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Rob Huff

All right, we will get started right after we get around 30 people in the room. I'm hope everybody's having a good Friday morning and hang in there for just a couple minutes. All right, so I see we're at nine o'clock but we still have a relatively small number of folks in the room. So we'll just wait a minute here for folks to show up. Grab your coffee and we'll get get firing away. Good morning everyone. Welcome to this Friday and our regular weekly meeting of the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness. Miss seeing you all last Friday. I hope everybody had a good, good Friday off and why don't we hand things over to Rosemary to kick us off for this morning so rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

Good morning, everyone. We did take last week off to celebrate Thanksgiving and to give ourselves a little time to rest too. And I want to just to make a brief connection between Thanksgiving and the Open Table. I've Thanksgiving is a complicated holiday for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that it's often covered over the trauma of indigenous peoples with a kind of simple narrative, national narrative about strangers sharing meal together. So here we acknowledge that this history this traumatic history, and also acknowledged with respect that we are meeting on the lands of the traditional the traditional homelands the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, who shepherded these lands from time immemorial. The holiday Thanksgiving is also complicated by the conflicts that come up at extended family dinners, and by who's included or excluded from the table. But there are some signs of openness about this holiday where terms like Friendsgiving and more community meals expand the notion of belonging. And here's the coalition we are committed to an open table that invites all who are interested in ending homelessness to join together even if we have different ideas about how this might



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happen. We have to keep challenging ourselves to be open really, to that open table. And so we look forward to having those any kinds of critiques of our openness presented so that we can do a better job. So I welcome you today to our open table and just commit review a few of our norms that we use in our meetings so that if you're new, you can see how to get involved in the conversation. We asked that we mute ourselves when we're not talking and turn off our video when we're doing other things so we're not distracting. We do encourage people to use the chat as a space for announcements or for conversation. This is not an imposition on the meeting and not a sign of disrespect, but a way for us to do the networking. It's not so possible since we're not meeting in person. And if we do want to be recognized to speak, we do have the hand signal that you can use that's with Zoom or if you don't get recognized, wave your hand about and will someone will help Rob to notice that it's time for you to talk just to re emphasize and I've asked Rob if you can put the norms in the chat. I don't know if you've done it already. But that's great so others can review them. And just to mention that we as we reflect on ideas today to understand how we might lead with an equity a racial equity lens, to make sure that we take some space if we have something to say and give space to others, and that we assume best intentions in what we say but also take responsibility for consequences. So with that, I'd like to welcome anybody who's new today, or who's returning after some time away to just announced your presence raise your hand and and be recognized or if you don't get recognized just speak and mute, unmute yourself and introduce yourselves and what organization or back project you might be working with. So anybody can start

Rob Huff

Oh, go ahead.

Sue Comis

Okay, I I can't figure out I mean, I can't believe I'm telling you this. But where are the hand raise thing is

Rosemary Powers

that's fine, that's fine. You

Sue Comis

I this this but you will tell me I hope or just write it in the chat where I find the hand race thing. I'm on gallery view and I got the chat up. Okay. So I'm Sue comas and I am never been here and I just am recently retired and I spent trust me, whatever that whole pandemic on Microsoft Teams zoom and all those things so I can't believe I don't know where they were hand racing is now but it's been two months since I've retired. So I guess I can't remember. And anyway, I just am a you know, my profession was a transportation planner, and specifically public transit, but I am passionate about homelessness. And so I just thought I would see what you guys are up to and maybe in the in the coming year or so I will be ready to do some volunteer work you know, beyond the food bank that I already signed up for but um to to help but I don't know where or what or I don't know anything about it because like I said, I'm a professional planner, but I'm coming out of a very different really kind of a different field except you'd be surprised there's a lot of intersection with public transit and homelessness as I'm sure you know. But anyway, thank you, Sue.

Rosemary Powers

We welcome you and night you're in a good place to find out some things that are possible. Thank you

Duaa-Rahemaah Williams



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I'll go next. My name is Dora Hema Williams and I live over in Spokane. I'm from the King County area. I am a statewide organizer for Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and I also manage resident Action Project aka rap. So thank you for letting me be in this space.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome. We're very happy to have you in your background. Thank you, Casey. Yeah, hi, my

Kayce Walsh

name is Casey Walsh and I work at comprehensive life resources with James Pogue, one of his employees. Work in the Homeless Outreach Department graduated from U DUB with a bachelor's in social welfare. I've always had a passion for individuals experiencing homelessness. And I've always done a lot of volunteer work around that. So I'm really excited to actually be a part of this meeting and learn some stuff that I haven't heard before. So thank you for having me today.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome Casey and thank you for your work.

Rachel Hauser

Yep. I'll jump in if I could. Good morning, everybody. I'm Rachel Hauser. I am currently with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. I'm a community health worker going to be spending a little bit of time focusing on our homeless response there. I previously had worked as a coordinated entry case manager. So previous experience with direct experience with our folks experiencing homelessness, so I had been able to pop into these meetings. Here and there in my previous role, so I'm excited to be back in a more consistent fashion at this point. So looking forward to it, how to be here.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you Rachel and welcome back. Thank you.

Ivan Tudela

I just want to jump in. I've been to Dell on the access and functional needs coordinator with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. I used to attend these meetings, initially, about a year and a half on and off throughout the year but I'm glad to be back and reengage

Rosemary Powers

Welcome back Ivan it's good to see you. Christina, you are muted if you were going to say something.

Angela Connelly

Sorry. I was muted and I actually couldn't get my volume up earlier. So I'm not sure what has happened. Up to this point. But I'm Angela Connelly. Probably sort of Christian went on there. But I'm Angela. And so I've been involved for many, many years. Kind of just being in relationship with people experiencing homelessness starting off when I was 16. Being at nativity house the first Christmas Eve its first anniversary back in 82. And just I just actually just feel a real connection and just want to help. So we we basically I was on the task force for the Nativity house 1550 units of permanent housing. We did that for about a year and a half, two years. Getting that going. I was about 13 years ago and then when I learned there was nothing actually for underage youth. kind of tried to do you know work really hard to organize the community to get an underage youth shelter which we which is coffee Oasis came into town they agreed to come in from Kitsap County. That was a few years ago. Now it's 12 bed, but most recently started to come it's safe to really just just kind of cry out and have everyone cry out that



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we just need a safer city and we also want to really do what we can do to help what's been done. And especially also right now around those experiencing homelessness and and the inhumanity of the encampments and how we need shelter. And we especially right now are working on a safe campaign site doing everything we can and I think that there's actually great hope for an amazing site that could open up shortly. So thank you very much for doing

Rosemary Powers

thanks for your work and your presence. So yeah, sir. Is there anyone else who hasn't introduced themselves that's new or returning? I don't know if you see anyone Rob. If not, I'll turn it back to you.

Rob Huff

I don't at this time. So let's shift to the first standing item on our weekly meetings and that is to offer have people offer updates on what they're seeing on the streets this week. So this portion of the meeting is really focused on those who are doing direct interface with those who are homeless. And I do know I think we'll start off with James Pogue from comprehensive life with some announcements of new work that CLR is doing.

