



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – March 4, 2022

00:11:31 - Stacey Soltoff: - good morning! *does a Happy Friday dance*

00:14:51 - Koa Lee: - Don't you go talking bad about futurama

00:15:29 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I would not say anything bad about Futurama!

00:16:51 - Stacey Soltoff: - ♥ Jane Addams!

00:19:14 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Good to see you in the meeting this morning, Joe!

00:19:49 - 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.

00:20:05 - 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.

00:20:14 - Gerrit Nyland: - Speaking of trash, a state-wide summit around reducing trash and litter is scheduled for July 19th and 20th. One area of focus is on homelessness and how to better help people experiencing homelessness manage trash. Sign up at <https://bpt.me/5363529>

00:20:56 - Cynthia Stewart: - If you missed the forum on Wednesday night, you can watch the recording here: <https://youtu.be/dMB7wRh7nYk>

00:21:23 - Sheila Mirafior: - Gerrit- love how there's going to be a summit to "talk trash"! lol!

00:21:30 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Cynthia! I encourage folks to watch that, if they missed the live forum!

00:22:05 - Stacey Soltoff: - "Historian Lillian Faderman notes that Addams "spent her adult years, almost until her death, with other women, in long-term relationships that we would describe as lesbian today." chicagolgbthalloffame.org

00:22:06 - Gerrit Nyland: - One summit title we toyed with was "Let's get trashed", but sadly that was vetoed...

00:22:16 - Kenneth King: - Kenneth King CPC SSMH Outreach Coordinator
Recovery Navigator Program via Pierce County Alliance

00:22:42 - Melissa Wolkenhauer: - Hi my name is Melissa and I am with Tacomaprobono

00:22:57 - Ed Jacobs: - Get trashed would get attention

00:23:06 - Janet Runbeck: - Welcome Melissa!

00:23:12 - Stacey Soltoff: - by whom, Gerrit?! I would've voted for that!

00:24:50 - Jeanea Worley: - where is the sweep on tuesday? i missed the street names. please and thank

00:25:14 - Jeanea Worley: - thank you

00:25:19 - Kenneth King: - where were the boulders?



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- 00:25:37 - Michelle Birge: - Good morning anyone on this call that provides shelter housing for DV victims. Need some help understanding the process for getting one of our Tacoma Public School mom and her daughter some help.
- 00:25:40 - Kenneth King: - thank you
- 00:26:24 - Gerrit Nyland: - Stacey - it was those darn state employees - something about not professional or some such. party poopers, as far as I'm concerned.
- 00:26:30 - Andrea Haug: - Camping behind 72nd and Pacific is increasing due to the sweeps.
- 00:26:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Rob - love that you are waving the Ukrainian flag in the background. Waking to heartbreaking news every morning
- 00:26:50 - Andrea Haug: - Fred Meyer
- 00:27:08 - Stacey Soltoff: - lol Gerrit. good to know. in case I ever take another gov job 😊
- 00:27:49 - Stacey Soltoff: - how close is 72nd & Pac to the recent Planet Fitness encampment?
- 00:27:57 - Jeanea Worley: - hold on michelle i saw you message there is usually a person here that is mikenny vinto ill look for there info for you
- 00:28:04 - Andrea Haug: - Monique, can we help with the garbage surrounding the site?
- 00:28:55 - Stacey Soltoff: - Monique - I'm not a pro fence installer, but I'm pretty sure you can't pour concrete footings in pouring rain 😂
- 00:29:01 - Richard Dorsett: - Also worth noting that new construction preparations are underway at 11th & MLK; site of a prior encampment.
- 00:29:03 - Nicholas Turner: - I'm Nick Turner Lihi manager from Tems 4 on 69th and proctor.
- 00:29:25 - Janet Runbeck: - Welcome Nick!
- 00:29:59 - Sally Perkins: - There are individual people walking around, pulling grocery carts, etc. It is not clear where they are staying overnight.
- 00:30:01 - Nicholas Turner: - Hi Janet,
- 00:30:04 - Joe Perva: - Hey Nick Good to see you brother!
- 00:32:25 - Nicholas Turner: - Here's my information if you need to reach me for questions
- 00:32:28 - Nicholas Turner: - Nicholas Turner, Village Operations Manager, AA, COTA
Low Income Housing Institute
3860 South 69th Street Tacoma WA, 98409
Email: Nicholaus.Turner@lihi.org Work Cell: 206-681-6191
- 00:34:43 - Kenneth King: - Are there areas where these might not be effective?
- 00:34:49 - Christine Lindquist: - This is so terrific!
- 00:34:54 - Stacey Soltoff: - ❤️ that Hotspots are available for students!
- 00:35:31 - Janet Runbeck: - Are many folks actually using the free hotspots?
- 00:36:02 - Sheila Miraflor: - Jamie, please provide the slide presentation; thanks!
- 00:36:19 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Can we have the contact info in the chat, please?
- 00:36:38 - Ivan Tudela: - Do you have a flyer or one pager about the "hotspots"?
- 00:37:05 - Jeanea Worley: - My son has used a hotspot for school
- 00:37:17 - Christine Lindquist: - Could we get your contact information?
- 00:37:24 - Jeanea Worley: - it was incredibly helpfull
- 00:37:26 - Sharon S. PCLS Librarian: - Yay TPL! Hugs from PCLS! <3
- 00:37:43 - Kenneth King: - Good question
- 00:38:46 - Jamie Gilmore: - Jamie Gilmore-- jgilmore@tacomalibrary.org
- 00:39:53 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you for your work, Jamie!
- 00:40:14 - Joe Perva: - Thank you Jamie this is an amazing resource!



