



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday provider Meeting Chat – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

00:13:52 - 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.

00:14:06 - ChiQuata Elder: - Good Morning can the host please send invite to [rsager2@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rsager2@cityoftacoma.org) for Raquel Sager who is the new Rental Housing Specialist with COT at OEHR

00:14:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

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Speak from your own experience.

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Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

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00:14:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Hi ChiQuata. I will email her now...

00:17:02 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

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00:20:04 - Sara Williamson: - Hello, would like to share that the Downtown Campus at the Rescue Mission has a couple positions open. 1-Shelter support staff at our satellite location, and food service coordinator. you can apply at Indeed.com if you have any questions please reach out

00:20:56 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Sara!

00:21:05 - Richard Dorsett: - The wind knocked folks and their tents around quite a bit. Tarps always needed.

00:21:28 - Maureen Howard: - Tent counts - be sure to date the count

00:21:54 - Maureen Howard: - Names of campers - I'm asking folks for ByNameLists

00:22:23 - Maureen Howard: - Fife Encampment - who gave the notice? Can you scan and send me a copy?

00:24:59 - MARK MERRILL: - Wolf, how do we contact you to get warm clothing to you?

00:25:23 - Wolf Cook: - Serve the People Tacoma - Venmo: [stp\\_tacoma](https://venmo.com/stp_tacoma) Email: [servethepeopletacoma@gmail.com](mailto:servethepeopletacoma@gmail.com)

00:25:41 - Keisha joyner: - Is everyone aware of the tents on 10th M

00:27:25 - Dean Teehee: - Morning, I am going out on Saturdays and serving the encampments coffee and other warm stuff. We are meeting up at around noon to go out. 1305 South 56th St. Tacoma, WA.

Email: [deanteehee@gmail.com](mailto:deanteehee@gmail.com) if interested in coming out with us!

00:27:55 - Richard Dorsett: - Tony is a good "go to" person at 11th & M.



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- 00:28:03 - KIM ELLEFSON: - Wanting blankets and coats
- 00:29:18 - Andrea Haug: - if you ever need assistance from the South End Neighborhood Council please feel free to reach out to us , [senco253@gmail.com](mailto:senco253@gmail.com)
- 00:29:46 - Richard Dorsett: - Cool. The Tribune is still writing articles? Welcome to Tim and Dignity City.
- 00:30:00 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - TNT article about Tim: Real Change founder Tim Harris was odd man out in Seattle. He's starting anew in Tacoma  
Read more at: <https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/matt-driscoll/article255776336.html#storylink=cpy>
- 00:31:00 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Theresa. I was about to post the same thing!
- 00:32:21 - Timothy Harris: - How You can Help
- 1.) - I want to get to know you. The Dignity City model is invested in building community relationships and finding mutually beneficial ways to support each other's work. Email me at [director@dignitycity.org](mailto:director@dignitycity.org) and let's find a time to talk
  - 2.) - Help us build grassroots support. Please make a gift of any size at <https://Dignitycity.org>. Every gift is a show of community support and gets us closer to our \$75,000 start up goal. Follow our social media links on the website to like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Invite five friends to do the same.
  - 3.) - Stay engaged. Sign up at the Dignity City website for progress updates, and find out how you can support our work as the project evolves. Look for the "subscribe" box in the footer of any page.
- 00:32:49 - Josh Castle: - Go Tim Harris!!! Excited about this launch of Dignity City!
- 00:37:18 - Sheila Miraflor: - Timothy, will the paper sellers then also be responsible for self-employment tax for wages earned?
- 00:42:42 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Awesome Tim!
- 00:42:57 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great presentation Tim
- 00:43:55 - Maureen Howard: - Tim - we can link the vendors to Seattle CU for membership accounts...
- 00:45:19 - Timothy Harris: - Maureen. That's huge. It will make venmo direct deposit possible.
- 00:45:26 - Rob Huff (he/him): - CAC?
- 00:45:35 - Sherrilla Bivens: - Food boxes available for pick up this 11/20 Saturday 12 noon 4819 S th Tacoma Wa Everyone welcome no requirements
- 00:46:14 - Maureen Howard: - CAC - Community Advisory Committee I think
- 00:46:34 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That was what I thought as well. I just wanted to ask so everyone knows.
- 00:47:17 - Andrea Haug: - Could you please include the South End Neighborhood Council in any communications regarding the Comfort Inn as it is in our council boundaries?
- 00:47:31 - Sheila Miraflor: - I have a client with medical conditions currently unsheltered in East Pierce County I'd like to see housed.
- 00:47:45 - Courtney Chandler: - Can I please get the contact information for the person I should reach out to so we can partner to get referrals to you guys from Associated ministries clients please?
- 00:48:47 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Can you post information on the micro shelter? I have a client who desperately needs housing.
- 00:50:08 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Many of the questions in the chat could be answered by clear statement of how to access services
- 00:52:37 - Josh Castle: - My contact info: Josh Castle, LIHI Community Engagement Director, [josh.castle@lihi.org](mailto:josh.castle@lihi.org)
- 00:52:38 - Maureen Howard: - LIHI - has access to Pierce County Housing Authority Emergency Housing Vouchers
- 00:53:34 - Sherri Jensen: - How does an organization become a referring agency?