James Pogue

Yeah, hi, everyone. Hope everyone's doing well. For those that don't know me. I am James Pogue, the executive director of Homeless Services at comprehensive life resources. And I want to tell a little history story. I swear I'll be short and not too boring, but then to kind of tell you how I got here to this moment and what we're going to what we're proposing to do but the 2018 before the coalition was how the coalition is now there was a group of providers that met every Friday or every other Friday to work on the encampment under the 705 overpass behind Brown and Haley that was nicknamed the jungle which was partly taken the jungle language from what was happening in King County. But I didn't like tech. So we had to continually remind people that we're different and it's a separate issue and either a pet peeve, but what will we do that time is we all got together and we we talked about the work that we were doing who's working with tent number one who has this problem? Does somebody have a wheelchair? This person wants to go to inpatient treatment, how do we get Glen Kelly from multicharacter to come down? We used to meet at the top of the Nativity house where we would beg at that time Melissa moss for exceptions and extra rooms and storage and can we come and bring people to take showers but they don't want to stay there kind of thing. And we worked with the city in tandem with their timeline they were looking at actually calling the force who attends this regularly was at the city at that time. And they were looking to do the camp sweep and it was a complex property it was Department of Transportation property and city property. And a couple other areas and they were very gracious the City of Tacoma and Department of Transportation to continually push their timeline and ended up giving us almost four full months to be down there before. They just couldn't wait any longer and we were able to take about 80 or so folks and find housing for 20 of them like from that spot. And then unfortunately the other 60 ended up being relocated right around May of 2018 which are 2017 which led to the declaration of the state of emergency and some other things. But that same group kept meeting every Friday when we used to call this group that providers meeting specifically because we were asking the providers who were working down at the original stability site to meet to do exactly that. Again, we had 90 campers and we just we just needed to talk about each person's needs or at least each agency's needs. And so that again led to a lot of if you were part of the first email chains you remember a that it was a comp address. It didn't have any filters and most of it was a camper 18 needs a wheelchair Hey, camper name team needs to drive up to the Health Department. And that's something we did very well and we were able to abri take that model again when we had some emergencies with Vicki apartments for those that were here in the Merkel apartments and then play 19



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with the park up on the JJs properties People's Park. We all kind of rallied around same idea if you were part of the providers. We have a special little time we were not talking about the macro system. We were talking about this campsite these campers needs and we were sharing as much data as we could which also has limitations but at least people will say oh CMR is working with that camper. They got a plan. Let's see Mark do it and see my needs help see my will call us and so we were able to coordinate divvy the work up and actually get some better outcomes. And we were just on the verge of planning to do this in January accomp to come back to the coalition and say, Hey, we want to pick kind of our mobile clinic model which I will I'm going to introduce in a few seconds and see if we can rally troops around us to work with all of these awesome, amazing new volunteer groups and social service groups and all these people who are doing a lot of cool stuff, but I'm not sure how much of it. We're working like together. And so if I'm wrong, I'm glad to hear that but we are looking to pick up a campsite or two at a time. Maureen did send an email this week about a site that was going to get relocated here in a couple of weeks. We weren't going to pick that site. But but we will now for two weeks at least to see if we can at least help smooth the transition from folks there. And then our goal is to pick a campsite that is probably in the greater hilltop downtown area, and then maybe a second one that might be on the list for being relocated. And our agency comp is committed to being at these sites five days a week with a team we'll have a team of two or three that's just kind of the site managers for lack of a better term, and vited. Casey today for my agency who also does data because we have a couple of data tools that we can use and I want to show but but ultimately it's just going to take some collaboration. I also met with Pierce County Human Services this week. They have an outreach meeting that apparently meets twice a month and is really focused on on the playing time count. And I said hey can we use borrow that time slot if it works for outreach providers make it a weekly meeting? You know 15 To 20 minutes or whatever it needs to be the county's proposal and agenda. They can take that and then maybe we can use the other half of it just to do a check in for the providers. And so a couple of things that Rob Can I share screen real quick. And sorry if I'm taking longer I told Rob 10 or 15 minutes at the most I asked to jump into the agenda by stealthily so sorry if I'm messing up everyone's time.

Rob Huff

You know, we're used to be inflexible James and you should have the ability now to save her to

James Pogue

share. So I'm gonna share hopefully a website that everybody knows which is our comprehensive hosts website, Paul Pierce County resources.com. That's our gift I guess to the coalition. Everybody hopefully is seeing that now. If you didn't know about it, our goal of this website is again, one stop shopping for agencies and more importantly for people experiencing homelessness to kind of resource navigate. Casey has agreed to do some work in the near future to update this. So for example, if you go to our members page at the top right hand corner, it's literally just links to all the agencies that we've worked with ever. And so if you want to associate ministries website you click there, etc, etc. Just alphabetical if you are a provider, new provider or a coalition or nonprofit or faith organization, and you're not on here, there's a little button at the bottom that says add your information and they'll email us to add you. The one that we're going to use for this project is our outreach clinic. So at agency comp, we've been listing where we're going and when we're not going and how things are going right now. We are stationed the next one to be on October 13 at 10am. We just do one a week. What we're going to do is any agency that is going to participate in our work, we're gonna list what you've committed to doing on a schedule here publicly. So we picked this campsite, the one that Maureen has given us, and then we go through a process of learning who wants to be on site when and what services you're offering, and then we will put that location on the map here, where this is our one location right here you can click and then we



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will have a calm, comprehensive list of all the people who are going to these campsites and when my favorite thing is when a new provider or a new city official or whatever comes to a site may see the state of affairs and they're like nobody's doing anything. Well, we're gonna do at least one coordinated thing. We're all doing lots of stuff. But this is one way for us to communicate, who's going to these sites and win as well as to actually counter narrative. No, no, no, we're doing a ton of stuff. Our agency comp doesn't. We do a lot more response to community complaints. And if somebody is on this website, and they scroll through and they couldn't find what they're looking for, and we get an email every day, maybe at least a couple times a week where somebody just fills out. My name is whatever I live behind the Starbucks on 72nd or whatever. I would love to meet somebody for help. Here's my number. So also people email us directly here and we get responses that way. So I kind of dumped a lot on you guys. I did it quickly. So a couple of things. One, I'm going to put my information in to the email into the chat box, if you don't know to say hey, I'm a provider or a volunteer, or I'm part of a church group who wants to do something. How can I help and we'll get you all together. Another way that you can connect with us. Oh sorry, may I mute somehow? I am I still muted? Oh, you're not? Oh, okay. So I just got randomly muted. But then the providers outreach meeting that the county runs, which is 11 o'clock on Tuesday, we will be having the next conversation about this. And then everybody who gave me their info either at that meeting or at this meeting. I'll also put it on the coalition. I'll take all that info and send the link to whatever we're going to make is our meeting. But but basically the gist of it is we're trying to adopt one or two encampments at a time. Not just for this situation, not just for this relocation, but kind of on going forward and we found that comp is really good at it addressing all the holes in the dam by running around sticking your finger wherever it is. But sometimes we got us kind of slow down on all the emergency response and just kind of get laser focus and hopefully with the new future have a bunch of shelters may be coming online and tiny houses. We will have a group of already working with campers who will be ready to go and maybe move into Angela's a safe camping site, for example, or maybe the new Lehigh property that's going to come on next month or whatever. Like we'll have like 38 people, coordinated entry screens will have all their their needs kind of either met or at least triaged and they will be ready to be on the list to move into the next place that opens up. So that's all I got. I'll leave it at the end has any questions for me and my info in the chat box

Rob Huff

Awesome. Thank you, James. So I see your hand up Jan. But Monique has had her hand up longer and then I'll come to you.

Monique Brown

Thank you Good morning. Beautiful humans. Good to see you this Friday. So um, a couple of things. The first thing is boots. If you can get boots out there to folks, it'd be wonderful everybody keeps asking me for you know, all the veterans keep asking for combat boots. And so I had a couple of pair that I could come up with but it is muddy, very muddy out there. The site over on the 3500 block of Pacific looks like it's getting smaller. But there's still those few diehard folks out there. And then the update I want to give you guys is on the five home Veterans Village. So that site has been cleared of all the people who had been camping there now and we had a site visit on Wednesday with the city and all the folks that are be doing the work. They told me they will be done with the infrastructure by the end of this month. So we were looking to open in January we have a running list of veterans who will move in there from the start. It's not full yet. So if you meet veterans out there on the street, please give them my info so that I can get them on the list. So as soon as we open we can fill that thing up with with 25 people right away. The other good news with that is I was fighting back and forth for showers and so they are going to give us a shower trailer. We'll have three to four showers there. And then we'll have to do the porta potties something to do with the gray water but at least we'll have showers there. So looking open



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in January. And last thing I want to say this naming of places where homeless are naming it The jungle is terrible. And we should not ever name a place where people are living the jungle. That means you're calling these folks animals. And I just disliked that so much so I just had to get that out there but thank you

Rob Huff

thank you for that money. Yeah, every city has, unfortunately that that name carries across so many cities. So Jan, you had your hand up.

