial Gathering Honors Those Who Died Without a Home  
28 Pierce County residents experiencing homelessness to be remembered Nov. 7

(TACOMA, WA) The second Homeless Persons' Memorial Gathering will be held on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3:00 pm at People's Park, 9th and MLK Jr Way in Tacoma. The purpose of this Memorial is to remember the people in Pierce County without a home who passed away during the months of August and September 2021. In total 28 of our neighbors experiencing homelessness died within this two-month timeframe.

These 28 individuals were identified as homeless according to the Medical Examiner's records. Despite their status as having been unhoused, organizers of this gathering are committed that their passing not go



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unnoticed by our community. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend regardless of faith tradition or lack thereof. The memorial will last approximately one hour.

Four of the deaths were caused by homicide including a random shooting at the encampment located near 38th Stre

02:03:35 - Ed Jacobs: - Ed Jacobs - 206-369-0297

02:06:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Everyone is welcome to attend the Coalition meetings. We are a connected group of people all working to end homelessness in Tacoma and Pierce County.

02:07:03 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - I love that Angela

02:10:02 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - YAY!!

02:10:04 - Sheila Mirafior: - If anyone learns of other holiday resources, please contact me:

Sheilam@goodwillwa.org. thank you!

02:11:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - The resources that were added in the chat were even more amazing than usual

02:11:25 - Janet Runbeck: - PIT count = 410 kids who are homeless. M-V says nearly 3000 in Pierce County. Why the difference?

02:11:35 - Sheila Mirafior: - Theresa: I've got them copied/pasted. :)

02:11:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - You rock!

02:12:04 - Sunshine Harper: - Thank you so much for these meetings! Good to see all of you and awesome resources shared! Have a wonderful day!

02:12:06 - Angela Connelly: - Thank you!!