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- 00:40:40 - Larry Quintana: - FYI: Tacoma Community College offers all TCC student assistance with laptops, Internet Service WiFi., and Hotspots. Learn more at: <https://www.tacomacc.edu/tcc-life/life-resources/titan-technology-resources>
- 00:40:49 - Sally Perkins: - Hilltop folks would go to the Main Library to access hot spots?
- 00:40:54 - Kenneth King: - Great idea!
- 00:41:05 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We need to offer chargers too
- 00:41:42 - Sally Perkins: - Hilltop does not currently have a branch. :)
- 00:42:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Main branch is closest one to hilltop - right on the edge
- 00:43:39 - Christiana Johnson: - What was that additional internet program Jeanea?
- 00:43:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I do that too
- 00:44:35 - Lisa Kleiner: - Can you please put details in chat on the free internet for 3 years deal? I only caught part of it.
- 00:44:37 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Or did until my hotspot battery swelled up and TechSoup stopped providing them
- 00:44:40 - Kenneth King: - I would say that we see shared physical and tech resources quite often. Even if its not organizational, folks will assist each other if they have the option
- 00:47:54 - Jeremy Walker: - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/73ffd56351004f069003a40ea98a391d>
- 00:52:37 - Sally Perkins: - Reach out to grass roots, that may not be official non-profits. They may have connections with non-profit who would do the actual app for \$\$ and you probably will reach more diverse communities than the official non-profits may reach.
- 00:53:31 - Jeremy Walker: - Jeremy.walker@commerce.wa.gov
- 00:57:45 - Cynthia Stewart: - WELCOME back! So good to see you!
- 00:58:07 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Welcome home!
- 00:58:24 - Cynthia Stewart: - Jeremy used to be on our Advocacy Committee
- 00:58:42 - Jeremy Walker: - Hi Cynthia! Good to see you again!
- 00:58:50 - Monique Brown: - Welcome back Jeremy! Thank you for understanding my coffee issues this morning.
- 00:58:51 - Jeremy Walker: - Thank you Theresa.
- 01:00:41 - Stacey Soltoff: - just want to thank Rob for facilitating these meetings week after week
- 01:01:17 - Stacey Soltoff: - Gerrit, what's the racial demographics distinctions bw them?
- 01:01:44 - Stacey Soltoff: - race & poverty are also super indicative of fatality
- 01:03:08 - Stacey Soltoff: - I mean, based on my personal (White) social networks, I've known few covid fatalities. but the TNT interview w that Hilltop funeral home was mindblowing
- 01:03:26 - Stacey Soltoff: - we live in v different worlds based on income & race
- 01:09:06 - Stacey Soltoff: - maybe the discussion is around mediation options to prevent evictions
- 01:11:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - how & where do we draw boundaries...
- 01:17:12 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 10