Janet Runbeck

James, if I'm understanding you, your team will be at an encampment five days. A week. Okay, then,

James Pogue

real quick what we're trying to do so we don't you know, we have about 10 minutes your outreach workers so we're gonna have a team of my staff two or three that'll kind of operate as the on site case management. And the bigger part is the we're gonna slowly dedicate staff to organization. So to do this we kind of got a will do a little bit less of the work but we're gonna organize a little bit more so we're gonna try that but yeah, we'll be our expectation is to at least be on whatever site we identify on a schedule that includes daily

Janet Runbeck

work. Okay, then can you let your team know that there are more options now there's, we don't have a recognized street medic program yet. We have Richard doorset who is frantically asking friends, neighbors and everybody for for medical supplies and we are we're getting a we have the funding available for some specifically first aid supplies. So Richard doorset should have a supply of first aid things if you need them. But two other things you need to know. Harry Frankie, the director of CMR has said he will do telehealth you can only do telehealth though, if you've got a smartphone. So let your folks know that that CMR which is half the contract for Healthcare for the Homeless will do telehealth. There's no reason why you can't do it in an accountant. Right. So So CMR telehealth option the second thing is the Tacoma Fire Department cares program has a triage program that's part of their van and Garrett's gonna have to tell me if if that band is going to be functional after the end of the year but there is a transport van that will pick up folks to go to any medical or health care facility. And but that same number to call for that man will also do triage. So if your staff doesn't know if they're seeing somebody and they really don't know if somebody should go now to the ER Get an ambulance, or make an appointment or do a telehealth visit, call this number I'm gonna give you this number and you have your staff call that number and it's the Tacoma fire department care so instead of 911 you would call this number and they can make those arrangements and and Garrett needs to jump in here to tell me if this transport van is funded after December 30. But I will put the phone number for all of you shelter managers as far as I'm concerned your your shelter manager of the unsheltered so I'm so shut up and I'll put I'll put the tomb of Fire Department triage number.

Joanne Iverson

Yeah, so I need to I need to verify that funding ended up in both the City of Tacoma and pierce County's budgets but the intention and I think the money's there is to continue the van in perpetuity. So there should be funding for 2022 and beyond. So in the biennial budget for both the City of Tacoma and Pierce County, but I will let you know when I get the final numbers out of the budget processes I haven't dug into those yet.



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Gerrit Nyland

And I'll throw out we actually have more money than we need to run that van right now. The big problem is staffing. So the the operator that's running the van only has enough staffing to do a certain set of hours and so we were looking to expand the hours and the days on that van and it was limited by their capacity to find drivers which psi seems to be a lot of this things.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Gary. I see Angela, you're raising your hand.

I'm sorry, I cannot find the raise hand button. I have a quick question. About the medical care. And Patti Ramos used to be a doula for women on the streets in the encampments and I have not been able to get a hold of her. And there is Amber is is under the 705 She's seven months pregnant. We're trying to get her into a tiny home but there's it's you know it's a process. But she said that there's not really she's not really seen anyone is there anyone who's kind of taking over and Patty Ramos's role of of a doula that actually goes down in the encampment.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I'm not seeing anybody speak up at the moment. But if somebody does have that information could drop it in the chat. That would be great. Okay, thank you. And Jan dropped her phone number in so you can give her a call. Maureen.

Maureen Howard

So I want to thank James pogon CLR because James and I talked through how encampments while they're not under a sweep, might be differently addressed ways that we could incorporate all of the volunteers, all the activists, everybody who's going down along with the professional folks, and we talk that through and James said yeah, this sounds you know, this is something I'm really excited about list and then we got this week notice. And so I said James, convert, please take this sweep. So he he did so. Thank you. Thanks CLR we're gonna point everybody to you, James. And we expect to have a copy of the notice later today. I'll put that out for everybody but thank you, and all of you, wherever you are, if you're working that encampment or you want to please talk to James.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Maureen. And anyone else with items for this week on the streets? MIKE

Mike Boisture

Yeah, I'll do real quick one, Tuesday, this week have lay off. Well, it's kind of convoluted, um, Life Enrichment group out of Seattle has taken over the operation beacon center. And so I'm going to hit enter here

Rob Huff

you muted yourself Mike.

Mike Boisture

Big fingers on keyboard

Rob Huff

and you did it again.



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Mike Boisture

This is not gonna be a good day. So I'll put the contact information for life. Enrichment group and the phone number for contacting them right now. So there and operating it as we speak.

Rob Huff

Great, thanks. Thank you, Mike. And Jenny, I know you sent me something in the chat. It'd be great if you wanted to speak now.

Jennie Schoeppe

Hi, good morning, everybody. I'm going to give a report out a little bit later but um, while we're on the on the streets topic, I just wanted to let everybody know that I am trying. I've been on leave for a week and happen I'm trying to plug back into getting some vaccine outreach for direct encampments. As you know that's happened in the past and then we've had a little lag and I'm trying to get that going again into the winter. But my question my ask for this group is if you would put in the chat areas of known current medium largish, encampments, which that's the best place for us to sort of be able to use our model of bringing like a van or something for vaccinations. Not that we don't care about people spread out but really, um, areas of like folks have mentioned already, obviously 705 which is a place where we've been, but could return to potentially and then the new area that the area that's being swept, swept, swept, swept imminently. If you have other areas, please give me in the chat specific specific addresses or areas that you can I would really appreciate it would help inform my work. So appreciate you all. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jenny and Jeffrey, have your hands

Jeffrey Boyce

Hi good morning everyone. I give you remember I was reported a death one of the camps back in september where somebody had come in and shot. One of the campers do want to let you know that two days ago. Someone was arrested. He lived in the community. It was a 21 year old male and it was reported by KOMO TV let's be cautious out there. It I'm not saying it to us versus them but there does have that feeling from time to time and and I'm very concerned for everyone. Thank you

Rob Huff

Thank you Jeffrey. And any last items for this week on the streets before we move to our first topic All right, so let's go ahead and move into our first topic for this morning. And that was going to be turning the floor over to Mike moisture to talk about the final version of the document that was created by the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness the subgroup that was working on the shelter plan. So Mike, what can you tell us about the the how that work wrapped up and the plan and what happens next?

Mike Boisture

Okay, I'm going to there's a couple meetings. Our last meeting basically was November 18. But there was another meeting to the City Hall. Never can get it right. The Garret had presented on the 16th. So I'm going to touch base on some of those and then the comprehensive plan. I think Garrett updated that last night. And so it did not include the shelter workgroup. So that's a part of it. It is fairly significant. Big document. Okay. So I'm going to touch bases on a few things and I do apologize I won't be able to save for the whole meeting. I had someone passed away in Portland and I have to go down and be with the



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family. So and Rob, thanks for putting me up there. So, uh, basically our goal was to estimate the current need that was out there as far as shelters. And then if you take note of a lot of the stuff there was a lot of data in which we connect, collected. Were to establish minimum standards, okay. And new shelter system coordination. As James was talking and what was keep coming by back to my mind was that of that we talked about and then some estimated costs that some of this were surprised and some were not. Okay. So our team that the shelter work group, we had 10 meetings that we had. We had 100 people experience in homeless surveys. And then we had 1645 community members that filled out the survey for our data. And then one of the things that were waiting on was the Request for Information RFI, and there was 16 of those. And I think, Rob, if you don't have that, I have that now and we could put it out there for people to see what and who submitted RFIs. It's interesting, okay, to see what the people were submitting as far as RFI and their estimate of what it would cost for that particular RFI. And the other slide here I have that I'm looking at is the shelter program. The pipeline most of you know most of this. Shiloh Baptist, 40 adult men, Lehigh, tiny homes move in expansion that was 20 additional brotherhood rise was 10 additional to come rescue mission inclement weather 50 Catholic Community Services 40 today at additional city of five it says single adult 10 units I'm not sure where that is. But the city of Fife is really doing some interesting things down there with the homeless. I'm trying to meet with Megan that is what the parks department and see what she's doing down there. And then some of the projects Lehigh the Comfort Inn I'm not sure where that is, but there's 94 additional than Lehigh Spanaway project 1.5 Millions, the funding they have and then FOB 20 beds for veterans only. The funding that was presented was existing funding out there to bid and I'm saying this is accurate information as of the 16th. And Garrett when I'm done you can correct me if I'm wrong here, please. existing funding out there is six point 1,000,001 Time county a our PA funding and then there's 5.1 million state document recording fee. Funding. And then the potential funding that's out there. I don't have dollar amounts. It's one time County, a RPA funding municipality a PR funding local document recording fundings and so on and so forth. So one of the kind of the focuses that we had was the permanent housing is the solution. Keep people housed Okay, effectively housing more housing and tailor tailor the intervention to households. Be behavioral health support. That's pretty much we've been hearing this for an awful long time. Okay. The Comprehensive Plan which I don't know if you've got it, but you will get it sometime today is a comprehensive plan to end homelessness. Equity built is built into the plan with the data that we and probably others understand the scale of the need, design a system that to meet that particular need and then fund the system. And as I was reading last night, funding the system is is a challenge because it comes from a number of different places. And I think that's the biggest challenge and also one of the other challenges is property I was talking to one of the Pierce County Council people about where's the property that they can buy so that we can do something. So that is the update. That was given to Human Services first kind of human services so I think does anybody have any questions and I'm gonna lean on Garrett to if anybody has any questions, I know I went through that really kind of fast. But our report, I think it's like 25 pages for the shelter workgroup. And when I went to the comprehensive plan and shelter worklet or group plan it does appear that things are intertwined or intermingled with the comprehensive plan so okay, there are my

