



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

Friday Coalition Meeting – Chat – March 11, 2022

00:09:35 - Sunshine Harper: - Same here! :)

00:10:47 - Stacey Soltoff: - I knew there was something I was forgetting g this morning!

00:11:22 - Sunshine Harper: - Good morning everyone!

00:12:41 - 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.

00:13:17 - 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.

00:17:37 - jo davies: - thank you Rosemary, your words about "sweeps" were so right on.

00:18:11 - rosemary powers: - You are welcome. This is so very challenging

00:20:10 - Laurie Davenport: - Great news Monique!

00:21:55 - Monique Brown: - To volunteer to help set up the encampment at 82nd and Pacific please visit fobhope.org/volunteer. Any questions, mbrown@fobhope.org. If your organization wants to provide services at the encampment, please reach out to Monique Brown (email above)

00:23:06 - Sara Irish: -

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://youtu.be/XoqYnFS2bE8__;!!DOW_8Fim!fq0iZRTDZqOSEc5BZIQbst7U6FnxD9EpLfcYuQIEclRaHXWjw_kzDCNcuedx8JzyTAJ-V8\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://youtu.be/XoqYnFS2bE8__;!!DOW_8Fim!fq0iZRTDZqOSEc5BZIQbst7U6FnxD9EpLfcYuQIEclRaHXWjw_kzDCNcuedx8JzyTAJ-V8$)

00:24:00 - rosemary powers: - Thanks Sara. This looks very interesting

00:24:17 - Sara Irish: - This happening in Spokane.

00:25:32 - Jay Worley: - how many on the waiting list for safe parking currently?

00:25:40 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - You are so right, Ed

00:26:21 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Also, that home, however humble, is a key to surviving on the streets.

00:26:28 - Sally Perkins: - Followup on legal webinar, on camping bans

00:26:47 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Sally.

00:27:11 - Sally Perkins: - Sorry, I'm bad at the tech details on Zoom.

00:27:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sally - if you send it to me I'll post it tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

00:28:19 - Sally Perkins: - Theresa, it's up higher on the chat but I'll send it to you as well.

00:28:42 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - No problem - I'll get it from above

00:30:26 - Ed Jacobs: - The women who stopped by asking "Are they moving the Bums?"

00:30:55 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - Cringe. "bums" that's sickening

00:31:17 - Stacey Soltoff: - 🙄

00:31:43 - Jennifer Ammons: - Ed, I probably would have responded, "I don't know. Are you leaving?"

00:32:02 - Sally Perkins: - the possessions of unhoused people are just as valid "private property" as the storefronts of business people who want their property protected.