Full service camping sites with laundry, showers/, food prep areas, trash

Housing first model - highest level should be prioritized

Low barrier shelters that allow pets/partners

More safe parking sites

Family shelter sites for people with children

Prevention - keep vulnerable people housed

Improved communication about types of housing available



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- 01:18:15 - Stacey Soltoff: - YES! we need to raise the bar for what we consider the minimum for a "sanctioned" encampment!
- 01:18:24 - Jeanea Worley: - I am willing to if no one else offers
- 01:18:25 - Verna Lilly: - Group 2 (I think!) We focused on shelter for domestic violence. It can intersect with chronic homelessness, men are underserved as a group, domestic violence victims often have a very immediate need. New Topic: Why don't we have public bathrooms in urban areas like the rest stops you see along the highway?
- 01:18:54 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 9: 1 = more mental health beds; #2 = more options for families; #3 = More of the existing options, but located throughout the county where folks are entering homelessness; #4 = encourage more DADUs
- 01:19:21 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Timothy!
- 01:19:31 - Jeanea Worley: - thank you Timothy
- 01:19:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Timothy, our hero!
- 01:19:58 - Timothy Harris: - Happy to be helpful.
- 01:20:32 - Janet Thiessen: - CompassionTacoma will soon, maybe today, have some proposals for the Community Vitality Safety Committee who will meet next Thursday. This group will make proposal about camping ban to full Council. This will be on the Facebook page.
- 01:20:47 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Welcome Caleb!
- 01:21:14 - Carolyn Read: - One topic I would be interested in discussing is how can we as a group, or individuals, support the success of the Pierce County Plan to End Homelessness. Include how we encourage obtaining the needed funding, holding the County accountable for implementation, and obtaining more housing, engaging the community etc....
- 01:21:14 - PATRICIA .: - *please be mindful to mute
- 01:21:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Good to have you here Caleb!
- 01:22:18 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Room #3 Our room believes that a huge part of what's missing is sites central within the city and county that are accessible to all, close to social and medical services.
- We need more sites like Aspen Court that offer wraparound services with a goal towards stabilizing each individual. Also expand the HEAT program.
- Storage space for belongings is missing, which is needed for people to keep service provider and medical appointments, job preparations etc.
- We need more safe, clean camp spaces that people can rent for week at a time, similar to the state parks camp sites. Autonomy and respect are what's missing for the unhoused.
- 01:22:22 - Christine Lindquist: - Welcome, Caleb!
- 01:22:40 - rosemary powers: - Group 4 a couple ideas: need shelter options for women who are older or who have lost child support safety net when children reach 18. More options and policy work needed to provide housing options for people leaving incarceration. Also need for long term housing for people with past trauma with time to heal. Real need for storage space for emergency supplies, outreach supplies and for goods to support those in transition to housing
- 01:22:50 - Caleb Carbone: - Thanks Everyone! Good to see you again Christine!
- 01:23:11 - Sally Perkins: - Welcome, Caleb!
- 01:23:25 - Alan Brown: - Group #?: Increased resource needs in our shelter system: Places for youth (minors) and young adults. Safe storage for people in shelter. 24-hour shelters. Places for pets. Mental health resources on site at shelters.
- 01:23:37 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Thank you, Linda for all your hard work on behalf of the CVS committee!



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01:23:37 - Sheila Miraflor: - Room 8- >Expand Sanctioned encampments to include some in each part of the City of Tacoma and Pierce County. Must be near public transportation. On-going advocacy with government officials and neighborhoods. Meet the "campers"

01:23:51 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 6, More in the way of Youth Shelters, shelters that are smaller more like micro villages, outreach workers that are case managers.

01:24:06 - Sheila Miraflor: - cont'd where they are and be more flexible in options.

01:25:44 - Jeffrey Boyce: - #5 more sanctioned encampments, small varieties, more tiny homes, more support for transitioning out of homelessness.

01:25:58 - Jeremy Walker: - Here is the link for the BCF Nonprofit Outreach RSVP and Survey again in case you missed it. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/73ffd56351004f069003a40ea98a391d>

01:26:46 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Jeremy!

01:26:48 - rosemary powers: - From Jane Addams: "The good we secure for ourselves, is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life " (from The Subjective Necessity for Social Settlements -1892)

01:27:20 - Richard Dorsett: - #11 - more sanctioned campgrounds (I was in room by myself, but that's what I would have said if there was anyone to say it to).

01:28:16 - rosemary powers: - Also Jane Addams: "I am not one of those who believe - broadly speaking - that women are better than men. We have not wrecked railroads, nor corrupted legislatures, nor done many unholy things that men have done; but then we must remember that we have not had the chance. "

01:29:20 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Richard - next time go back to the main room and ask Rob to send you to us :)

01:30:49 - Leah Ford (She/Her): - Our data page: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/pierce-county-cases>

Get tested if you experience symptoms or were exposed: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/testing-information>

COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Childcare and schools: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19-information-for-schools>

For businesses: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/washington-ready>

Shelter and Service Provider Guide: <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=6846>

Vaccine Flyer: <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/8623>

01:31:50 - Janet Runbeck: - I and Q = isolation and quarentene

01:33:43 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Leah!