Rob Huff

Thank you, Mike. I just dropped the latest copy of the comprehensive plan to end homelessness that that you're referring to the the adequate shelter for all plan that's at the end of the document, right but I dropped the document in the chat and so that will provide a lot of context like like Mike said, it's a 25 page report that's at the end of the comprehensive plan. So we open the floor to any questions or concerns I know it's it's very deep information lot very information rich, it's hard to hear and be able to comprehend at all. Jan, oh,



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Jena Anderson

I have a question.

Rob Huff

Okay, Hi, Jenna.

Jena Anderson

Oh, hi. Sorry for not being on video with you all. Good to see you though. So thank you all for attending. My question is and I put it in the text and I see that maybe someone li afford got back to me. I'm interested in the human waste issue with encampments. Right now. My interest or my concern is for the encampment over by right Park, which I've seen growing since the summer. It started with one or two people and now it's up to eight or nine. And I'm just wondering, can anyone help me be informed about what I consider the human waste issue?

Rob Huff

Thanks, Jenna. And if folks can carry that on in the chat so we can stick to the the shelter shelter issue. That'd be great. All right. Thanks, Jenna. Jen,

Janet Runbeck

Mike was was safe parking pulled out as a line item and if so, can you address what we might expect? Thank you.

Mike Boisture

No, I that is in the comprehensive plan. I did not see it pulled up. It is still in there.

Rob Huff

Yeah, and I'm scrolling spirit now to see if I can help answer that question for you, Jan. But there are still a number of safe parking. Numbers of sites that are mentioned in the plan as part of the solution.

Gerrit Nyland

Yeah, I think there's 300 that are kind of identified as the target for Pierce County and then that's that's one of the things we tried to do analytics to determine how many safe parking spots Pierce County needs for the number of people living in cars. It's not an easy way to answer it. So that's 300 Which means that could be way too many. That could be way too few. But as we're looking for funding, that's that's part of the package of things that we want to make sure it's funded and there currently is I think 450,000 set aside in the 2022 23 budget to do safe parking specifically. So that's our around to some budget proviso that was put in so it's not part of the other kind of packages was passed last Tuesday.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Garrett. Teresa.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So I'm just curious because last year, there was such a cutback in how many extra beds could be allowed in the congregate shelters. And I don't know if you have information I don't have about the pandemic closing in stores or if something is something else has changed, that makes it safe to have that many people together. Also. The other side of that question is, is there a backup plan? If and when things get get bad and one of our Congress shelters? That's to you make



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Mike Boisture

that is a very interesting question. Okay, what's COVID Everything all I can I can tell you what I'm doing at Beacon, which was I was following all the guidelines. Okay. And we did not have an outbreak. Okay. So, I wow, that's a really good question. I don't know. Teresa.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I think just like Maureen's put in the chat. Everybody is waiting updated guidance from the CDC on congregate shelters and the estimate of how safe it would be to return to pre COVID types of operating conditions.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So I guess my question is there is that in the mix that when that guidance comes out if the answer is that congregate shelters are not a safe and good solution, although they are an easy and less expensive solution than some others. Will this all be revisited and shifted? Swiftly shifted, I guess.

Mike Boisture

I would Garrett Do you have a comment to that?

Gerrit Nyland

I really I think that's an area we're failing at as a community. I think that that type of kind of top down management of the shelter system is something we're working towards. So I would say the bad answer right now is that each shelter is responsible for their, you know, continuity of operations, basically, which feels an awful lot like, you know, pushing responsibility where it probably doesn't belong. And so I would say that the short answer is it flies on agencies. And the long answer is that that needs to be something that our art system is actively managing. And as marine kind of goes into the comprehensive plan, I think that some of the structures recommended within that, I think, have an awful lot of opportunity to kind of occupy that space. So it seems like a bad answer. So some of the things we do know is that we build infrastructure. I don't know if anyone's here from nativity house, but they've, you know, they've constructed, you know, barriers basically to prevent, you know, airborne transmission. So, there are some aspects of the existing congregates that have been made safer. Better than non Konger. Good, of course. Not right. But to your point, there is a price savings and a preference of providers to do that type of, of shelter. That doesn't mean that's what we need to expand in our community. But that's, that's, that's some words. How about that?

Rob Huff

Aryan? I see your hand up and then Monique.

Maureen Howard

I think following what Garrett said is that these are the kinds of questions that we have to bring forward and keep on the table in two places. One is all of the emergency plans that the jurisdictions are required to prepare. And the second is Pierce County Human Services is responsible for the sort of intermediary plan, if you will. So I think that, you know, we think about the heatwave, we think about a blizzard. We don't always think about, like, you know, the virus, the next virus, the current variant, all that sort of stuff and so what keep them on the table

Rob Huff

thanks, Maureen. And money.



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Monique Brown

I was gonna say um, in terms of barriers, if you go to public surplus, they have barriers all the time and they go for really cheap like \$10 for a lot. So just in case you're strapped for money and you want to get some barriers public surpluses way to go.

Rob Huff

Yeah, thank you. And let's shift the conversation to the larger document that encompasses the adequate shelter for all peace and thank you Mike for that update. Let's shift over to Maureen who was the the coalition's representative on the steering committee for the comprehensive plan to end homelessness.

Maureen Howard

Okay, thanks, Mike. Thanks for all of your work. And so I sent it out last night or early this morning I forget which, and I know Rob dropped it in the chat and I'm sure it'll get posted on our coalition website. Folks, this is a really good document. All right. It is not perfect, but it is really good. And I think it is reflective of all of our work, and all of folks who are in this meeting and every other meeting that everybody is in. I'm not going to take a lot of time. I just want to give you a brief overview. One is that the document itself goes to Pierce County Human Services Committee on December 7, and Garrett and whomever will present it to the committee, and I presume it goes from there to the full Council for approval though. I don't actually know all of that. And the steering committee itself will meet again, this is the steering committee around the comprehensive plan to end homelessness. We will meet again December 17. Those meetings are public. So if you want to attend you can and Rob can tell you just how exciting they are because he sat through most of them and Richard as well. So we we will meet again. And so a couple of things that are on our agenda already are what happens to the steering committee. Because we've got some folks who have already said You know, we want to we're not done and we we want to stay active in this and I asked her to put in the what's called the parking lot for discussion of the role of the steering committee and advocacy around this plan. This cannot sit on a shelf somewhere. It's got to be on people's desks. And so I want to I'm gonna go back to that in a minute. I want to do a really quick overview. But first of all, I want to thank Garrett who put an enormous amount of time and energy and answering really hard questions and fighting with friends and including me about what ought to be in there and what about a look like? And we all won some and we all lost some but we all came out with a plan that I think we can all be really proud of. So thank you. Then, in terms of an overview, so this is a different kind of a plan. All right. We, it doesn't have a laundry list of goals. It's got six goals. And the first one talks about the system itself. How are we on a countywide basis, going to respond to homelessness? How are we going to prevent it? How are we going to address it? And how are we going to keep it from happening again? How are we going to keep people housed, get them rehoused as quickly as possible and keep them housed? And one proposal that's going to generate a lot of conversation is for some sort of a regional homelessness authority. And it not looking exactly like King County not looking exactly like LA or like others. But what what would serve our needs in terms of communication, coordination, prioritization, accountability, all of those sorts of things. All right, not something that would happen tomorrow. But something to begin talking about and thinking about about and working towards is this something that will help us the second thing is what I call the values that embed throughout the entire plan. And we were talking initially about the concept of targeted universalism, for a number of reasons, including just sort of like readability it now the goal now reads ensure interventions are effective for all populations. Again, the idea being that we have these specific goals that everybody is housed safely, appropriately, permanently. They have whatever services they need to remain housed or to be rehoused and then to be able to break the work into specific populations that may have specific needs or specific opportunities like veterans have access to



