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Friday Coalition Meeting – January 28, 2022 00:14:46 - 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. 00:15:05 - 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. 00:20:19 - Avelino Estrada, VP Easterseal Washington: - Avelino Estrada, aestrada@wa.Easterseals.com 00:20:49 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for posting that, Theresa! 00:21:47 - Wolf Cook: - servethepeopletacoma@gmail.com 00:22:00 - Wolf Cook: - Venmo stp tacoma 00:22:19 - Wolf Cook: - You can also send me a message at 5106857264 00:22:21 - Dara Bardelas - IPPC: - Hello everyone! 00:22:52 - Richard Dorsett: - Sweep coming this week at 72nd and I. 00:25:53 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - This is a good place to network 00:26:02 - Elizabeth Clark: - Elizabeth Clark, elizabeth@bimaservices.org bimaservices.org 00:26:04 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - neywork :) 00:26:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - NETWORK :) 00:26:30 - Tori Forsman: - Tori Forsman - jockosghost@comcast.net 00:26:53 - Dara Bardelas - IPPC: - Hello Everyone [SEP] am new to the coalition, and new staff at Inside Passages. My name is Dara Bardelas, and I will be working with the referrals team. I am looking forward in building partnership and networks within our community.[[]] Dara.bardelas@inside.passages.org 00:28:18 - Jennie Schoeppe: - is 72/I part of CLR's outreach as well? 00:33:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): https://housingalliance.salsalabs.org/hhad2022/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=97b5f954-7cfd-4ad8-bb34-4fc280a272d9 00:34:49 - Rob Huff (he/him): - https://leg.wa.gov 00:36:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/lead-agenda 00:37:44 - Elizabeth Clark: - Hi everyone please use this updated flyer with the correct address. 00:38:04 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thanks Elizabeth 00:38:06 - Sherri Jensen: - Linda and Allison have been doing an amazing job, with their limited capacity. Thank you guys for all the work you do 00:38:32 - Elizabeth Clark: - Your Welcome

00:39:15 - Valeri Almony: - Love HEAL Linda. great choice!

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- 00:39:30 Sherri Jensen: HEAL MUCH more appropriate feeling!
- 00:40:08 Jennie Schoeppe: Agree re "HEAL" <3
- 00:40:27 Rob Huff (he/him): I do know that a few of us attended last night.
- 00:40:55 Sherri Jensen: We need a lot more shelter beds before a camping ban would be enforceable...
- 00:42:44 Andrea Haug: There are persons with disabilities living at the 705 encampment. Will there be specific outreach for these persons?
- 00:43:44 Rob Huff (he/him): There were open fires, a number of them, burning under 705 while we were there for the PIT Count last night.
- 00:43:50 Theresa Power-Drutis: We cannot enforce a camping ban until we have appropriate and adequate alternatives seems like we are pretty far away from that goal. Not sure why this is even on the city council agenda right now. A simple cart/horse issue
- 00:44:27 Sherri Jensen: @Theresa, totally. Seems like conversations should be focused on shelter capacity increase, wild that a ban is such a prioritized topic
- 00:44:33 Andrea Haug: Is this a response because of Tacoma Safe?
- 00:45:47 Janet Runbeck: The population size of the 705?
- 00:46:18 Jennie Schoeppe: Other than fires, what are the other 50% of the 'public safety' concerns? This seems to be a term that is used often but rarely defined/described. Thanks.
- 00:47:21 Theresa Power-Drutis: We have addressed the council on this multiple times. Just wondering if you have any insight regarding the continued focus on something that cannot be enforced.
- 00:49:45 Andrea Haug: There is not yet a safe camp or RV camp/safe park yet. If people do not accept services, where will they go? As a member of the South End Neighborhood Council I am concerned about the migration south down Pacific. Historically, everyone moves south and east when downtown and the Northend are clear. We do not have the services in our end of town can accommodate the need.