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

- 00:32:21 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - Yes, absolutely!
- 00:33:32 - Sally Perkins: - City needs to honestly evaluate the harmful and helpful (if any) impacts of sweeps, and their "effectiveness" in terms of helping people get and stay in housing.
- 00:34:13 - Jay Worley: - unity we need unity and empathy
- 00:34:55 - Clinton Brink: - From a property owner's perspective, what you (Jay Worley) said is a VERY compelling argument. That's the argument that will work on people who perhaps aren't as empathetic towards the homeless.
- 00:35:50 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - and solutions are not one size fits all!
- 00:36:26 - Sally Perkins: - Homeless outreach workers just get caught in the middle, which has to be painful and discouraging.
- 00:36:52 - Paula Anderson: - I think we need more intentional communication to the community. Understanding creates unity and empathy. Why can't we have a regular informative campaign that utilizes PC website, libraries, schools and other entities to help the current state of ignorance.
- 00:38:00 - Stacey Soltoff: - it can be hard sometimes to criticize the unjust systems without it sounding like we're criticizing the ppl participating in the unjust systems because we don't have a better system
- 00:38:04 - ERIN TRM INTERN: - LET'S GO!
- 00:38:08 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - YES, Trisha!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 00:38:55 - Jay Worley: - i feel bad for the workers to be honest. They are just doing their job.
- 00:38:55 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - Say it louder for those in the back!
- 00:38:56 - Dara Bardelas: - Yes Trisha!!!
- 00:39:20 - ERIN TRM INTERN: - C'MON TRISHA!
- 00:39:42 - Davina Schwab TRM: - YES!!TRISH!!
- 00:39:59 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - thanks for all the hard working you are doing, Trish!
- 00:40:09 - Jay Worley: - Thank you Stacey. Yes Trisha
- 00:41:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - People have to have some place to go.
- 00:42:13 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Paula: great idea - can you drop in to the Wednesday morning (11 am) SS4A Campaign meeting to pitch that to our little group?
- 00:44:42 - Paula Anderson: - I am tied up from 8.00 until 1.00 that day unfortunately! I will get with you to find another time??
- 00:45:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sounds good
- 00:47:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - LFO = Legal Financial Obligation
- 00:47:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Laurie: Thumbs up to TacomaProbono and the libraries for helping to prevent homelessness in a meaningful way
- 00:48:46 - Jay Worley: - Paula: Could i get your contact information please. I thought that i had it, but unfortunately I could not find it.
- 00:49:06 - Sally Perkins: - The LFO clinics are key for people to get out from under legal fines and fees that they may be unable to pay. HUGE Kudos to Tacoma Pro Bono for this work!!
- 00:50:14 - Paula Anderson: - Sure! ...email is andepaa12@msn.com,
- 00:50:45 - Jay Worley: - Thank you
- 00:51:33 - Kathleen Edelheit: - We are also doing OLD clinics at TPB, these orders prevent rental screening companies from disclosing past evictions to prospective landlords.
- 00:51:47 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - The greed to homelessness pipeline
- 00:52:03 - Sally Perkins: - Amen, theresa
- 00:53:21 - Rob Huff (he/him): - As a reminder, here in a little while we will get an update on eviction prevention from Valeri Almony at Pierce County. Thank you for being here, Valeri!



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

- 00:53:29 - Paula Anderson: - I just did a quick check yesterday for average ROOM rental amount in Pierce County...it came up to \$1000! This was off a rental website, but Holy Moly....!
- 00:53:58 - Stacey Soltoff: - the more work I do in social justice & housing justice, the more anti-capitalist I get
- 00:54:17 - Sally Perkins: - I hear you, Stacey. :)
- 00:55:53 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We (including every municipality in Pierce County) need to purchase every mobile home park in the county and keep it as low income housing. We've frittered away almost every other option through zoning and NIMBYism.
- 00:56:17 - Paula Anderson: - Great idea Theresa!
- 00:56:25 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Theresa Amen
- 00:56:46 - Jennifer Ammons: - Tori, a number of us are already aware of the Meridian Mobile Estates situation. We've looked at the notices and can't find any way to undo the sale or stop the park closure. We have one weak argument to reset the clock and get more time, but doubt it would be successful.
- 00:57:16 - Mary Herman (She/Her): - <https://associatedministries.org/supportive-services/vita/>
- 00:57:25 - Sally Perkins: - We've frittered away the opportunity to buy small apartment buildings, etc. because the jurisdictions thought they didn't need to bother to monitor the existing modest-cost housing.
- 00:57:57 - rosemary powers: - I agree. Purchasing such properties for low income housing options must become a more important priority.
- 00:59:02 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Libraries coming through again!
- 00:59:24 - Jennifer Ammons, NW Justice Project: - Do we have anyone from THA attending these meetings? They're the biggest local developer of affordable housing.
- 01:00:23 - Jay Worley: - there is a apartment complex in gig harbor that was senior living but was sold out when their RDA loan came up. the grandfathered people from the original program are facing rent of 1499.00 a month for a 1 bedroom with small oven and fridge. We need a rent cap in washington
- 01:00:52 - Sheila Miraflor, Program Coordinator, CWCC: - Goodwill on S 27th is also open for VITA tax preparations by appointment due to their COVID guidelines.
- 01:01:19 - Jessica Hall: - Jay: That is just terrible!! We are seeing this more and more. Gig Harbor has almost no low-income options
- 01:01:24 - Stacey Soltoff: - Jay, I'm going to assume there's no rent control legislation in our current session?
- 01:01:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The session ended last night, but no, there was not.
- 01:02:04 - Sunshine Harper: - We need a rent cap for sure! One of my CHAP students just told me they increased her rent by \$1,000 recently and she said it's supposed to be low income housing.
- 01:02:21 - Jay Worley: - We are working on getting zoning laws changed to build low income and transitional housing out here. but its a up hill battle
- 01:03:00 - Jessica Hall: - Jay: No doubt! I am from the KP. I can imagine
- 01:03:06 - Trisha Munson: - Hey guys- Jessica and I have an outreach scheduled with TRM so we have to jump off the call. See ya next time!
- 01:03:12 - Jay Worley: - I have to leave at 10 but ill input what i acn
- 01:03:18 - Trisha Munson: - trisha.munson@glmhc.org 253-307-5143
- 01:03:31 - Jay Worley: - Not that i know of
- 01:03:37 - Mary Herman (She/Her): - Thanks for having me, y'all. I have to head over to another meeting here at 10am.
- 01:05:17 - Stacey Soltoff: - no guarantees, but you manage just fine week after week lol