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specific resources that non veterans do not the disproportionate number of people of color among people who experience homelessness, the special needs of people with chronic medical conditions with chronic behavioral health conditions, that sort of thing. So just so that everybody is included, and then it's what I call the nuts and bolts and so goal three is to prevent homelessness is a big deal, because Pierce County's homelessness system did not have a prevention component. We have it now partly because of the federal money that we got for the emergency rental assistance and so we can prove and the combination of the tenant rights that we got in the last legislative session and the ability of like to come up pro bono to expand their work, Northwest Justice and others and so that we can prove that we can keep people housed. And that means they never show up in the homelessness system as literally being homeless. They don't have to become homeless, to become helped in part because we have the resources and now we have the experience. We have the best practices to help us do this. The second one is to a goal for to address adjacent systems, or ensure adjacent systems address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and people at risk. This is all of those health and human services systems out there and civic systems that work for those of us who are housed and sometimes it's hard enough to make them work if you're housed, but hardly ever really worked for people who are either at risk for homelessness or are themselves homeless, and not to create a homeless mental health system or a homeless substance use system or homeless whatever system but to make those systems work, and we can put a ton of bridge bridges in human bridges, navigators, all that sort of stuff. Get people on board so that policy start to change. But to make those systems we already pay for him so we ought to make them work. Alright. Goal number five is to meet the needs immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness. And here the real change is that we're, we're saying we want to move to what we understand is built for zero. What we're calling Functional Zero is how do we help the addict? How do we expect and how do we help our current shelter system, our current outreach system? Begin with that first contact point of here's safe shelter for you right now. And here's a potential permanent housing solution for you. And so we start thinking differently and we start acting differently about how we engage with people wherever they come in, wherever they are, and it's not going to be something that's a cookie cutter. It's going to be reflective of the work that Mike talked about earlier. And it's going to be reflective of the work that we all continue to learn from basically. And then the last part is to goal six is to expand the permanent housing system to meet the need. Alright, we kept housing in this plan front and center at the beginning, and at the end, and I think we should all be incredibly proud of that. A county listened to us. Alright, housing solves homelessness services keep people from becoming homeless, and they meet people's immediate needs if they are homeless, and they keep people housed once they are re re housed. And so So my suggestion is, read it. Pick out the points that you'd like more information on that you think ought to be, you know, looked at discussed or whatever, make it live for each of us and let's talk about not today, but let's talk about at after we hear with the Human Services County Human Services Committee says what councils both the city and the county say, let's talk about is this a plan that the coalition should formally endorse? My own feeling is yes. I think it's important to go on record. But equally important is what are the pieces that we can take now and begin working on to inform our work? We've got Garrett at the county. All right. That's a big deal. We can use Biden's language when he was with Obama. But anyway, it's a big deal. All right. So how do we help Garrett do the work we know he wants to do that we want done. So again, I just want to thank you all for trusting me to represent the coalition. And I really want to thank you for the work. So and everybody else who sat through meetings added came in. A lot of you joined the subcommittee's and even that subcommittees weren't planned. The steering committee was going to show up once a month. For two hours and listen to a report of staff work and we said, Well, no, actually, we're not going to do that. That's not why we're here. We want to participate. And that meant an incredible increase in the staffing that Garrett was expected to provide. And he did that. And so and a lot of you participated



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in those committees in person or virtual, you know, virtually or by reading what came out sort of stuff. So, and that does make a difference, I'm convinced. So anyway, that's it, folks.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen. So does anybody have any questions? I think Maureen has set up what we wanted to talk about in our breakout conversations very well. But if there's any general questions for Maureen before we go into breakouts, raise your hand. Yeah, I see your mic. Now know, that was

Monique Brown

really a mistake. But what I was, I was going to say, though, you know, with with this plan and all this stuff, right? The difficulty that I have as a small nonprofit, we are out here in Pierce County doing this work. We don't have any money to do that. We just do it right. And I missed out on the latest book, request for proposal from Pierce County, which is due today because I just don't know how to do all this stuff on grants. Are there people that can help the small nonprofits learn how to gather what we need to gather for these grants, and be able to write for them because I mean, this money was good for outreach, but I just was struggling trying to get through it. And I missed the question and answer period and just that.

Rob Huff

I don't know if you have a response to that, Gary.

Gerrit Nyland

I think that's our responsibility and the county is to is to make it possible for the people that are capable and want to do the work to be able to do it. And capacity has to do with a lot of different things. It has to do with cash flow, you know, like there's ways and we don't think that way at the county. Like that's not that's new. And so it's something that we're going to have to do, because it's it's how we're gonna serve our community correctly. And, and so I think it's gonna be a learning process. So, you know, you know how to get a hold of me like talk a little bit about, you know, you can give me 15 minutes of like, this is why this process failed for me. You know, how can you you know, these are ways you could have made this process work better for me and I, I think we're ready to as a government, right, to really change and flex and how we do things. So I'm optimistic.

Monique Brown

Jared that Emery I believe her name is she said that she would when it closes she can answer the questions for me but of course, too late Right, right here struggling trying to do this work and got no backing but I do appreciate that he is going to try to tell me after the fact but um, there needs to be some help for us that you know, I'm like the ed the finance person, the human resources manager that you know, and so I just need help with that.

Gerrit Nyland

Yeah, and I and I think that may be through and I just marine probably gonna answer this better, but it may be through us funding a organization that can provide that kind of technical assistance, right. So it's probably not the role of the county to help people apply for the funds they have listed out, but it can be our role to fund that activity, so that somebody does it which sounds very bureaucratic, but in other words, like someone that's you know, helps make that happen. So I'm anxious to figure out how we can right so there's little walls we create that are appropriate, and it's like, but that can't be why we don't help fix the problem, right? That's just part of the complexity of fixing it, not why we can say we just can't do it. Sorry. Right. That's the wrong answer.



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Monique Brown

Yeah, thanks. Carry

Rob Huff

your hands up Maury.

Maureen Howard

Yeah, I following up on what Garrett said. So it's a perfect example of when I said you know the pieces of this plan that we can pick up and start immediately. That's a perfect example. So we have a structure in the coalition that you know, we've got a Friday morning meeting, we've got the ability for the practice of using breakout sessions. That's a question that could be in a breakout session, what is your organization need to apply for funding or to participate in expansion or whatever? So and everything's open, you know, shoot Robin email about the question you'd like used in breakout around this. Bring it forward in the chat, bring it forward in the open conversation kinds of sort of for the good of the order. I worked hard to get capacity money in on the housing development side for the nonprofits in both the city and the county and did not work hard on just basic capacity building had some conversations with a couple of organizations about how they might do that. But I mean, that that could be a topic for a Friday. It could be a topic for a small working group. So use use what we have if you fall, if your organization falls in that package, then reach out and you know, we can do a one time meeting, whatever is easier for the county if they've got something that they can attend or the city same thing that they can attend and hear what what is needed or that they can get a list of what is needed. That doesn't mean individual organization shouldn't go directly. But if they can get a collective list to work over like we did with the shelters and the health department and list around the after hours you know, phone call for q&a and all that stuff. I mean, we got a response off of that. So use the structures we've got.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen. So let's I know we are over time on our agenda and I hope that those that our government partners are willing to hang out while we continue through the agenda, we typically would go to government reports at 10. But I think I want to just motor ahead and have us spend 10 minutes in small groups, considering the the question and I see your note Valerie so I'll make sure we go to you right after we returned from this. So let's spend 10 minutes considering the question of what should what do we think should happen next with this regional plan? To end homelessness? Robin before we go into a breakout, go ahead. Go ahead, Garrett.

