



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - [info@pchomeless.org](mailto:info@pchomeless.org)

Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – January 21, 2022

00:23:24 - Verna Lilly, MRC: - be right back, having audio trouble

00:28:23 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

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

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

00:28:40 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:34:32 - Gerrit Nyland: - Congratulations on your new role at CCS, Ty.

00:37:11 - Richard Dorsett: - A tent fire at 705 this week; cleanup is needed.

00:42:03 - Dionne Jacobson: - I second Maureen- we have had an increase in requests from schools for emergency motel placement, and I have had a lot more calls from parents who have taken their kids out of school because they do not know how to keep them consistently able to attend.

00:42:16 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Click on the SS4A tab at the top of the coalition website for info about safe parking

00:43:08 - Jenny Lorton: - Dionne - make sure they register their children under McKinney Vento - transportation can be provided from wherever they land to their school.

00:44:16 - Dionne Jacobson: - Thank you Jenny- I always do, and I make sure to emphasize that it opens other resources as well.

00:44:55 - Jenny Lorton: - Excellent! McKinney Vento registration opens up SO many additional resources for families 😊

00:46:51 - Marlon (Ty) Dilworth: - There is also community in schools available for these youths as well. they can receive services and resources right there at school without having to leave. FYI..

00:47:14 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I clipped this from a Business Journal article shared by the folks at LIHI earlier this week:

00:47:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Renters who fall into the extremely low income category bring in less than 30% of the AMI. In Tacoma, that amounts to \$18,200. In 2019, there were 31,160 households in Pierce County that fell below the 30% AMI threshold. There are 28,865 households that fall between 30% and 50% of the AMI and 51,475 that earn less than 80%.

00:47:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - If you are interested in presenting a 5 minute partner spotlight about your organization or a program of your organization please send your contact information to [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)

00:48:43 - Maureen Howard: - Lt. Gov. Heck's Office just released a Housing Report...about the only place that actually has housing is Stevens County, WA...and costs are rising fast even there.

00:49:35 - CC Mendoza: - Landlords are raising rents as well and some up to 600.00 per month.



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - [info@pchomeless.org](mailto:info@pchomeless.org)

- 00:54:15 - Gerrit Nyland: - The Homeless Coalition is on the record in support of Home in Tacoma - notably in this July 2021 letter to the Tacoma Mayor and City Council -  
<https://coalitionfiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/TPCCEH%20Home%20In%20Tacoma%207.11.2021.pdf>
- 00:57:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Coming to you next, Colin!
- 00:58:49 - Janet Runbeck: - Clinton, please stay with us, and speaking to the MBA's concerns. Thank you.
- 01:00:33 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Clinton, Thank you, Please continue to join us.
- 01:00:56 - Sally Perkins: - Clinton, it is great you are here and I hope you continue to attend and participate.
- 01:03:08 - Clinton Brink: - Happy to be here. Thank you all for the work you do! I'm happy to talk to anyone who has ideas for how we can work together. My email is [cbrink@brinkatlaw.com](mailto:cbrink@brinkatlaw.com) and my cell is 253-230-5999
- 01:03:13 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great to have you here Clinton - zoning is the largest government sponsored barrier to affordable housing and I'm happy to help in advocating for change. Thank you for pointing out the difference between homeowners being "irritated" vs. people having no home.
- 01:03:50 - Trisha Munson: - The reason they are being used is because they have less restrictions with the year of the RV and some of the background issues. They are also year round spots.
- 01:10:31 - Colin DeForrest: - Colin DeForrest - 253-348-4596
- 01:13:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Trisha - thank you!
- 01:14:40 - Rosemary Powers: - Thank you so much Trish (and Jessica too) for your commitment to mitigating this crisis.
- 01:15:17 - ChiQuata Elder: - Thanks for the report, Colin.
- 01:15:21 - Rosemary Powers: - thank you colin for joining us and for your continued commitment and insights
- 01:16:06 - PATRICIA .: - > is there a way to get a sex trafficking task force at that site?
- 01:16:56 - CC Mendoza: - And some Peer counselors as well or recovery coaches?
- 01:17:38 - Janet Runbeck: - The task force is a coalition of member agencies. The response would be by one member: law enforcement, SACPC Rebuilding Hope, etc.
- 01:20:30 - Trisha Munson: - Jessica and I are both certified peer counselors and we have an LMHC that has been part of our tribe that goes there. Our best suggestion is that we bring people to the resources. It is very delicate and fragile, and our successes for that type of situation has been best received when we set up to "take someone to a medical appointment" or to "renew their food benefits".
- 01:23:19 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Agree - important that people know how & where to access services no matter where they are camping. Transportation is tricky - glad you are managing this so well.
- 01:28:25 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Maureen for continuing to follow legislation so closely in the interest of ending homelessness. Very important question regarding how to leverage public resources and community outreach for best outcome.
- 01:32:22 - Rob Huff (he/him): - It really sounds like capacity is the main issue.
- 01:34:10 - Janet Runbeck: - Build a network of faith based sites, govt, and non-profit centers which agrees to stock essentials in advance.
- 01:34:39 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Agree, we should already be preparing for the heat and air quality problems that will come in the summer
- 01:34:46 - Ed Jacobs: - The next step Jan?
- 01:35:11 - Paula Anderson: - Yes Jan...!
- 01:35:24 - Janet Runbeck: - We need an organization willing to manage the network, at key sites throughout the county
- 01:37:06 - Verna Lilly, MRC: - Well said, Ivan!