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

- 01:06:42 - Stacey Soltoff: - I have no ideas for storage solutions, but I feel like there is a need to organize/collaborate for rent control legislation next legislative session
- 01:08:21 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I hear that, Stacey. It is a big rock to move.
- 01:12:37 - Stacey Soltoff: - is there a recording? I missed it
- 01:12:53 - Stacey Soltoff: - 👍
- 01:13:36 - Stacey Soltoff: - showed ppl who were clueless
- 01:15:10 - Stacey Soltoff: - well that's good
- 01:15:54 - Stacey Soltoff: - at least we agreed NOT to do the thing we KNOW doesn't work 😞
- 01:16:36 - Stacey Soltoff: - how much does case management help if there aren't viable/sufficient resources?
- 01:17:00 - Verna Lilly: - Group 8 suggestions: Use city owned storage units, use abandoned business buildings for both storage and shelter
- 01:17:21 - Stacey Soltoff: - it's a good thing we have these mtgs in the morning. I see too much potential for a wicked drinking game
- 01:19:19 - Makini Magee: - Don't feel that separating people from their belongs is a solution.
- 01:19:44 - Sally Perkins: - modular storage cubes that go with people when they move...if a person is in "individual" housing (tent, lean to, etc.) the only appropriate move for that person is another individual housing unit like a tiny home, etc. Moving from an individual setting to a congregate setting is a downgrade in terms of privacy and control of their space.
- 01:19:47 - Paula Anderson: - Room 10...had some really great ideas for storage, public spaces where there are already lockers, such as county/metro parks (pools), transit centers/bus stations. Could we partner with them to provide a certain amount of space for our folks These locations already have their own security, established hours and easy access.
- 01:20:13 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Caleb! Can you share your contact info? THANKS.
- 01:20:31 - Gerrit Nyland: - More like a flamethrower of information...
- 01:20:55 - Caleb Carbone: - ccarbone@cityoftacoma.org
- 01:21:02 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thanks!
- 01:21:11 - Sally Perkins: - Jennie, nice to see you back!
- 01:21:16 - Dionne Jacobson: - Room 9- belonging storage complications: sometimes the cheapest option is not the most efficient and does not provide security for belongings. Biggest issues with large communal storage tend to be inventory tracking, and infestation when clothing and linens of multiple people are stored together. Ideas- buying an existing storage unit so individuals can have storage spaces of their own. Thinking about how legislation could protect the belongings of those who cannot pay for storage.
- 01:21:48 - Valeri Almony: - Rental Assistance Website to apply, log in for updates, etc
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>
- 01:21:51 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Group 7: everyone in the group believes that the only meaningful storage solution for unsheltered people is sanctioned campsites/urban rest-stops that include secure storage. In the meantime - we discussed Amazon-style outdoor key-coded storage units and/or mobile truck locker systems that have a scheduled route.
- 01:22:13 - rosemary powers: - our group discussed the possibility of a group of non profits putting together a proposal to WA state Commerce and to Pierce county for purchase and renovation of an empty building that might include lawndromat, storage of emergency and daily needs supplies, other things needed by outreach workers. Discussed the difficulty of even finding the owners of buildings (focus here was on the Hilltop), noting that there is a program in London that seems successful in helping