01:34:11 - Leah Ford (She/Her): - I&Q call: 253-820-4684

01:34:45 - Stacey Soltoff: - I had heard there was a backlog in case reporting. Covid Act Now & the CDC site recently updated

01:38:17 - Leah Ford (She/Her): - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

The CDC packaged three metrics for every county in the U.S.:

1. - New COVID19 hospital admissions over the previous week;
2. - Percentage of hospital beds occupied by COVID patients; and,
3. - New cases per 100,000 people over the previous week.

They then corresponded these metrics to categories: low (green), medium (yellow), and high (orange).

They then mapped these metrics to behaviors, like masking. So, for example, if a county is in the



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“orange”, everyone needs to mask indoors. If a county is in the “yellow”, then only high-risk individuals should mask.

01:40:11 - Leah Ford (She/Her): - Beginning March 21, we will no longer require you to wear a mask in most indoor public settings. But masks remain a safe choice. Please continue to use the best tools available to help protect yourself, your family, and our community from COVID-19. You can read more in the news release here: <https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/News/News/294/286>

01:41:59 - Joe Perva: - Thank you for everything you all do your amazing and appreciated. I have a meeting I have to attend. see you next Friday!

01:42:45 - Leah Ford (She/Her): - I need to pop off but please reach out if you need anything! Have a great weekend everyone! LFORD@TPCHD.ORG

01:43:06 - Timothy Harris: - other than these amendments, does the plan remain as originally written?

01:44:10 - Jeremy Walker: - Thank you everyone. If you need to reach out to me about BCF Nonprofit Outreach Tool that I presented on, please contact me at Jeremy.walker@commerce.wa.gov. The RSVP Link one last time is:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/73ffd56351004f069003a40ea98a391d>

01:45:40 - Cynthia Stewart: - Today is that deadline, 5:00

01:47:29 - Cynthia Stewart: - Next week will be entirely reconciliation between house and senate differences in what they adopted; plus final budgets

01:48:10 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is my go to for legislative action items that can be completed in just a few minutes.

01:49:42 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Rob, can you please remind them of the poll that was done on Dec 6th? 59% of attendees to that meeting said they are opposed to a camping ban. I was interviewed by a student reporter. <https://trail.pugetsound.edu/?p=17465>

01:51:50 - Janet Thiessen: - Evelyn Lopez will also be on CVS panel.

01:56:15 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for that, Janet T. I had heard she will be on the panel as well!

01:59:07 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - SS4A Campaign: Here is a link to google drive folder with free use images from Laurie Davenport (including sweeps infographic and Martin v. Boise PowerPoint slide: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gud3yqvU7nftMH_HfZmWpFUyrrfg8Xyr?usp=sharing

02:01:03 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We want the Coalition efforts to make an impact!

02:01:17 - Kenneth King: - I have to run. Thank you all for sharing your time and space.

253-502-5455 KingK@p-c-a.org

Recovery Navigator Program community referral number

253-878-6057

web portal

<https://forms.office.com/r/B4BWppqMYr>

02:01:20 - Christine Lindquist: - The outreach materials are really lovely. Kudos to Laurie.

02:03:07 - rosemary powers: - Rosemary Powers for race and equity committee contact at rpowers@eou.edu. Committee meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3-4 pm . Zoom link will be on the pchomeless.org site.

02:03:22 - Sheila Mirafior: - Collaboration For A Cause 7.0 April 2, 12-4pm South Hill Mall- Drive through event. More details available on PCCETF website.

02:03:32 - Carolyn Read: - My email is readcarolyn@comcast.net

02:03:53 - Gerrit Nyland: - • - Initial discussion at the February 15 Human Services Committee meeting - <https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/committeeMeeting.cfm?id=4702>



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- - Final discussion at the March 1 Human Services Committee meeting -
<https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/committeeMeeting.cfm?id=4703>
 - - Agenda and link to listen in to the March 15 County Council meeting -
https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/councilMeeting.cfm?council_meeting_id=1965
- 02:04:54 - Gerrit Nyland: - Those are links to recordings of the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness discussions at County Council, as well as the link to next County Council meeting.
- 02:05:48 - Stacey Soltoff: - agree on the sweeps. we need to find a way to more strongly oppose them
- 02:06:24 - Sheila Miraflor: - Mahalo Nui for the on-going efforts for sanctioned encampments!
- 02:06:29 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you for another productive meeting!
- 02:06:37 - Stacey Soltoff: - what hair?!
- 02:06:39 - Nicole Fortino: - Thank you!
- 02:07:08 - Carolyn Read: - Awesome work!
- 02:07:58 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Jenny: Happy St Patrick's Day -or is it St Patrick's Day month?
- 02:08:41 - Jenny Lorton: - Happy St. Paddy's MONTH Theresa! 😊