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- 00:53:41 - Sherri Jensen: - I had to step out for a minute so sorry if I missed this!
- 00:53:42 - Josh Castle: - Yes, Andrea, absolutely!
- 00:54:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Does anyone else hear a chirping like a smoke alarm gone bad?
- 00:54:30 - Laurie Davenport: - Yes!
- 00:54:58 - Dana Peterson: - Yes...I thought my cat brought in a bird!
- 00:55:02 - Joe Perva: - [joe.perva@lihi.org](mailto:joe.perva@lihi.org) please contact me for any information for any site. referalls contacts etc...
- 00:55:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The chirping was a fire alarm battery that needs to be changed where Joe is located.
- 00:56:24 - Monique Brown: - Side note: Adele's new album is out and AWESOME!
- 00:56:38 - Joe Perva: - sorry!
- 00:56:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - No problem!
- 00:56:48 - KIM ELLEFSON: - No worries Joe
- 00:57:59 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sounds like a good story for the DC paper : )
- 01:00:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That describes my everyday life... too much information to manage!
- 01:01:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - NCS and Legal, I believe
- 01:01:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Dec. 9
- 01:02:20 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The final Tacoma City Council meeting of the year is on Dec. 14, if I remember right from last night's meeting.
- 01:03:32 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - AND we need to make it easier to use vouchers
- 01:05:10 - Rob Huff (he/him): - There is an interesting story about housing vouchers in King County in The Seattle Times today: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/seattle-got-more-than-1300-federal-housing-vouchers-so-far-only-10-people-have-used-them/>
- 01:05:19 - Maureen Howard: - 34th & Pacific Encampment - please email me if you work that encampment...[mhoward@pchomeless.org](mailto:mhoward@pchomeless.org)
- 01:06:16 - Maureen Howard: - Meridian Heights Mobile Home Park - within the City of Puyallup - 44 mobile homes with about 150 people, many Spanish-speaking. If you work that kind of prevention and support - please let me know - [mhoward@pchomeless.org](mailto:mhoward@pchomeless.org)
- 01:08:19 - Sara Williamson: - would this be referral based thru AM only then to get into their shared housing?
- 01:10:06 - Sara Williamson: - okay thank you !
- 01:10:32 - Monique Brown: - I LOVE THIS MEETING! Such great information and conversation!
- 01:11:44 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great to see you ChiQuata
- 01:12:30 - Maureen Howard: - Friends - there may be other likely nonprofit mergers...I'm hoping Micke and Mark have a one pager of important things to think about if you want to merge...
- 01:13:46 - Michael Yoder: - Mergers can be a very good thing! We'd be happy to share ideas and resources
- 01:13:48 - Monique Brown: - Is there a call back option so folks do not have to wait?
- 01:14:27 - Kathleen Edelheit: - I don't remember where I found this link for free phones, perhaps it was during one of the Friday meetings? I wanted to share it again. <https://www.obamaphone.com>
- 01:15:51 - Maureen Howard: - Might be time to redesign the website - move the past recordings etc to a different page and put today's kind of real time information and change and contacts on that front page so it is easy for providers to find???
- 01:16:00 - Sara Williamson: - sorry what was the hours again
- 01:16:07 - Sara Williamson: - for in service
- 01:16:18 - Richard Dorsett: - Monique, yes, such a good meeting. Let's do it again next Friday.
- 01:16:49 - Danielle Goodrich: - Danie Goodrich 253-983-6767 [Danielle.goodrich@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Danielle.goodrich@dshs.wa.gov)