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - [info@pchomeless.org](mailto:info@pchomeless.org)

- 01:37:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We need an organization paid to do so, if it is to be sustainable.
- 01:37:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Just give us the Tapco Building for an outreach landing site. We have many donations we cannot take due to storage. Several organizations are interested in collaborating on this.
- 01:37:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Or the old SeaMar building?
- 01:37:50 - Sharon Seabrook: - strategic storage sites throughout the county...
- 01:39:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Outreach workers could contact volunteers at the hub to request precise items needed and then could swing by to pick them up. JIT planning
- 01:39:29 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Vitality and Safety Committee
- The Tacoma City Council's Community Vitality and Safety Committee will receive two presentations on January 27th that may be of interest to the Coalition. There will be a joint presentation by staff from the City of Lakewood, Pierce County, LIHI and the City of Tacoma regarding the opening of Aspen Court. There will also be a presentation from City of Tacoma staff regarding other jurisdiction's approaches to regulating camping on public property. The meeting begins at 4:30. Login information for the meeting is: Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/82370106303](http://www.zoom.us/j/82370106303) Passcode: 614650.
- 01:39:45 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Aspen Court
- As of January 20, LIHI reports being near capacity at Aspen Court. They are expecting to fill the final available units early next week.
- 01:39:58 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Encampment Outreach
- We have recently added a weekly encampment outreach report to the City Manager's Weekly Report and will also share that information directly with the Coalition: The City's Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison (HEAL) Team (formerly the Homeless Outreach Team) performs encampment outreach throughout the week to provide individuals opportunities to connect to shelter, behavioral health, substance use and employment services. For the week of 1/10/2022-1/14/2022 staff visited ten locations, contacted 40 people and placed 10 into shelter. The team also had 38 phone contacts that resulted in 11 individuals referred to shelter.
- 01:40:15 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you in advance for sharing these updates during tomorrow's meeting. Please let members of the Coalition know they can contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director  
Neighborhood & Community Services Department  
City of Tacoma, WA  
(253) 591-5119  
[agriffith@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:agriffith@cityoftacoma.org)

- 01:43:13 - Rob Huff (he/him): - To join the listserv, visit <http://www.pchomeless.org>
- 01:43:46 - Cathy Pick: - I just got boosted on Wednesday!
- 01:45:30 - Sharon Seabrook: - nope, PCLS has never had the rapid ones...
- 01:46:30 - Janet Runbeck: - I & Q = 253-820-4684
- 01:46:34 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The U.S. government is beginning to promote its website where each household can order 4 free COVID-19 tests to be shipped later this month through the U.S. Postal Service. More details about the program are available at <https://www.covidtests.gov>. Get your tests on their way!
- 01:47:09 - Jennie Schoeppe: - TPCHD vaccine event page: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- 01:47:38 - Jennie Schoeppe: - TPCHD FLU vaccine: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/flu>



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - [info@pchomeless.org](mailto:info@pchomeless.org)