Gerrit Nyland

So two things that might be useful to know is that my position continues and my role is implementing this plan. And so the question would be there's a lot of things in it. What should I be prioritizing? Right? So that's, you know, feedback. And the second thing is I'll have a full time data person that I'm hiring at the start of the year. And so if you're interested in the data side of things, where should we be prioritizing that work as well? So just throw those out that those are resources will have to implement this so keep that in mind.

Rob Huff

Right. And Bert, I see you have your hand up before we go to breakouts and if you're speaking or muted, no, that was an accident. Okay. Okay. All right. All right. So what I'm gonna do is I'm going to put everyone in small breakout rooms. The idea here is just to share some ideas and if somebody could



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take notes in each Breakout Room regarding what how they think what they think should happen next. What What should we tell Garrett to do? Next is the question. So let's spend 10 minutes and we'll come right back to hear from Valerie from Pierce County.

<Breakout Rooms>

Rob Huff

Welcome back, everybody. I'm sure that that was too short of a time period to talk about what should happen next. But I do urge if someone from each of your rooms did take notes, please drop those into the chat. So we can pass them along to Garrett. And tell him what to do. And and I do want to shift very quickly to juggle our our agenda a little bit. So typically at 10 o'clock, we would do government updates. I know that Valerie from wants to do a report on Pierce County rental assistance and has a time conflict. So why don't we switch to the government updates and then we will resume our agenda when we get through those. So Valerie, the floor is yours.

Valeri Knight

Awesome. Thank you. Can you hear me okay, Rob? Yep. Okay, great. So I'm going to stay off camera because it has been a rough internet down here on the KP for the last two weeks for Eisenerz tower went down and we're all struggling even more than we normally do. So I'm Valerie Amani, with Pierce County Human Services. Thanks for give me just a couple minutes I won't mean much more. So with our rental assistance update our Department of Treasury funds. We were originally awarded 20 point 7 million we have spent all but 1.1 million of that so 94.3% is spent. What we mean by spent is protects cut to landlords check cut to utility companies. So we have actually already submitted our request to Treasury for 40 million more dollars. We're just waiting to hear if Treasury will approve. That deadline was the 30th but we submitted about a week early so we're hoping to hear about that. They don't actually tell you you've been awarded they just drop it into the bank account which is a little weird. With our trap dollars, which is our state funding. We were originally awarded 32 million then we got a \$10 million extra bucket so 43 million, we've already spent 38 point 9 million of that which is 90.14%. So we are eligible for our trap 2.0 dollars, which is \$36 million. We have already allocated all of that out to our nine amazing nonprofits who are already working those dollars. Now so we'll have updates on those percentages of spent here soon. And then our American rescue plan funds. We had allocation one which was just over 9 million we've already spent 3.7 million of that so 41% and that's what's helping handouts but we already received our allocation of American rescue plan to which has been awarded to four of our amazing nonprofits who are spending those dollars as well which is just over 14 million. Once we get through track 2.0 We will receive our IRAP two point out so which is all state dollars as well. So a couple things I want to clear up in the community. One, Pierce County rental assistance is out of funds. I don't know where this keeps coming from. I don't know where \$100 million equals no money. So please just tell if that's not true. It's not accurate to we aren't accepting new applications. Also not true, not accurate, the portal is open. We will close our portal when we do a portal shift, but we're coming up with backup options for folks to still apply, as well as making sure we're very public and transparent of when that will happen. So we're working through all of that as we go and that we are not doing in person appointments and that's not true. Either. We are in person. We will be still going to the libraries we are taking 10 days off in January because I'm going on a cruise and I will not be working those 10 days January the eighth through the 18th I will not even answer my phone so not that except for my kids. But that's it. And so other than that, we are everything's functioning normal we are we are still going full force 100% And so please just dispel those as you hear them because none of them are accurate. We work very closely every single moment of every single day with Tacoma pro



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bono and the Center for dialogue resolution to prevent evictions. And we are just in the throes of all of it. So those are my updates. Thanks for having me. I appreciate it very much. Questions if you have

Rob Huff

any. Yeah, any quick questions for Valerie? There's a lot of clapping.

Jenny Lorton

I would just like to say Valerie, you deserve that vacation and you should absolutely go and not answer your phone.

Valeri Knight

Thank you. Thank you. We are celebrating our honeymoon. We only got married four years ago. Jenny So we are very, very bind our anniversary both our birthdays and I will graduate from my second master's and three weeks so we're throwing it all into one big bucket and going for 10 days. Yes, I'm very I'm so excited.

Rob Huff

Awesome. All right. So let's shift over to and from Pierce County who's stepping in for Jeff Rogers who's off today.

Anne Marie Edmunds

Hi, it's actually Anne Marie, but you know how Oh, patients chop things off. So anyway, glad to be here. Just a couple of announcements from Pierce County homeless programs this morning. So we have a new homeless program supervisor Del Mar algae he started last week so you'll probably start seeing his face around more so if you do please welcome Del Mar. We're really glad to have him and second the 2022 PIT Count planning is underway. The count will be on Thursday night Friday morning, July or July. That's cute January 27 and 28th next year, volunteer registration is open. Anyone is encouraged to volunteer. The 2022 PIT count is important because we did not do a point in time count in 2021 and unsheltered homelessness has been very visible in 2021. So I have a registration link. Here which I will put in the chat. So if you want to volunteer you can click the link to register to volunteer feel free to share that with anyone who might be interested as well. And then last, we have a hotel sheltering rapid rehousing and street outreach Notice of Funding Availability out right now and applications are due by the end of the day today that's 430 applications have to be completely received by 430 or we cannot accept them. So if you're working on that or any of your colleagues are today, be mindful of the deadline. We just want to encourage people to get those submitted. And that's all thanks so much for the opportunity. Grant Murray.

Rob Huff

Alright, so um, I will mentioned the City of Tacoma was not able to send someone to today's meeting. As you may know, the community and neighborhood services offices, has some positions open currently and one of the positions is the one that usually comes to these meetings. So what I will do is I'm going to paste the link to the city council study session from Tuesday, where staff gave an update to the Tacoma City council regarding the current status of their homelessness planning efforts. And this the presentation itself includes which the slides I believe Maureen sent to the entire coalition mailing list, but the it provides an update on current shelter space available new shelter space, it's expected to open in the coming weeks, including the shelter that Monique Brown is going to be opening are all included in the presentation. So I will put that in the chat. And there's that link and let's shift over to an update from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.



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Jeannie Schoeppe

Hi again, everybody. Happy Friday. Um, let's see. I've been gone for a little while. So this week has been all about getting back in the swing of things for me. Seems like it should take less than five days to get back in the swing of things but here we are, um, isolation quarantine updates, continuing to work on our capacity around that. As of this morning we have 16 beds available. Um we are still waiting on a new adult family home to come on board. But I believe that will add four or five additional beds when that happens, and hopefully that will be soon. I've been told that it's just a matter of getting signatures on things so so we continue to be doing okay on the capacity there. Um, we do have an outbreak unfortunately at shelter at all timer give me a chance shelter. Um, but our outreach team and testing teams are working closely with them. We're keeping an eye on when they will be out of outbreak status. We can continue with vaccine clinic planning with that on that site. See, I don't know if anyone is on from our testing team. I'll let them add anything to this that they would like but I'm just keeping a close eye on the new variant um, that we have. And we know that testing is effective in identifying positives regardless of the variant. So our testing team is working on that and working with shelters to get folks set up to do their their own testing. But also in cases of outbreak or if there are other needs the testing team can work more directly with folks. They've done a great job there on and then immunizations we just you know I'm sure folks are concerned about omachron The new variant we don't have any cases in Washington yet but probably it's just a matter of time our best defensive still vaccination so we are working hard to create more and more opportunities for that. We've got shelter events. Planning through quarter one has begun so I'm working with ambulance, our contractor on continuing those sites into the new year which is exciting. Also revisiting direct and Camen efforts, which is why I asked folks on today's call to to chat to me on locations. I want to get a little bit more robust effort underway there. Um, lots of community based off opportunities to get vaccinated. Lots of demand out there with boosters and childhood vaccines, but there are more and more opportunities as well. So I'll drop our link in the chat where you can find information there. Be advised that every adult is available is eligible for a booster at this point. So please go get vaccinated. Get your booster if it's been more than six months, since you had Pfizer or Maderna or more than two months since you had j&j. And that's it for me. What questions do folks have?

