



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – December 3, 2021

00:21:22 - Janet Runbeck: - This is what Silent Night sounds like

00:21:41 - Jenny Lorton: - I agree! 🙌

00:27:47 - Rob Huff - MDC (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.

00:28:03 - Rob Huff - MDC (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:29:38 - James Pogue: - Rob, let me know when I should jump in with my updates.

00:29:59 - Kayce Walsh: - Under reactions

00:35:51 - Maureen Howard: - Is there anyone on the call from St. Vincent de Paul? If so, please pm me - I need some information on the hotel voucher program.

00:35:56 - Paula Anderson: - Just want to let everyone know that New Hope is hosting vaccines for flu, Hep A&B, and tetanus today from 12:00-3:00 if you have any clients in our area that would like to get these vaccines. If you have any questions, please call New Hope at 253-845-0174. Thanks!

00:36:22 - Paula Anderson: - New Hope address is 414 Spring St. Puyallup

00:36:42 - Maureen Howard: - Same with CCS - anyone on the call who can help me with information on hotel voucher program? thanks

00:41:08 - Richard Berghammer: - I really miss that

00:41:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That site James mentioned is at 25th and Portland Avenue - extending down 25th quite a way...

00:43:59 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The link to the Resources page that James is sharing is at the top of the Coalition website at <http://www.pchomeless.org>

00:46:01 - Richard Dorsett: - Fantastic; thanks James.

00:47:44 - James Pogue: - [jpogue@cmhshare.org](mailto:jpogue@cmhshare.org) if you would like to join the coordinated outreach efforts

00:47:47 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Awesome information, James!

00:48:08 - Angela Connelly: - Great info James!!!

00:49:27 - James Pogue: - The resource page is [www.piercecountyresources.com](http://www.piercecountyresources.com)

00:49:29 - Stacey Soltoff: - thank you, Monique! I thought the same thing!!!!

00:50:07 - Sheila Miraflor: - I have a source to gently worn men's warm clothing size XL-2XL to donate. Please reach out to me at 253-345-9653. Thank you.

00:50:08 - Monique Brown: - Your welcome Stacey. It makes me sick to my stomach!

00:51:24 - Stacey Soltoff: - it goes to show how invasive & persistent the dehumanization is that even within communities of people working with & providing services to unhoused people use dehumanizing language



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- 00:52:04 - Monique Brown: - @Stacy.....Yes!!!!
- 00:52:28 - Paula Anderson: - Just to clarify....is this just the City of Tacoma only
- 00:52:57 - Janet Runbeck: - TFS Cares 253-534-8734 triage & transport van
- 00:53:43 - Janet Runbeck: - oops. Spelling = TFD Cares 253-534-8734
- 00:54:30 - Janet Runbeck: - Angel, call me 253-370-3988
- 00:54:43 - Janet Runbeck: - oops, spelling: Angela
- 00:54:46 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Paula, do you mean CLR's work?
- 00:55:32 - Richard Dorsett: - Several have been in touch with Amber this week. Some progress. A need for storage boxes.
- 00:55:42 - Paula Anderson: - No the medical transport Jan was talking about
- 00:55:45 - Janet Runbeck: - No, TFD Cares is City of Tacoma only
- 00:55:48 - Stacey Soltoff: - which encampment is getting swept?
- 00:56:05 - Leah Ford: - We offer perinatal services to community. You can email me or complete a referral online. LFORD@tpchd.org, <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/family-health/phn-referral>
- 00:56:56 - Mike Boisture: - New leadership for Beacon. The new leadership is Life Enrichment Group. Their contact information is [communityhome@lifeenrichmentgroup.org](mailto:communityhome@lifeenrichmentgroup.org)  
Phone 206-201-4817.
- 00:57:34 - Maureen Howard: - The encampment at E. 25th and Portland Ave is being swept by Sound Transit. The notice should be posted today with the removal date of Dec. 17.
- 00:58:20 - Joe Perva: - @ Angela Connelly If you have any questions about trying to get individuals into the tiny homes please reach out to me @ [joe.perva@lihi.org](mailto:joe.perva@lihi.org). I can give you the agencies and some of the ways we can get someone referred into the tiny homes or the new enhanced shelter opening mid December.
- 00:59:01 - Angela Connelly: - Thank you Joe!!
- 00:59:51 - Sally Perkins: - Right on, Jeffrey.
- 00:59:54 - Monique Brown: - Thank you, Jeffrey. It is getting very tense out there.
- 01:00:01 - Stacey Soltoff: - thank you for the update, Jeffrey
- 01:00:25 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Please drop known encampment locations here in chat if you don't mind. I would like to re-engage with outreach groups to potentially bring additional vaccine outreach. But need to know where folks are at/where the need is. THANKS. <3
- 01:02:09 - Monique Brown: - @Maureen, thank you so much for the tarps and handwarmers! They are going to be beneficial for our folks at this time of year.
- 01:02:43 - Sharon Seabrook: - there's a small camp on Portland Ave just south of 72nd, off on the shoulder across from the Safeway.
- 01:03:03 - Jena Anderson: - Does any staff from Dept of Health attend these meetings? What is the involvement and concern of issues for Health Department?
- 01:03:49 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Hi Jena. Yes, Jennie who just spoke works for the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. There are a few members of TPCHD who come to these meetings.
- 01:03:51 - Janet Runbeck: - Yes. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept comes every week.
- 01:04:02 - Monique Brown: - Camp @ 38th and 7 FWY / 3500 block of Pacific / corner of 27th and MLK
- 01:04:03 - Maureen Howard: - Friends - Monique is talking about how the Coalition used our Donate button money - we bought 480 pairs of hand warmers and 40, 11x15 tarps and age them to folks doing outreach - FOB Hope, G Street, Serve the People Tacoma, Power of Two, new Hope...
- 01:05:22 - Jena Anderson: - How is the issue of human waste being considered at street encampments. Specifically the encampment by Wright Park on G and 2nd street.
- 01:05:37 - Joe Perva: - There are 90 rooms in the new enhanced shelter (old comfort Inn)