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

people store personal stuff. Discussed the different types of storage needed and the difficulty of having a personal storage option that is not near where people are living outside. Noted that a storage was a difficult issue 40 years ago and continues to be

- 01:22:55 - Timothy Harris: - Room one: Use containers that are sited near where homeless people are located. Hire people who are homeless to help manage the sites. Use bins to store individual people's possessions. LA has big warehouse like storage facility with numbered wheeled plastic garbage cans that are wheeled out when people need to access their stuff. Good concept but needs to be more human scale and multiple locations. Need to ask homeless people what would work for them.
- 01:27:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - The fact that so much money is needed to address the lack of affordable housing is evidence of shelter being treated as an investment opportunity instead of a human need. Thankful the funds are there and resentful that we zoned and special-interested ourselves into a corner.
- 01:30:47 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Jennie!
- 01:30:59 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 2. Materials in storage needs to be protected from getting infected with bugs, etc this is from lived experience
- 01:32:28 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Verna - can you put the flyer in the chat please?
- 01:32:36 - Jennie Schoeppe: - THANK YOU, Verna, Jan, and MRC.
- 01:32:52 - Rian Booker: - Room 11: Remote storage was deemed a limited solution, because people can't use what they can't reach. A locker or similar storage would have to be connected to some permanent or semi-permanent housing, like a sanctioned encampment, etc. When people have to move, they're pretty much limited to what they can carry. Totes and garbage bags are what's typically used, but that limits how much stuff can be transported/kept. A device like a shopping cart with a lid and a hasp, or a container with wheels and a handle could provide additional storage with necessary mobility.
- 01:33:03 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 2. Barriers - Location of storage to locations of the owner... if they come from living on the street they probably don't have transportation. If people cannot get to their papers, etc when needed they will give up since they are already in survival mode.
- 01:33:04 - Verna Lilly: - I don't have it in electronic form. Jennie, do you?
- 01:33:47 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - The implant in the arm
- 01:34:25 - Laurie Davenport: - Pierce County Libraries Housing Help Pop-Ups for March and April: Monday, March 21, 3:00-6:00 at Lakewood Library; (pending confirmation) Tuesday, March 29, 2:00-5:00 at South Hill Library; Thursday, April 7, 2:00-5:00 at Parkland/Spanaway Library; Monday, April 11, 3:00-5:00 at Fife Library. Every Thursday 9-noon at Lakewood City Hall, 2nd Tuesday of the month 10-12 at Key Peninsula Community Center. Thank you to the Pierce County Library System, City of Lakewood and KP Community Center!
- 01:34:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Clinton, let's talk about this. Good topic, any thought about others in Master Builders who might be interested too? 253.534.5402
- 01:36:12 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Theresa, I don't believe we have a flyer yet. Verna, can we be sure to share w/ this group once the flyer is done?
- 01:36:40 - Monique Brown: - I hate that I have to leave, but I have some meetings to go to. Thank you for another great gathering of awesome people!
- 01:36:48 - Verna Lilly: - Happy to!
- 01:36:54 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Registration link for Opioid Summit, March 17th: <https://elevatehealth-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kcmorDssGNCuyHxly5i7cVzQJwWCSzk7>
- 01:37:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting from March 10 does not have the video replay available yet. You will be able to find the video, along with info about other meetings, posted here: <https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