- 00:50:49 Andrea Haug: *to, not can.
- 00:53:50 Andrea Haug: Has the property across from the South Sound 911 building been considered for a mitigation site? Near 36th and Pacific
- 00:55:52 Theresa Power-Drutis: Let's build one
- 01:00:13 Ed Jacobs: Thank you for being with us this morning Chief Green
- 01:00:27 Linda Stewart: lstewart@cityoftacoma.org
- 01:00:33 Linda Stewart: 253-591-5225
- 01:02:16 Andrea Haug: I've gone to 705 multiple times without incident. I'm sad others had a bad experience. I've even had a camper look out for me down there.
- 01:03:38 Rob Huff (he/him): I appreciate that, Andrea.
- 01:05:35 Theresa Power-Drutis: Thank you for coming
- 01:06:52 Toryono Green: Thank you. I, too, am available anytime if this group see a role for us. tgreen@cityoftacoma.org or 253.973.0088
- 01:07:31 Toryono Green: I apologize, but need to leave for a 10
- 01:07:43 Rob Huff (he/him): Thank you, Chief!
- 01:07:45 Laurie Davenport: I need to leave at 10, posting a link to February Housing Help Pop-Ups with PCHS Rental Assistance and Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project: https://www.dropbox.com/s/cm73zqbckbkp6qz/February%20Pop%20Up%20Flyer%20%28Flyer%20% 285.5%20%C3%97%208.5%20in%29%29.png?dl=0
- 01:07:53 Toryono Green: 10:00 am meeting.
- 01:08:36 Laurie Davenport: The Housing Justice Project is also now at Lakewood City Hall every Thursday morning 9-12, by appointment or drop-in.

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- 01:09:34 Valeri Almony: homeless housing project :)
- 01:09:34 Theresa Power-Drutis: Valerie: Glad you got a break! Good to see you
- 01:09:46 Rob Huff (he/him): Homeless Housing Programs?
- 01:09:54 Valeri Almony: yes Rob :)
- 01:10:49 Gerrit Nyland: Yesterday, Pierce County Human Services released our 2022, Homeless Housing Programs (HHP) NOFA. Information at https://www.piercecountywa.gov/2779/Solicitations-and-Competitive-Bids
- 01:14:22 Sharon Seabrook: PCLS is waiting for more tests! Fingers crossed!
- 01:14:30 Gerrit Nyland: I second that I needed a test last Friday scheduled a drive thru for 30 minutes later - got tested - and was home feeling miserable 'cause I was sick (covid negative - thank you testing) in no time.
- 01:14:48 Avelino Estrada, VP Easterseals Washington: Thank you everyone. It was very nice to e-meet you. Please feel free to reach out if Easterseals Washington can be a partner of your organization. Avelino Estrada (aestrada@wa.easterseals.com)
- 01:14:50 Jennie Schoeppe: I'll share my resource links here: TESTING: www.tpchd.org/gettested or call 253-649-1247; VACCINES: www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture; I&Q: if you have someone in need of isolation or quarantine please continue to use 253-820-4684.
- 01:14:51 Richard Dorsett: I'm conflicted. Would be a good discussion with Maureen and some others.
- 01:15:14 Valeri Almony: Hope you feel better Gerrit. Austin (my son with the heart condition) and Olivia both tested positive. rest of us tested negative but all following CDC guidelines and retesting :)
- 01:15:35 Jennie Schoeppe: Tac Public Library branches have free at home antigen (rapid) test kits available while supplies last.
- 01:16:39 Jennie Schoeppe: FEEL BETTER SOON, Gerrit!
- 01:20:00 Jennie Schoeppe: I need to head to another meeting. THANK YOU to all. Have a good weekend.
- 01:25:57 PATRICIA .: * monitoring and accountability of funding versus client outcomes
- 01:26:05 Rob Huff (he/him): I can stop sharing the screen and drop the document in the chat, if that would help.
