



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting – Chat – November 12, 2021

00:17:12 - Sara Irish: - Thanks for sharing Theresa!

00:19:39 - 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.

00:19:54 - 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.

00:23:00 - Sheila Miraflor: - Megan, is this City of Fife endeavor the collaborative effort with Valeo and Goodwill?

00:23:41 - Richard Dorsett: - Cold, wet, soggy, out there.

00:23:46 - Megan Jendrick: - Yes! We have partnered with Valeo. Goodwill has also been an awesome resource for training and education as well!

00:24:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Some of this is due to people being moved off of other spaces

00:25:56 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Wplf

00:26:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Yes, some of the folks at G and 2nd seemed to arrive after the 8th and Yakima sweep, and others may have been added after the Evergreen Encampment sweep...

00:26:42 - Maureen Howard: - Re Evergreen - LEC and others are trying to track exactly where folks went. LEC did a By-name list.

00:26:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Please drop by my porch and I'll have blankets for you and some coats, tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

00:27:22 - Maureen Howard: - Jena - is the Wright Park encampment on church property?

00:27:52 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That site is in a MultiCare parking lot, and across the street from that lot.

00:28:08 - Wolf Cook: - Serve the people Tacoma - venmo: [stp_tacoma](https://venmo.com/stp_tacoma)

00:28:37 - Kristen Wynne: - This is Kristen Wynne, I am the cofounder of Tacoma Safe with Angela. Anyone would who like to contact us. Our email address is tacomasafe2021@gmail.com. We would love to talk with you directly.

00:29:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I will come to you next, Monique

00:29:15 - Maureen Howard: - There are also 44 households in Puyallup mobile home park who will lose their sites/

00:30:04 - Valeri Almony: - Rent increases are impacting a lot of households throughout Pierce Count

00:30:20 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - I was recently priced out of my housing. I am now renting a room in someone's home

00:30:37 - Valeri Almony: - Ive seen over 1000 per month

00:30:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Criminals



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- 00:30:56 - Duke Paulson: - Once someone actually becomes homeless, we have a few spaces at our family shelter available
- 00:31:09 - Megan Jendrick: - mjendrick@cityoffife.org
- 00:31:25 - Jennifer Ammons: - We've seen this, too, and unfortunately Maureen is right on the law.
- 00:31:47 - Sally Perkins: - There are more tents now at S.10th and S. M, as well as
- 00:32:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - S. 11th and L was lined with tents when I last went by.
- 00:32:12 - Sally Perkins: - S. L and 10th.
- 00:32:14 - Laurie Davenport: - We are seeing the effects of rents being raised every day.
- 00:32:41 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - Thank you Monique
- 00:32:50 - Sally Perkins: - there seem to be fewer tents in the 1100 block of S J Street.
- 00:32:56 - Laurie Davenport: - There are also quite a few more tents at 7th and Tacoma Ave.
- 00:33:26 - Monique Brown: - mbrown@fobhope.org. Instant coffee from Starbucks. Goody bags packed for Veterans.
- 00:33:41 - Monique Brown: - Happy Veterans Day to all on this call who served
- 00:33:50 - Maureen Howard: - Everyone - please track these rent increases so we have Pierce county data for the coming state legislative session.
- 00:34:08 - Monique Brown: - You're welcome, Kimberly!
- 00:34:25 - Jennifer Ammons: - I was just typing about the new encampment forming at 7th and Tacoma Ave, Laurie. Saw a barbecue going there Wednesday.
- 00:35:09 - Laurie Davenport: - Yes, saw that too!
- 00:35:55 - Maureen Howard: - Re Folks being forced into homelessness - the draft PC Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness has a section on Prevention - this is our opportunity to make that section as robust as possible = my goal is that no one has to become homeless to be helped. This is a radical change based on our experience with the emergency rental assistance program. Please think about how this could work and offer comments.
- 00:38:00 - Laurie Davenport: - We absolutely need to sustainably fund legal aid to address pre-eviction landlord-tenant issues and remove barriers to housing (past evictions, criminal records, fines, LFO's, etc.).
- 00:38:32 - Sally Perkins: - Both City of Tacoma and Pierce County need to prioritize mental health and substance use program improvements in their legislative agendas. the City has not done this, not sure about the County.
- 00:39:13 - Maureen Howard: - Folks - I have to leave this call early for the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Legislative Session - please contact me at mhoward@pchomeless.org
- 00:39:27 - Alan Brown: - Wolf and Monique - We (CCS-FHN) have a stock of some winter gear that we can share. Contact me (Alan Brown) at alanb@ccsw.org or Shalana at shalanas@ccsw.org
- 00:39:36 - Valeri Almony: - The County has created a Behavioral Health Department. And opened a Behavioral Health hospital that not long along. still more to do yes, but improvements have been made.
- 00:39:45 - Megan Jendrick: - In Fife we have had good luck with people cleaning up the encampments themselves. We have dropped of 8, 30-yard dumpsters, all of which have been filled by the people living there.
- 00:40:01 - Monique Brown: - This is awesome news Alan. I will reach out.
- 00:40:41 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for taking that action, Megan!
- 00:42:21 - Kristen Wynne: - One more time-our email is Tacomasafe2021@gmail.com.
- 00:45:01 - Maureen Howard: - Back too this Prevention issue - keep in mind the number of people we don't even know about...people who are couch surfing, people out in the woods and hills, People priced out



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of their current housing. Think about tenant education and organizing across all race and equity lines, what kind of systems - food, health, etc - should be easily available to people who are simply poor.