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- 01:05:51 - Monique Brown: - Available Joe?
- 01:06:10 - Maureen Howard: - Joe - is the Comfort Inn open? Remind people how to access the rooms.  
Thanks
- 01:07:07 - Jena Anderson: - would someone here from TPCHD message me so I can ask question about human waste?
- 01:07:20 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I will drop this into the chat a few times - the final version of the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness, which includes the Adequate Shelter for All plan in the appendix:
- 01:07:21 - Joe Perva: - Not until mid December, If everything continues to move on time like it has. We should hopefully be doing our first intakes the 15th. Any questions about how to get in please reach out to me at [Joe.perva@lihi.org](mailto:Joe.perva@lihi.org). There is a few ways to get in.
- 01:07:24 - Maureen Howard: - Friends - repeating my request - anyone from St Vincent de Paul or CCS on the meeting - I need info on hotel voucher programs. Thanks
- 01:07:36 - gerrit nyland: - I keep and up-to-date list of shelters in Pierce County at <http://pchomeless.org/Facilities/Shelters> . There is a link on that page that takes you to a full list of shelters that are operational, but you can also see the shelters that are in development - such as FOB Hope's sanctioned encampment.
- 01:09:42 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Those handwarmers and tarps have already made life a little easier on G street. Thank you! We have 2 tarps left, if you are doing outreach and know a camper who needs a tarp - contact me at [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)
- 01:10:07 - Janet Runbeck: - YES!!!! Thank you!
- 01:11:43 - Maureen Howard: - Re Congregate Shelters - I think we're all waiting on updated CDC guidance
- 01:12:36 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you Maureen for the tarps and handwarmers you sent to us as well!  
Definitely being given out at warp speed!
- 01:13:01 - Janet Runbeck: - We still have incentives for those who are homeless to get vaccinated. Perhaps shelter managers can promote vaccine.
- 01:16:31 - Carolyn Weisz: - It looks so fantastic! I encourage everyone to read it. Thanks so much to all those who worked on it!!
- 01:19:38 - gerrit nyland: - You can attend the Tuesday, December 7th, 9:30am Pierce County Human Services Committee meeting where the plan is going to be presented - info on attendance at <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/5179/Human-Services-Committee>
- 01:22:22 - Angela Connelly: - Great needed organizational work Maureen and Gerrit!
- 01:22:54 - Janet Runbeck: - Amen to that!
- 01:23:17 - James Pogue: - I need to jump on another meeting, but if you want information about joining the "coordinated encampment service group", please email at [jpogue@cmhshare.org](mailto:jpogue@cmhshare.org)
- 01:23:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, James!
- 01:23:53 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thanks James.
- 01:26:18 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you Gerrit and Maureen!
- 01:26:33 - Carolyn Weisz: - Thank you Gerrit and Maureen!!!
- 01:27:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - true Monique!
- 01:29:07 - Valeri Almony: - we cant talk during the NOFA process. we must be proactive or we must be reactive after it closes unfortunately
- 01:29:10 - Joe Perva: - Thank you all very much for your time and efforts. Got to jump off to help the contractors here at the old comfort inn to get this site open.
- 01:29:25 - Mike Boisture: - I need to leave and head to Portland. Blessing on each of you...
- 01:29:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Mike