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- 01:16:49 - Monique Brown: - I think we are vacationing next week Richard. It's Thanksgiving!
- 01:17:05 - MARK MERRILL: - Maureen, more than happy to share the process that we went through for deciding to merge and then the search for the affinity agency to merge with.
- 01:19:00 - Monique Brown: - You never cease to amaze me Valeri!
- 01:21:05 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Way to go Valeri!
- 01:21:33 - Maureen Howard: - It is almost embarrassing to be on national calls where everyone else is lamenting how the rental money cannot get out...I just keep giving out the PC Rental Assistance dashboard...Valeri and the nonprofits make us all proud
- 01:22:07 - Leah Ford: - Pierce county data and case information: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/pierce-county-cases>
- 01:23:00 - Valeri Almony: - It is a honor to work for the people of Pierce County :) it is humbling to meet people who have never needed or apply for services before are now in a new spot and there were so many tears at the THA event yesterday
- 01:23:22 - Leah Ford: - [lford@tpchd.org](mailto:lford@tpchd.org) Leah Ford
- 01:24:05 - Maureen Howard: - So maybe start checking with them before scheduling...not rely on who can show up at 11. Probably more important through the winter
- 01:24:56 - Maureen Howard: - Anyone on the call from cKinney -Vento Puyallup school district? Please let me know - [mhoward@pchomeless.org](mailto:mhoward@pchomeless.org)
- 01:25:04 - Leah Ford: - 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>  
Our Vaccine clinic events page: <https://tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>  
If you're a provider and you want to sign up for provider alerts, go here:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/health-news-and-alerts>  
Our flu news and events page: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/flu>
- 01:27:04 - Maureen Howard: - Clarifying above message - if your organization wants to update everyone weekly or every other week, please let Rob Huff know - we know not everyone can attend the Friday morning planning meeting at 11 and not everyone thinks about the Friday agenda until the invitation comes out. The energy and information brought was great.
- 01:30:06 - Richard Dorsett: - I am preparing a list of those who are out collecting garbage in encampments (and other places). Please send me your info if you are one of us garbage collectors.
- 01:32:21 - Xavier Benavides: - Valery says she has more information a her email. Can we get that?
- 01:32:23 - Laurie Davenport: - Valeri and I (Rental Assistance and Free Legal Help) will be at the Fife Library from 12-2 and Milton/Edgewood Library 3-5 this afternoon — and University Place Library Saturday 12-3!
- 01:32:30 - Xavier Benavides: - from Mi Centro sorry
- 01:36:02 - Sheila Miraflor: - Thank you, Sherilla! Will add to list!!
- 01:37:00 - Xavier Benavides: - RISE Center is having a Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 24th 1-3 at 2136 MLK Jr. Way [risecenterofhilltop.org](http://risecenterofhilltop.org)
- 01:37:07 - Paula Anderson: - Spanaway United Methodist Church 135 163rd St. S. 2pm-5pm Thanksgiving Day meal open to the public
- 01:37:21 - Laurie Davenport: - Sorry need to leave for another meeting, great meeting — thank you everyone.
- 01:37:35 - Gail Misner: - lots are listed in the 2-1-1 online search
- 01:37:44 - Sherrilla Bivens: - We will be setting up at the tent site 12 noon Thanksgiving Day 24 A street downtown Tacoma
- 01:38:04 - Sherrilla Bivens: - Thanksgiving Dinners