Rob Huff

Feel free to raise your hand if you have any questions for Jenny. All right, I'm not seeing any at

this moment. Okay. Thanks, everyone. Appreciate you are.

Rob Huff

Thank you and our last government update. I know Ivan just stepped off but I'm not sure if we have anybody from Pierce County Department of Emergency Management still on the call. If so, feel free to unmute yourself and offer an update Okay, yeah, so we may have lost some folks because of the shifting of our agenda. So let's move on to the next item in the agenda I'd like to have Richard door set offer some context for this conversation that he's hosting coming up on Monday. So Richard,

Richard

thank you. About a month ago I attended a meeting of five state agencies that presented how they are responding to homelessness and I found it very useful. So I thought, what if I hosted a meeting with five thoughtful people that are not professionally engaged in homelessness. And so on Monday, I'm hosting a meeting with some five people that have been briefed up on homelessness to hear ideas that they



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may have that are not part of the normal conversations. So you're all welcome to to join on that. I think Rob may be posting the agenda announcement. But I've invited Julie Anderson, Dennis Flanagan, Jim Waldo Deena Runga from the Evergreen State College and Linda Isham, formerly of Pierce County, and will be getting together on Monday morning from nine to about 1015 to discuss this topic, and I'm looking forward to hearing what they may think from their perspectives about this topic. So real briefly, that's that's what it's about. And you certainly are all welcome to listen in and hear what these folks have to say. That's that's a brief synopsis. Thank you, Rob.

Rob Huff

And that was so brief that I didn't get a chance to pace the entire agenda here. Um, and so if you'll give me just a moment, I'll paste at least the start of this agenda into the chat. Apologies. Alright, so that at least gives you a flavor of the content for the meeting on Monday and the link is posted above. All right. All right. Thank you. Thank you. So let's shift to the next item on the agenda and that's an EB Jenna. Yes,

Jena Anderson

I apologize. If I if I cut and paste that link? Is that a live link? For me to go into the meeting or not? Because you have to

Rob Huff

let me Well, I don't want to click on the link since I'm sitting in this meeting offline. Yeah, yeah. Thank you. That'd be great. And Rosemary, I see you have your hand up.

Rosemary Powers

I just had a brief reminder. I didn't say that at the beginning. But this chat can be saved if you want to off, it'll show up in your documents. And it also is saved on our web page, but not quite immediately. So for the resources that are here, that's a good way to keep track of them.

Rob Huff

Thank you. For that reminder, Rosemary. So let's shift over to an advocacy update. And I'll invite marine Howard.

Maureen Howard

All right, well, thank you. Okay, so there are many kinds of advocacy but Rule number one is always the same show up and I know that it's been a struggle for some of the folks in the coalition. How much advocacy should we do? How much should we hear about what should we do? So this is kind of where I am right now. I'm trying to figure out a way for those of you who want to know more and want to do more as advocates to be able to do that. away for the coalition itself, to have a place at the tables that it wants to be at or should be at and how I can best be of service to you and what it is you want to do either individually or organizationally or collectively. So if you have ideas, shoot me an email and let me know. But in the meantime, here's our real world. Alright, the city of Tacoma is hosting a community engagement meaning Monday night at 530. Rob, I think, and this is about the community vitality and safety committees work on what we call the no camping ban. Rob got some knowledge that it is too in our best interest to be at that meeting at the beginning because there's supposed to be a poll. Alright, so even if you can't stay for the whole thing, go to the beginning. We've put it out on the listserv once robble drop it in the chat. We'll put it on the listserv again, as just a standalone item. So you've got the link handy. All right. The coalition does not have a position on the city of Tacomas camping. No camping ordinance. We never took a vote on it. All right. Number two, City of Tacoma strikes again.



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And three council members Tom's Hunter and McCarthy have brought forward a new no camping ban ordinance, which will have its first reading on Tuesday, the seventh city council meeting. It's called Pathways to shelter I think clever. Public comment can be made because that that's a first reading of the ordinance. My suggestion is our public comment be that if not be considered because the city already has an ordinance that they're considering and community vitality and safety committee. I'm going to try and reframe advocacy in terms of emerging issues, things that I see happening, and some of these may go someplace and some of them may not. Number one, just on the picking up after Jenny I'm going to be a lot clearer on the vaccines folks. Get vaccinated and get your booster. You your volunteers, your staff, your clients, your guests, your friends, your family, everybody, it is our single defense. We know the cash cards work for people who are experiencing homelessness. If you think cash cards at work for your staff, your volunteers or whatever, let me know and I'll try and figure out where we can get them. But we absolutely have to do this. All right. I mean, we have to do this. Number two. So the Evergreen State College is hosting the Evergreen encampment after action review. On Monday, December 13, from three to 430. I've confirmed the agenda with Dean Marcia Taita Runga and I will put something out this weekend to the entire list served as as sort of a heavy duty save the date. It'll be the the link evergreen is the Evergreen State College is handling the technology part. It will be their zoom link and there will not be pre registration required. They have an unlimited capacity. We will and the draft agenda will be there. So you can see. We're structuring this in a way that we want the people who actually participated in responding to that sweep that period of Tober 12th When we first got the notice through November 12. And the people who lived in the encampment to the extent that we can make it possible for them to participate, to basically respond to a carefully structured kind of agenda. What are one or two things that worked? What are one or two things that could have worked better? And the three topic areas are communications. The second one is the services that were provided and the coordination of those services. And the third is how well we helped people move to safe shelter or even to permanent housing. And then a final one about what are the things that we want to take forward. And then what we had agreed upon initially with the coal this coalition is to bring back recommendations that you might want to consider and reviewing and potentially revising the coalition statement on sweeps. So this sweep is the work of Sound Transit, and we're waiting on a copy of the notice when that copy comes out. I'll post it James talked about 25th in Portland Avenue, the other emerging issues around the mobile homes. So this has come forward in terms of foreclosures in terms of the district sale and now the sale of the park in Puyallup and I am really pleased to tell you that the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Adam Rankin Berger, the housing policy coordinator has agreed to take point and getting Spanish speaking case managers and advocates into the families in that park. There are 44 households about 150 people. There are 40 schoolchildren in the pupil of district schools. We don't know how many are younger than that and are not in school. We do know that the help that notice went out to the internally in the health department and Spanish speaking case managers came forward and said, yes, we'll do this. And we also know that the pure school district wants to be involved and I've gone out to some Spanish speaking folks I know in the Pol up area about their interest in involvement but the best news for me is that Adams going to take the lead I've met with to come up pro bono about the legal I will meet with Northwest Justice this afternoon. I'll meet with the Northwest Immigrant Rights folks, lawyers and hopefully within a week, everybody will have sorted out that there will be a legal lead and then we'll just keep going forward. We do not want 150 People from that park, homeless. We don't want them homeless because they're taking the relocation package. And if you want to know about mobile home relocation, we can do a separate kind of meeting just on that. The next thing is the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance will have its state legislative agenda confirmed and public sometime next week. And I'll put that out on the listserv. And we I will bring to the coalition requests that we do as we have done in prior years that we endorse that state legislative agenda. And the drafts all looked pretty good and included actually support for frontline staff. So that an



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AI understanding is that there is a bill around that I haven't seen the bill yet. At the federal level, I don't have a clue. If build back America goes through we get more resources that help us not just in housing, but help us in those aligned systems or should be aligned systems. And so I think we're just waiting. So that's it. Thank you. Oh, yeah, and there's a new column on Destiny city.org. If you want to know what I think about how we make our wealth on housing, feel free

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen. All right, so let's shift on to some of our regular update items that we have toward the end of every meeting. And thank you, Timothy for the link to dignity city in the chat. So let's go to Jan runback any updates from the safe sites for all committee?