- 01:37:35 - Sally Perkins: - I think it's up now.
- 01:38:36 - Jennie Schoeppe: - For questions related to the syphilis info I shared: email me: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org, my colleague Teresa Cooper: tcooper@tpchd.org, and call the STD clinic at: (253) 649-1418.
- 01:39:13 - Jennie Schoeppe: - If you have questions about the MRC work please reach out to Verna Lilly or Jan Runbeck.
- 01:39:55 - Gerrit Nyland: - The Pierce County Council will be considering for final adoption the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness on Wednesday, March 15th at 3pm. Meeting details and a link to join are at https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/councilMeeting.cfm?meeting_dt=Mar%2015%202022%20%203:00PM
- 01:40:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Learn more: https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/proposal.cfm?proposal_num=R2022-22s
- 01:41:11 - Sally Perkins: - I think the video of the CVS meeting would be a good educational piece for people trying to understand the complexities of the ways for helping unhoused people get into workable housing.
- 01:41:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I could not make the meeting yesterday but will watch the video to see Rob speaking with wisdom and clarity (as he always does)
- 01:42:09 - Michael Yoder: - Yes, Rob did a great job
- 01:42:45 - Sally Perkins: - Yes, he did. The entire panel was thoughtful and mindful of how complicated this is.
- 01:43:13 - Laurie Davenport: - Kasey Burton from our program did a great presentation on all the bills for the GH/KP coalition yesterday — I can ask her to do it here also.
- 01:46:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Ned has been a big part of the Comp Plan to End Homelessness effort as well.
- 01:48:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - what's the ruple exchange rate for 2 cents? 🙄
- 01:48:38 - Timothy Harris: - About a ruble and a half.
- 01:48:43 - Ed Jacobs: - It used to be good exchange rate because it was illegal.
- 01:50:04 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I also shared link for Opioid Summit above.
- 01:50:17 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Jennie!
- 01:50:53 - Verna Lilly: - 28 in City of Tacoma only?
- 01:51:32 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - Thank you, Ed
- 01:51:34 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sad news -but good work - thank you ED
- 01:52:10 - Sally Perkins: - Very much appreciate your sad but essential work, Ed.
- 01:53:44 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Bye all!
- 01:53:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Early release?!!!!
- 01:54:02 - PATRICIA .: - The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is hosting the 2022 Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium, which will be held May 10-13 in Bellevue, Washington. The theme for this year's conference is "Toward Health & Belonging."— see agenda:
- 01:54:23 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Patricia!
- 01:54:51 - PATRICIA .: - <https://web.cvent.com/event/76e23cd1-7f8e-4f53-ad2a-8f89df5b6a9c/websitePage:d1e5c1c0-2dad-4f02-8c95-f1fa2af93aff>
- 01:55:18 - Rian Booker: - No early release. A meeting is like a gas, it expands to fill all available space.
- 01:57:04 - Laurie Davenport: - Sorry I need to leave for another meeting, thank you all!
- 01:58:00 - Stacey Soltoff: - I have a lot of empathy, no solutions



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://pchomeless.org/> - info@pchomeless.org

02:01:45 - Sally Perkins: - When people say No, they have the right to say No. You can provide written information, and continue to offer your services, but you cannot require or force people to accept them. If they have been there for a long time, then they are stunned and dismayed by this massive disruption in their lives...they may not be ready to hear about solutions yet. You may not be able to solve this for everyone there.

02:02:40 - Sally Perkins: - Especially in the time frame that is in play.

02:02:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Timing is everything

02:03:01 - Rob Huff (he/him): - With the time set out to October, it makes me wonder if people will come around as that approaches.

02:05:34 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Jennifer - thank you for the expertise and your work. Tori_ sorry this is so hard. This should not be happening

02:05:37 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Tell anyone receiving a notice or an eviction summons and complaint to contact Tacomaprobono immediately!

02:05:49 - Nicole Fortino: - Thank you!

02:05:51 - Nicole (she/her) Wellspring Family Services: - Thanks to everyone!

02:05:57 - Tori Forsman: - taikenforsman@puyallupwa.gov

02:06:00 - Sheila Miraflor, Program Coordinator, CWCC: - Happy St. Patty