- 01:48:20 - Jennie Schoeppe: - TPCHD testing page, updated daily: [www.tpchd.org/gettested](http://www.tpchd.org/gettested)
- 01:49:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Questions about testing: [epitesting@tpchd.org](mailto:epitesting@tpchd.org)
- 01:49:44 - Ivan Tudela: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7086/Pierce-County-Covid-19-Testing-Site>
- 01:49:58 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Thanks, Ivan!
- 01:50:17 - Rachel Hauser: - Community organization PPE Resource Request:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/human-coronavirus/resource-requests>
- 01:50:49 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Food bank open 12-2 1/21/22 4819 south 12 th Tacoma Wa everyone welcome no ID or paperwork need
- 01:51:07 - Rachel Hauser: - PPE Prioritization DOH:  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEPrioritizationofAllocation.pdf>
- 01:51:35 - Jennie Schoeppe: - If you need to refer someone who needs a safe place to quarantine or isolate due to being COVID + or having an exposure and awaiting a testing result, please continue to use the Aristo number: 253-820-4684.
- 01:53:13 - Verna Lilly, MRC: - I have another meeting, see you all next time!
- 01:54:21 - Gail Misner: - I'm on a phone call so wont be in break out session
- 02:02:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I will be bringing everyone back to this main room in a minute
- 02:03:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I appreciate that we are using this time so well.
- 02:05:16 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 3 = 2 public health folks. what the PCCEH can do by 2023:
- 02:05:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - FYI: New Issue Brief posted on New Connections website regarding 5 am release times from Pierce County Jail available at: <https://nctacoma.org/issue-briefs>
- 02:05:40 - Joe Perva: - 3 things our group had mentioned they would like to see focus on was.
- 02:07:07 - Trisha Munson: - Top 3 Things We need- mental health services/resources, housing units (buy land) and continued education
- 02:07:08 - Janet Runbeck: - 1. Find more funding to support agencies to do their jobs better. 2. More ways to get to know who's in the room, as in meet and greets; 3. build the network to stock emergency supplies throughout the the county
- 02:07:20 - Jennie Schoeppe: - From our group break out:  
Sharing wins: The coordination between community, PC EOC, CTEH, and others in the recent emergency weather event. Let's continue that level of coordination into the new year.  
Ongoing work for 2022:  
Continuing to be proactive with our existing resources to be prepared for future weather events.  
Supporting CBOs. Tried to be more proactive after the summer and it showed in the winter weather response.  
How do we fight NIMBY'ism? How can we work with the business community as well as our traditional partners to talk about this issue and "convince" communities to be more welcoming to people? How can we talk about Housing First? Our group wondered – has there ever been a concerted communication effort to educate the community at large (included businesses and home owners) about the value of the Housing First model?
- 02:08:36 - Joe Perva: - 1. get the emergency response piece organized. What constitutes as and emergency? Rain, Wind, Etc..
- 02:08:48 - Janet Runbeck: - Clinton, are you seeing this?
- 02:09:13 - Clinton Brink: - Yes!
- 02:09:32 - Timothy Harris: - Rm 2: Support for continuing with our strengths, esp supporting prevention and emergency response work. Support for supporting MBA in efforts to build housing. A lot of energy for RV parking and campsites. People need safe places to go. Also need to focus on system intersection



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - [info@pchomeless.org](mailto:info@pchomeless.org)

work around homelessness and criminal justice. Need to look into a building that can be used for joint storage needs, etc.

02:10:13 - PATRICIA .: - Room 10 - use of tech to bridge gap, lack of "seeing" homelessness > how they came to be, how they got out of it. treatment models for drugs, alcohol, mental illness, lack of life skills, etc...

02:12:31 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 4

02:12:35 - Laurie Davenport: - Room 7 — (1) continue being who we are and doing what we do — focus on developing coordination, the network has so many layers and brings so many diverse voices together we need to keep that; (2) hold government accountable to what they have agreed to do; (3) bridge gaps and get more people involved; who is missing from the table besides COT (United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Councils, etc.)

02:12:41 - Dana Peregrine: - Room 6 - we continued the really rich and valuable conversation around housing, specifically... affordable housing and the difference between market rate and affordable housing and ensuring affordable housing. Also the benefit of collaboration and increased understanding between Master Builders org and Coalition members. Exorbitant rent increases came up too,

02:12:47 - Paula Anderson: - Heading to another meeting....Happy Friday everyone!

02:13:10 - Joe Perva: - Sorry the enter button is not useful here lol. 1. 2. long term housing options to rebalance from the scales from shelters and other temporary sites. 3. Would like to see the coalition join forces to get more permanent housing/ subsidized housing.

02:13:24 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 4 Prevention and Landlord Education next was Transition Resources

02:13:45 - Andrea Kelley: - Group 8

Concern that the needs of people who are going to be going entering homelessness in the next couple months/year are going to be very different from what outreach/shelters have seen historically and are familiar with. (People being homeless for the first time, age range, vulnerability, etc. More unique circumstances who have led to homelessness.) If the Coalition can be proactive in preparing providers about the needs of people who will be needing support and resources.

02:13:50 - Jennie Schoeppe: - WA DOH just launched their free COVID home test kits site. Each household in WA can get 5 home test kits, free of charge. Go to <https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org/> to order yours now.

02:13:56 - Janet Runbeck: - UWT closes the campus.

02:13:58 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - New Connections has a plan

02:18:09 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thanks, Ivan!

02:19:25 - Nicole Fortino: - Thank you!

02:36:55 - PATRICIA .: - - is there a glossary of definitions used?

02:41:17 - Janet Runbeck: - Rosemary, what address did Jeff give you for PCHS?

02:42:05 - Rosemary Powers: - here's what he said: Sure they can be delivered to our offices at 3602 Pacific Avenue Suite 200. If entering the parking lot off Pacific Avenue the entrance is on the back side of the building. Items can be dropped off between 9:00 and 3:00 M-F

02:42:35 - Janet Runbeck: - Thanks. That's the same as prior years.

02:42:59 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I am pretty sure that the PIT wouldn't be done every year if it wasn't required by HUD

02:43:04 - Janet Runbeck: - Gerrit

02:47:06 - Rob Huff (he/him): - King County used to do it every year. They opted not to do it again this year, so they are not concerned with blowback from HUD