- 01:27:22 Richard Dorsett: Ditto on point just made.
- 01:27:49 Richard Dorsett: Point about bad statistics.
- 01:27:53 Kasey Burton: Tacomaprobono is building up its HELP team to prevent homelessness, so if there are any specific services you would like to see please let us know!
- 01:28:39 Kasey Burton: Also, Tacomaprobono is part of a workgroup on the rental housing code and one of our goals is to help create code that keeps people housed. If you have suggestions on that front, please contact me: kasey@tacomaprobono.org
- 01:28:57 Kasey Burton: *rental housing code for the City of Tacoma
- 01:30:23 Sally Perkins: I think it is important to address both the systemic drivers of homelessness as well as the personal challenges facing individuals. The systemic drivers often overwhelm the individual efforts to address them.
- 01:32:04 PATRICIA .: > foot care
- 01:32:10 Rosemary Powers: Yes Sally addressing both and learning how the systemic drivers so deeply affect personal options
- 01:32:30 Rob Huff (he/him): The County's page for the Comp Plan to End Homelessness, and background info, is here: https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessn
- 01:32:46 Gerrit Nyland: Thanks, Rob.
- 01:33:15 Rob Huff (he/him): This is the Point in Time Count page, with data from past years: https://www.piercecountywa.gov/4719/Homeless-Point-in-Time-PIT-Count



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- 01:33:23 Theresa Power-Drutis: Gerrit: Needle exchange program is a good source of info about wound care they help a lot with such issues.
- 01:34:17 Theresa Power-Drutis: Probably more anecdotal than statistical info
- 01:35:15 Kasey Burton: Does anyone think it might be helpful to see if we can bring in anyone from one of the universities to help us do research and figure out how to get this information? They might be able to help structure this kind of "investigation" and I bet we could convince a PhD student or someone
- 01:35:21 Gerrit Nyland: Thanks, Theresa.
- 01:35:43 Theresa Power-Drutis: Kasey, yes!
- 01:36:41 Gerrit Nyland: I do have a full time data analyst that will be working just on data to support the Comprehensive Plan just waiting on the whole HR process to complete so I can post the position and get someone hired.
- 01:37:03 Kasey Burton: Gerrit: Ooo! I can't wait!
- 01:38:06 Gerrit Nyland: I know should be good. Would still love to have some of the brains at UWT or UPS or PLU or wherever in on the work, though.
- 01:38:28 Sally Perkins: Also Evegreen Acoma
- 01:39:08 Rob Huff (he/him): A reminder the Coalition's website is the go-to resource: http://pchomeless.org/home/index/
- 01:39:36 Janet Runbeck: Jan Runbeck = janetrunbeck@gmail.com.
- 01:39:45 Richard Dorsett: So has the city just decided to say "Nevermind" with respect to Boise?
- 01:48:39 Verna Lilly: Tacoma Friends Meeting (Quakers) has agreed to store some supplies for distribution in an adverse weather event. Verna Lilly is current Clerk of the meeting. Contact information is vernalilly@hotmail.com. 253-227-3411; Please use me as point of contact. If you would like an appointment to visit our facility, please contact me first so I can make arrangements.
- 01:54:09 Janet Runbeck: can it be posted on our website?
- 01:56:19 Janet Runbeck: Harm reduction is a public health mission. Thanks for bringing it up
- 01:58:43 Janet Runbeck: There was no talk of the public Tacoma Safe meeting, and the violence outside the Car Museum.
- 01:59:27 Theresa Power-Drutis: Bridgette (from the blanket project) has agreed to present the partners spotlight next week. I'll send her agency details before Wednesday. Andrew (Just Threads) is scheduled for Feb 11th.
- 02:00:36 Gerrit Nyland: Believing in Myself Again (BIMA)
- 02:01:38 Janet Runbeck: Accident?
- 02:05:13 Rob Huff (he/him): Definitely her life has been changed