How do we keep them housed and get them re-housed without entering a shelter system.

00:45:27 - Jena Anderson: - Is someone here from Tiny Village being hosted by First Christian Church 6th Ave and Orchard?

00:46:23 - Maureen Howard: - LHII operates that Village...not sure anyone is here today but John Brown is very accessible.

00:53:25 - Laurie Davenport: - Speaking of loss of family, access to legal services to help survivors of domestic violence with family issues, as well as just help to go through family issues with dignity and assert one's rights are an enormous area of hidden need — would be huge for prevention. Neither the City of Tacoma nor Pierce County currently fund legal services for victims of domestic violence.

00:55:30 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - I am aware some do not know their rights or how and when to exercise those rights. Also they many not feel empowered to exercise their rights even if they know them

00:55:46 - Gail Misner: - Maybe it was already provided, can you place the video link in the chat?.

00:58:13 - Gail Misner: - Please and thank you.

00:58:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I will paste the link once I stop doing my screen share

00:59:33 - Maureen Howard: - Our Coalition is on-record with the ARPA money asking for 1000 doors at @100K each. A "door" equals a unit.

01:00:24 - Maureen Howard: - CFV model - isn't this intended to be permanent housing? Want to be sure I understood Duke.

01:00:37 - Duke Paulson: - Yes, its permanent housing

01:00:48 - Rob Huff (he/him): - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Db8NHICyGTw&t=6s>

01:01:19 - Gail Misner: - 👍 Rob

01:05:05 - Paula Anderson: - This so needed for the chronically homeless. I love this model!

01:05:51 - Timothy Harris: - Couldn't agree more. They really get the human dimension and what's attractive to people used to street living.

01:06:06 - Angela Connelly: - I love that it is so hopeful for the most chronically experiencing homelessness!!

And that it is built on relationships!!!

01:06:47 - Timothy Harris: - 1,900 scary to contemplate.

01:08:08 - Duke Paulson: - Tim, that is over three parcels, but its actually really cool to see and beautiful. I'd consider looking at the tranformation of Salishan in Tacoma as a model

01:08:42 - Timothy Harris: - That makes a big difference. Thanks.

01:09:45 - Rosemary Powers: - With focus on Community First model for addressing chronic homelessness, I'm wondering how much of the current requested budget figure for dealing broadly with homelessness will this project expect

01:10:18 - Jena Anderson: - anyone here from Comprehensive Life Resources? Please connect with me if so. Jena Anderson

01:10:28 - Janet Runbeck: - Would 2 sites of 10 acres each be feasible? Smaller density might mean greater "community".

01:12:57 - Paula Anderson: - Distribution of this \$82 millions needs to be balanced between preparing for a comprehensive model that can be ready in 3 plus years, versus what we can do in the next two years to keep people alive.

01:13:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I would agree, Paula. It needs to be a mix.



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- 01:13:19 - Valeri Almony: - VASH needs more case managers for that and it would have to pass VASH inspection
- 01:13:40 - Sheila Miraflor: - We need to continue to advocate for housing for the chronically homeless from the perspective of the cost-savings benefits to the greater Community.
- 01:13:44 - Maureen Howard: - Friends - I need to leave this meeting to join the Washington Low Income Alliance Policy Meeting. Good ting we record these meetings! Thanks everyone.
- 01:13:58 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - proactive regarding longevity
- 01:14:22 - Monique Brown: - It was just a thought, Val. I know there would be many hoops!
- 01:14:55 - Duke Paulson: - Yes, thanks everyone!
- 01:15:24 - Kristen Wynne: - I need to leave all. Thank you for including Tacoma Safe today.
- 01:15:33 - Duke Paulson: - I also have a 10am mtg to run to. thanks
- 01:15:50 - Angela Connelly: - I need to leave too. Thank you so so much!!!!
- 01:16:10 - Duke Paulson: - I will read the minutes later
- 01:17:19 - Jennifer Ammons: - My computer sounds like an airplane taking off this morning, so it will drown me out if I try to talk.
- 01:17:43 - Jennifer Ammons: - Yes, I have it on an ice pack now.
- 01:27:19 - Timothy Harris: - Group 6, I think. Universal love for this concept in our group. Concerns that arose include:
- 01:27:21 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 3 was generally in agreement with the model. However, please scale the site to fit in with the neighborhood, and to promote a safe environment.
- 01:27:34 - Maureen Dormer: - Room 4: -great plan—allows for community
-communities attract people—can offer support to one another
-also offers independence with own homes, but the support is still there
-Making sure there isn't isolation
-Transportation will need to be available
-Is there really enough money?—\$82 million but there are other places it might go
- 01:28:03 - Paula Anderson: - Group 8- Fear is ongoing, sustainable funding for operating costs well into the future. Also, maybe find a way to use the 1/10th of 1 percent funding as some of those sustainable dollars. County needs to have dedicated funds for the next 20 years for this project
- 01:28:51 - Sally Perkins: - Operating costs are crucial to plan for NOW. Philanthropy will not be able to cover these. Many of the residents will be long-term and if we offer them this housing option, we have to follow through and make good on the promises we make to them. Operating costs include the services that residents will need as well as the operation of the housing, food, etc.
- 01:29:09 - Laurie Davenport: - Pierce County Rental Assistance and Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project will be at the Key Center Library from noon-2 and Gig Harbor Library from 3-5 today — come visit us!
- 01:29:24 - Paula Anderson: - Go Valeri!!!!
- 01:29:48 - Laurie Davenport: - You need to see Valeri's basket, she is being modest, it even lights up!
- 01:30:29 - Monique Brown: - I want to see the basket!!!!
- 01:30:44 - Valeri Almony: - Laurie can share the picture :) I worked very hard lol
- 01:31:12 - Laurie Davenport: - It's on our Facebook page, check it out!
- 01:31:15 - Timothy Harris: - Group 6, I think. Universal love for this concept in our group. Primary values of human worth and dignity are spot on. Concerns that arose include: How does a project that arose from grassroots faith community work get changed when led by risk-averse gov't, even with best of intentions. Community leadership needs to be really engaged in this to ensure values being this are