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- 01:32:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Good plan
- 01:32:18 - Monique Brown: - We have assisted over 100 Veterans this year alone with no funding. There are 318 out there. Imagine if we had the funding to hire another outreach specialist!
- 01:32:37 - Valeri Almony: - i have to leave by 1025
- 01:46:16 - Paula Anderson: - Group 7 would like to see an emergency plan for COVID increases if that occurs....is there a way to increase capacity at the COVID positive site?
- 01:46:47 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 6: Address barriers to access services. Specifically identification documents. Hours are wasted, miles are spent, grief is rampant in trying to get ID papers that are required for benefits.
- 01:48:59 - jo davies: - group 2 - acquire property ( is there land bank) for low-barrier encampments. should be close to transportation. the plan does not mention communication but we ran out of time to pursue what this looks like.
- 01:49:02 - Jennie Schoeppe: - have fun, Valeri!!!
- 01:49:12 - Paula Anderson: - Congrats Valeri!!!!
- 01:49:21 - Astha Bhandari: - Our group (forgot the group number), one of the things was addressing the gap between emergency situations and shelter waitlist
- 01:49:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - PIT = Point in Time Count
- 01:50:05 - Timothy Harris: - Room 1 priorities for Gerrit. :- ) Safe parking and safe places for people in tents need to be prioritized. Important to find balance between meeting immediate needs and strengthening the systemic response. A lot of support for long term goal of regional approach. Very needed to coordinate and prioritize goals and resources. Concern expressed that housing and shelter not be too siloed. People with housing vouchers in hand are not able to get housed. The market is not going to meet housing needs. "Not everyone can play the capitalism game. Being a part of that should be optional."
- 01:50:26 - Anne Edmunds: -  
[https://www.cognitofirms.com/PierceCounty2/\\_2022HomelessPointInTimeCountVolunteerRegistration](https://www.cognitofirms.com/PierceCounty2/_2022HomelessPointInTimeCountVolunteerRegistration)
- 01:52:17 - Rob Huff (he/him): -  
<https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=826190&GUID=104D3D2B-EF7D-4F2F-8302-7BA1CC0F9FE0&Options=info|&Search=>
- 01:52:34 - jo davies: - does anyone know of shelter/housing that prioritizes elderly homeless persons?  
thanks
- 01:54:22 - Dana Peregrine: - Great discussion in our group. Thank you! Highlights and take-aways include: 1. ensure county stays focused on long term and big picture so not to get mired in details that may distract from solutions that are long term {and difficult} 2. Collaboration! 3. Prioritize way to elevate and amplify voices with direct, lived experience 4. Make space and opportunity for communications/public relations plan to, on a widespread level, bust myths of homelessness that will one, result in more public support and two, stop leaders from reinforcing stigmas.
- 01:54:48 - Ivan Tudela: - have to jump off.
- 01:55:02 - Sally Perkins: - Nicely done, Dana!
- 01:56:12 - Janet Runbeck: - Did the City say what is the statues of the Light House Center?
- 01:56:26 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Please go get boosted, folks! Here is the link to find a vaccine event near you:  
<https://tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>
- 01:56:34 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Room 9 (1 of 2 - we are each adding our own comments) Data needed: Pierce County Jail; 1) # of people who enter jail from stable housing, housing insecurity, homelessness, unsheltered. 2) Of each of these categories, do people re-enter the community back in the same



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category or does their housing status change? Yes, I recognize this study would need to span at least a year (preferably 2) to yield any meaningful results. Yes, people sent directly to prison from jail would complicate the data (maybe have a companion - longer term- study to look at outcomes after prison) Despite problem with getting the data - important info to have if we are to know when we are making progress.

01:56:50 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Jan. Lighthouse has been closed to new placements as of mid-Nov. Officially closed as an IQ site as of 11/30.

01:57:30 - Janet Runbeck: - There was talk it would be used as a day shelter for those who are homeless. Did that happen?