Janet Runbeck

Oh, yes. Um, even though the pilot project funding is over, we are still active thanks to the goodwill and brilliance of Paul Anderson, and folks at New hope for active sites. Paul reports that the fourth one is operational. We've got a direct link for bridge funding to help us through what Garrett recognizes as a real barrier to getting government money and that is you put your money up front first, and then the government may pay you later. So we were doing some workarounds around that. And we're just real pleased that the county has included safe parking in its future planning. Paula, did you want to say anything? Nope,

Rob Huff

that was good. Jan, Thanks. Very much. Thank you. All right. Thank you to both of you and to that committee. Do we have any coalition committee updates for this week? Anything Rosemary that comes to mind

Rosemary Powers

I was trying to get my hand raised there. So yes, just briefly, the Race and Equity Committee is preparing an outreach flyer at the request of members of the group. It could be used with a variety of organizations or individuals that we may all want to share what the coalition is about and what kind of resources are available, and also to invite people who may have other resources and ideas to join and amplify the voices that we have here. So we're hoping to have that ready soon and have the whole group take a look at it and see if it would be a useful tool. So that's for the committee and I, I think unless there's another committee, I could talk about the forum briefly at this time as well.

Rob Huff

Go ahead.

Rosemary Powers

So on December 17, we are hosting a forum for newly elected municipal officials in in Pierce County. Last year, we had a candidate forum for the folks running for the positions at that time. And we want to replicate the process somewhat but give an opportunity for all of us to talk to people who got newly elected as mayors of either small or large communities and are on city councils in various places. And so we've sent out invitations to 30 for folks who are who have not been in the position before and we received responses from 10 folks so far, only one of whom was unable to attend. So our plan is to have conversations of between 915 and 1015 was all of us. And the reason I'm saying it today, not only to announce it but to ask you to think about it. If you were able to talk to officials newly elected in a small town or in your larger town. What would you want to tell them about the problems that you have been addressing or the issues that you care about? We want them to be informed about the issues of



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homelessness and to think about ways that local governments can participate in the work that we're all doing. So that's that's the thing for now, and I'm looking for a few more people willing to facilitate for those sessions will have probably about the same numbers we had today. So if I haven't already asked you to do it, and you're willing to just let me know and if I if I'll reach out to you and see if we can get you the information you need to to help that group. Do a good job.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Rosemary. And next on our agenda is just an open time on the agenda for anybody who has announcements, things that would be good for the full group to know about what kind of good trouble can we make today.

Sheila Miraflor

Good morning, everyone. It's Sheila over at Goodwill. Um, Happy Friday. Happy first weekend in advance for those of you who celebrate the season um, a couple of things. Number one is Kelly sent an email this morning to the full coalition list about the upcoming I think it's called hire Pierce County, next gen. There's an internship program it's good for I think almost a year for those that are 16 to 24 years of age. I am sending the link. Oh, there we go. I just sent the link to the coalition. If you have clients or guests that are of that age bracket and are looking for a paid internship program and then the second thing I put it in the beginning of the chat is I have a source that has men's warm clothing size XL and two XL. So anybody who is interested in that there's quite a bit of it. Please reach out to me on my cell phone number and I will connect up with you. The Office, the meeting, thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Sheila. And if you want to drop your cell phone number again in the chat, that'd be great. Rosemary

Rosemary Powers

I know we we thanked everyone earlier but I'm just I'm really quite overwhelmed with gratitude for all the work that our representatives have done with the Pierce County plan to end homelessness. And I especially well Maureen and Michael, Mike have have really represented us really wonderfully. I also want to just afford to to call out how very it's consistent and persistent. Push for this to happen, has just made a really big difference and I think has the potential to make a very big difference as we move forward. So very much thanks to all of you and I think a good clap for everybody would be in order.

Rob Huff

Anyone else with items for the good of the order one thing I will note is I changed my background to the little snowflakes there on my video as a little bit of symbolism this weekend. It looks like we're about to move into some more seasonable, cold winter weather. So I just want to offer my appreciation to those who are going out and providing direct help to folks on the streets. And know that we're I think it's universal that we're all thankful for your time and effort helping those who are trying to get by on the street sweat as it starts getting colder and it's going to be on all of us to to advocate and work to keep people safe. As we start to get cold here

Jeffrey Boyce

Jeffrey get unmuted here. I have a third source now for these packets. Another woman has stepped up and said I want to make these so if you need them for your for the campers as you go into outreach, let me know. I'll put my email in the chat. They really are handy and sturdy. And hopefully we'll keep their ID and important papers close to them and not in some backpack that gets lost or stolen. Thank you.



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Rob Huff

Thank you Jeffery and Dion

Dionne Jacobson

high Leave it to me to like ask to speak when unmuted. Um, so I was saying that to Nepal and I know somebody was looking for me earlier. I'm not sure who it was, but I did get a message Maureen. Okay. Hi, Maureen. I sent you a text. I just wanted to touch base with everybody who's referring people to us. I'm going to drop my email address into the chat box. If you have a referral for a motel and you are a provider or an outreach worker, it is definitely best to send me an email instead of calling the helpline. The helpline is absolutely slammed with calls right now from just you know, community members. So, like I said, best way to get ahold of somebody if you have a direct referral is to reach out to me by email and I also have a pre bedding sheet that I will gladly send to anybody who is looking for a motel resource or has questions about how we that people for hotels, so email address in the chat and if you have any questions please reach out.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Dion. And I see Jan with her hand up.

Janet Runbeck

Ah Dion. I'm I'm aware that you St Vincent DePaul helps those who are medically fragile being discharged from hospitals. Is do you support more than that particular population is more than just coming out of a hospital or emergency department setting?

Dionne Jacobson

Oh, yeah. So we support anybody with a qualifying emergency circumstance we do emergency basic needs. Shelter is a basic need. So it's not just people coming out of hospitals are people who are currently ill or people who have injuries, people who can't say to shelter for any reason. You know, it's cold out we've got families and cars. I get a lot of referrals from different shelters in the area and job place through for people. Gosh, I can't even associate administrators and Catholic Community Services send people over here all the time, just as kind of like a bridge between when they do their intake and when they can be placed somewhere. So lots of different reasons. We might play some game moto

Janet Runbeck

as food provided. And or case management,

Dionne Jacobson

case management. We take the referrals we pay for the rooms. But some of the questions we ask are, you know if somebody is referred by, for example, the hot team, I asked very specifically, what services are going to be set up for this person when they leave this motel so that we know we're not just giving a motel voucher and then sending somebody back out to the street. So there's I ask questions about that and I like to gather information about that maybe resource a person but we do not provide direct case service or case management at all.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Deanna. Thanks for what you do. Alright, so let's wrap up our meeting with a little bit of time if anybody has feedback from today's meeting, specifically feedback about what went well what did we miss? What should we spend more time on next week? Please let me know now and you can do it in



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the chat if you feel more comfortable or you can always email me I will put that in the chat now as well. If you want to send me any kind of feedback on how the meetings are going. Alright, so not saying anything there. Um, I want to thank everybody for being here today. Maureen go

Maureen Howard

ahead on was gonna put her email in the chat. I think I missed it.

Rob Huff

Oh, Barry, there is like magic, right.

Sue Comis

Hey, Rob. This is faster than I can type it. Maybe you know, for me or maybe for other new people. I don't know. But you know, there's so many people and could people write their name and then their organization because so many of you are with organizations? And then you just start talking and I miss what you said about your organization.

Rob Huff

Sorry. Yeah, that's that's great feedback.

Sue Comis

Yes. I thought this is not a big deal. Yeah, no,

Rob Huff

thank you for that. And so you bring up a great point because that's one of the one of the things we've consistently heard from people who join the coalition meetings. first few meetings, it takes time just to figure out even who everybody is and what we what everybody is doing. It's one of the reasons that the Race and Equity Committee had asked for kind of a one page introductory document about the coalition. So I definitely appreciate that feedback. All right. So I want to wish everybody a good, safe weekend. And thank you for coming today and we'll look forward to seeing you all next week.