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honored Integration and support from surrounding neighborhood is essential. Needs a sustainable funding source.

- 01:36:24 - Rosemary Powers: - For those who are interested in access to the Maya Angelou's poem from the meeting intro today, the title is A Brave and Startling Truth, available on line and in the book: Maya Angelou: The Complete Poetry.
- 01:36:35 - Richard Dorsett: - I am preparing 300 toiletries kits to distribute in encampments. I have toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, condoms, and soap. Still needing in batches of 300: hand wipes, body wash, shampoo, lotions, or similar items.
- 01:37:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - When the criteria is "chronically homeless" or "most difficult to place" there is a danger of breaking up camper communities that include a mix of people. Also important not to send the message that you must present yourself in the worst light possible to receive help. There is something to be gained by supporting communities that have a variety of strengths and challenges. Recommend we consider including at least one community of campers who are already living in an area together - even if that group is not made up entirely of chronically homeless individuals.
- 01:37:57 - Sally Perkins: - DEM likely dealing with possible flooding...
- 01:37:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessn>
- 01:38:20 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Are you eligible for a COVID booster?
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>
- 01:38:35 - 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>
- 01:39:59 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Find out where to get a vaccine: <https://tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>
- 01:40:06 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Our flu news and events page: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/flu>
- 01:45:29 - Jennie Schoeppe: - YAY, Paula!!!!
- 01:45:45 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Go Paula Go!!!!
- 01:45:48 - Laurie Davenport: - That's great Paula!!!
- 01:46:03 - Monique Brown: - Awesome Paula!!!!!!
- 01:46:33 - Janet Runbeck: - SPN number 253-346-6482
- 01:47:36 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I'd like to share some of our vaccine #s. In the past 2 weeks lots of folks got vaccinated against COVID (or got their booster shot!): 16 at the new TEMS site, 14 at CCS Family Day Center, 8 at TRM, & 26 (!!) at Nativity House.
- 01:47:49 - Stacey Soltoff: - those of us running a safe site are grateful you stepped in!
- 01:47:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Great news, Jennie!
- 01:47:54 - Laurie Davenport: - I need to leave to get out to KPN, thanks and have a great weekend.
- 01:48:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Everyone is welcome to join us at the SS4A meeting on Monday at noon
- meeting is on coalition web site
- 01:49:12 - Rosemary Powers: - Reminding that SPN stands for Safe Parking Network and the number Jan put in earlier is 253-346-6482.
- 01:50:08 - Janet Runbeck: - We will try to change the SPN contact number on the website soo. Right, Rob?
- 01:50:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - SS4A is the coalition work group working on Safe Parking (SPN)
- 01:53:26 - Jennie Schoeppe: - HUGE thanks to Jan and others for the \$50 gift card support! <3
- 01:54:07 - Timothy Harris: - Dignity City regional street paper is working toward starting street sales in March. Pleased to launch the Dignity City website this week with Maureen Howard's column. The website/news blog is up at <https://DignityCity.org>



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I can be reached at director@DignityCity.org

01:55:47 - Sheila Miraflor: - I am still collecting holiday resources for the Coalition website. Please send to:
Sheilam@goodwillwa.org

01:57:28 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - tpdrutis@nctacoma.org Let me know if you are interested in offering a 5 minute Partner Spotlight session.

02:01:10 - Judy TAYLOR: - Yes, I got kicked out

02:01:10 - KIMBERLY ELLEFSON: - I hear the term affordable housing can I get a definition

02:02:15 - Jennifer Ammons: - And several people left for 10 am meetings

02:02:40 - Sara Irish: - Thanks everyone, great meeting!

02:03:45 - Jennie Schoeppe: - hi all. please reach out to me if you have health dept. questions:
JSchoeppe@tpchd.org