01:57:36 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The Monday meeting link:

01:57:37 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89639485832?pwd=cUkyZHVIWUdlT0Rmb2YyMm9hWFhtZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3948 5832

Passcode: 573534

01:58:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - New Voices on Ending Homelessness

Monday, 6 December 2021

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

(This meeting will be recorded)

“Good conversations don’t follow a script. Like a good song, they’re full of surprises, improvisation, detours.” That’s what Barack Obama writes in his introduction to Renegades: Born in the USA, his collaboration with Bruce Springsteen.

We have an agenda but no script. It is for the five guests to take the conversation where it goes. The goal, the purpose, of this meeting is to expand the conversation about ending homelessness, and to listen to ideas that may further us along.

01:58:10 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Jan. I'm unaware of that. but I will ask on Monday at our cross-dept homelessness check in.

01:58:31 - Rob Huff (he/him): - 9:00 - 9:05 Welcome & Format (Richard Dorsett, Moderator).

- Rob Huff (Zoom guru, MDC Director of Communications and Advocacy.)

9:05 -9:10 A quick “Hello” from our guests

- Julie Anderson (Pierce County Auditor)
- Dean Marcia Tate Arunga (The Evergreen State College Tacoma)
- Dennis Flannigan (G.E.D.)
- Jim Waldo (Vice President, GTH-Government Affairs)
- Linda Ishem
- Maureen Howard and LaMont Green (will ask questions of the guests)

9:10 - 9:50 Five Guests Converse

In advance of today’s meeting, each guest received two chapters from Ten Global Cities Take on Homelessness (Systems-Level Thinking, Engaging the Community). They also received in advance the questions at the bottom of this agenda to consider. These questions and the two chapters are



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intended to “prime the pump” of conversation about ending homelessness; where the discussion goes is up to them. Each will take 4-5 minutes to reflect on homelessness and, I hope, challenge us with a few new ideas to consider.

02:01:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Monday, 5:30-7 p.m. is the City of Tacoma community meeting

02:02:51 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Conversation on Legislative Options to Address Camping on Public Property on December 6

The City will host a community conversation on the available legislative options to address camping on public property. This conversation will inform members of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee as they consider recommendations to the full Council.

To review the legislative options presented to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee on November 18, 2021 please click here.

To participate in the community conversation please click on the link below or call into the phone number on December 6, 2021 from 5:30-7 PM.

Zoom meeting:

[us02web.zoom.us/j/88161861974?pwd=b2dxNVBJK0p6ejNkaJ1Zld4azRQdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88161861974?pwd=b2dxNVBJK0p6ejNkaJ1Zld4azRQdz09)

(253) 215-8782

Webinar ID: 881 6186 1974

Passcode: 511947

02:04:01 - Jennie Schoeppe: - If you have ANY questions about getting vaccinated -- where to go, concerns about vaccines, etc etc. please reach out to me: [JSchoeppe@tpchd.org](mailto:JSchoeppe@tpchd.org)

02:07:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes!

02:08:25 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Build Back Better is stuck in the Senate

02:08:44 - Timothy Harris: - [dignitycity.org](http://dignitycity.org)

02:09:55 - Timothy Harris: - Maureen's column: <https://www.dignitycity.org/post/maureen-s-musings-generations-pass-and-affordable-housing-is-still-an-issue>

02:13:32 - Sheila Miraflor: - <https://workforce-central.org/hpc-jobseeker/>

02:14:41 - Laurie Davenport: - Housing Help Pop-Ups (rental assistance and free legal help) for next week are Wednesday 12/8 at the Salishan Family Investment Center from 9-2 and Sumner/Bonney Lake Family Center on Thursday 12/9 from 4-7.

02:16:06 - Sheila Miraflor: - Men's size XL/2XL gently worn warm clothing resource 253-345-9653. Thank you.

02:17:50 - Jeffrey Boyce: - [jeffreyboyce425@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffreyboyce425@yahoo.com), 360-860-1711

02:20:26 - Rob Huff (he/him): - [rhuff@mdc-hope.org](mailto:rhuff@mdc-hope.org)

02:20:45 - Dionne Jacobson: - My email: [djacobson@svdptacoma.org](mailto:djacobson@svdptacoma.org) and a second email for referrals is [assistance@svdptacoma.org](mailto:assistance@svdptacoma.org)

02:20:52 - Dionne Jacobson: - I am just slow :)

02:21:33 - Richard Dorsett: - I am unorganized

02:21:57 - Rosemary Powers: - Save the date for memorial for those who have died while living on the streets over past year. will be Dec 21. more detail later