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- 01:38:07 - Josh Castle: - Got a 10:30 am! Thank you everyone!
- 01:40:27 - Joe Perva: - I will be leaving I have another meeting. thank you for your time and please reach out to me for any questions. [joe.perva@lihi.org](mailto:joe.perva@lihi.org) thank you.
- 01:51:58 - PATRICIA .: - \*I would love to share from breakout mtg :)
- 01:53:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I look forward to being a fly on the wall, listening during the meeting today.
- 01:53:31 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - About 99 Stocking: <https://nctacoma.org/for-volunteers/>
- 01:54:31 - Gerrit Nyland: - Just attached the final version of the Adequate Shelter for all Plan.
- 01:54:40 - Timothy Harris: - Group 5 Notes: People are lonely and the holidays can often highlight feelings of loss. Practical its like gift cards are always welcome but it's also important to give things that people can enjoy in the moment. Staying warm and dry is, of course a challenge, and people need spare items like socks, gloves, etc, so they can have a spare when things get wet. A bit of discussion about need for transportation to services from places like South End where there are fewer programs in the neighborhood. Hubs that offer bus passes and such are critical.
- 01:54:43 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Gerrit
- 01:55:34 - Monique Brown: - Operation Turkey Drop at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Federal Way. Giving away Turkey's to those who have served in the US Military. It is being put on by Minority Veterans of America. FOB Hope provided backpacks to give away. They have items inside from several organizations. Anyone attending must have proof of Veterans status. it is from 1100 to 1300 hours.
- 01:56:45 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You can link to today's meeting from here:  
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessn>
- 01:56:49 - Gerrit Nyland: - Gerrit Nyland - [gerrit.nyland@piercecounywa.gov](mailto:gerrit.nyland@piercecounywa.gov) - 253-370-9593
- 01:57:09 - Sheila Miraflor: - Monique-what is the date of the event please?
- 01:57:14 - Monique Brown: - They can register at <https://minorityvets.org/>
- 01:57:30 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm #2. How to keep the holiday spirit alive 365 days a year. The generosity of helping at a hot meal site on Thanksgiving would be appreciated in January, and beyond.
- 01:57:35 - Monique Brown: - The event is TOMORROW 11/20/2021
- 01:58:21 - Monique Brown: - If Registration is closed, they can show up to see if there is still items available. Many times people register, but do not show up.
- 01:59:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Go Gerrit!
- 02:00:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This is for the Safe Parking Network
- 02:02:05 - Andrea Haug: - Will there be more RV sites?
- 02:03:38 - Stacey Soltoff: - couple recent articles re folks living in their cars  
[https://www.npr.org/2021/11/14/1053923521/housing-school-district-pennsylvania-parking-lot?utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com](https://www.npr.org/2021/11/14/1053923521/housing-school-district-pennsylvania-parking-lot?utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com)
- 02:04:54 - Stacey Soltoff: - and from the PNW, another UU congregation is getting a safe parking site off the ground. <https://www.peninsuladailynews.com/news/unitarian-universalists-plan-park-for-women-living-in-cars/>
- 02:05:16 - Janet Runbeck: - Thank you Stacey
- 02:05:55 - Monique Brown: - I will be back! As soon as the plans for the encampment are complete you WILL see me.
- 02:06:01 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Stacey, That's great!
- 02:07:06 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Everyone should check out this link from The News Tribune, about the shelter at Shiloh Baptist Church. Congratulations to everyone there on their work!
- 02:07:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - <https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/matt-driscoll/article255865181.html>



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02:08:48 - Dean Teehee: - Intimidated hearing myself speak, HA! :P

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02:10:49 - Monique Brown: - [mbrown@fobhope.org](mailto:mbrown@fobhope.org). Looking for help with Abuse and Molestation insurance for the Veterans Village set to open soon.

02:11:12 - Monique Brown: - Any help would be appreciated. We have State Farm and they do not have this type of insurance.

02:11:28 - Ed Jacobs: - Ed Jacobs [ed.jacobs2@gmail.com](mailto:ed.jacobs2@gmail.com) 206-369-0297

02:12:46 - Richard Dorsett: - The memorial for someone who died at the Evergreen encampment has not been touched.

02:12:46 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Rm #1 From St, VDP: Holidays are difficult due to people (especially families) with concerns about housing instability and also a strong desire to "celebrate" holidays with children. St. VDP has hotel vouchers that can offer a short respite for some people. From CCS: People at shelters and camps need holiday bags and tarps. Difficult due to being a large shelter From New Connections: Already working with others on holidays bags for Nativity House, hotel program, stability Site and nearby campsites. Happy to welcome new partners/participants interested in assisting (99 stocking project).

02:13:18 - Richard Dorsett: - Best meeting.

02:13:39 - Gerrit Nyland: - for future reference, I added the December 21st memorial service to the Coalition website meeting list - <https://pchomeless.org/>

02:14:13 - Andrea Haug: - Thank you very much! I have to leave. Have a great day everyone!

02:14:25 - Gail Misner: - And you as well, thank you for a great meeting.