



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Homeless Coalition Meeting Chat – March 18, 2022

00:13:14 - Jay Worley: - I was going to show this to Paula

00:13:18 - Jay Worley: - this

00:13:37 - Jay Worley: - show...sorry broken H Key

00:17:43 - 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.

00:17:58 - 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.

00:21:33 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Welcome to the Coalition and Pierce County, Toroid!

00:23:04 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Welcome, Shannon! Nice to see you again!

00:24:44 - Valeri Almony: - We are hosting a Tenant Q&A Webinar April 6th at 2pm registration link:

[https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Alc3a4RwQeOQQgUF6z3AxQ](https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Alc3a4RwQeOQQgUF6z3AxQ)

00:25:03 - Valeri Almony: - We are hosting a Landlord Q&A Webinar April 5th at 2pm Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JoHGI49JR5-vRj-QSAMaMQ](https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JoHGI49JR5-vRj-QSAMaMQ)

00:25:04 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Charles and Joe! Can I get your email / phone contact please Charles. I try to keep my contact lists for shelter providers up to date here at TPCHD. THANKS!

00:27:15 - Ivan Tudela: - 2022 Regional Mass Care Forum: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-mass-care-forum-registration-203828244767>

This free forum is for individuals and organizations supporting Mass Care efforts (sheltering, feeding, distribution of emergency supplies) in the King, Pierce, and Snohomish County area.

00:27:29 - Joe Perva: - yes Charles.wright@lihi.org You can reach me at 253-302-4587 temporarily until I have my new direct number.

00:27:47 - Lisa Kleiner: - St Vincent Depaul does in kind donations, so you may want to reach out to Dionne there

00:28:20 - Shannon Ice (she/Her) CLR: - I also ask my family and friends to give me what they don't need so I can give it away.

00:28:36 - rosemary powers: - For warm clothing, contact Rosemary Powers at [rpowers@eou.edu](mailto:rpowers@eou.edu) and I may be able to have something for you or can be on look out for it

00:29:05 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Also Rise has a great clothing bank

00:29:33 - Gerrit Nyland: - Sign up for the listserv at <https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

00:29:40 - Dionne Jacobson: - Thanks Lisa- yes, St. Vincent's does provide clothing and warmth items for any person in need who walks into the store or calls the Helpline. Feel free to reach out for more info- [djacobson@svdptacoma.org](mailto:djacobson@svdptacoma.org)



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- 00:30:39 - Laurie Davenport: - Tacomaprono's Housing Justice Project and Pierce County Rental Assistance providers will be coming to Pierce County Library locations in March and April, here's the schedule: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/ueyp4dw4jmyp6lf/F-Housing%20Help\\_March-April%202022\\_FINAL.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ueyp4dw4jmyp6lf/F-Housing%20Help_March-April%202022_FINAL.pdf?dl=0).
- 00:31:20 - Paula Anderson: - If you are out in the Puyallup area, New Hope Resource Center has clothing as well.
- 00:32:16 - Caleb Carbone: - Where is the Memorial Service held at on Sunday again?
- 00:32:30 - Kasey Bentz: - Thank you everyone for the resources!
- 00:32:32 - Heather Wiley: - St Francis in Puyallup has a clothing bank as well
- 00:32:40 - Timothy Harris: - shilo baptist
- 00:32:43 - janet Thiessen: - There will be donuts.
- 00:32:51 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is at Shiloh Baptist Church, Caleb. Info is on the [pchomeless.org](https://pchomeless.org) website
- 00:33:04 - Janet Runbeck: - Shiloh Baptist hosts the memorial at 5 pm
- 00:33:05 - Caleb Carbone: - Thank you!
- 00:41:46 - Kasey Burton: - Will this program be covering any amounts owing by tenants to former landlords? Whether in collections or a judgment issued by a court?
- 00:42:11 - Laurie Davenport: - In case you'd like to print your own — here's the link to Tacoma Tent News Issue 01: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/yvx1bqbogrumidz/tacomatentnews.pdf?dl=0>
- 00:44:05 - Jennie Schoeppe: - sorry what does CHRP stand for again? Thanks.
- 00:44:29 - Alan Brown: - Community Homeless Resolution Partnership
- 00:45:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Alan!
- 00:46:00 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thanks Alan!
- 00:46:48 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I LOVE THE PUNS. :)
- 00:46:49 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Thanks DANA!
- 00:46:59 - Laurie Davenport: - Great presentation Dana!
- 00:47:01 - Valeri Almony: - Dana how do folks contact you? i want to connect the KP Coalitions with you
- 00:47:13 - rosemary powers: - Thanks Dana. Very informative
- 00:47:21 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Valeri -- email add in Rob's agenda email.
- 00:47:41 - Valeri Almony: - Great!
- 00:47:52 - Paula Anderson: - Dana is this training for those who serve individual adults?
- 00:48:19 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you Dana!
- 00:48:28 - Heather Wiley: - Owing a previous landlord is a huge barrier that many families have to regain permanent housing, diversion should look into offering that assistance.
- 00:49:43 - Gerrit Nyland: - OK, I'm a couple weeks behind posting meeting recordings again - but I have time set aside to get caught up this weekend. Sorry about that.
- 00:49:48 - Dana Peterson: - [danap@ccsww.org](mailto:danap@ccsww.org) 253-278-1541
- 00:50:03 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thanks, Dana!
- 00:50:32 - Kasey Burton: - Yeah, I'm not sure how people with amounts owing will be able to have a plan that is actionable within the desired time period
- 00:50:37 - Richard Dorsett: - Huge thanks to Laurie Davenport for the graffiti design and printing of Tacoma Tent News. Please print and/or share it around.
- 00:51:43 - Paula Anderson: - So awesome!
- 00:52:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Way to go Gerrit and all of the coalition advocates! Go Pierce County, go!!!
- 00:58:02 - Jennie Schoeppe: - You are such a huge value to PCHS, Gerrit! THANK YOU.



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00:58:29 - Jay Worley: - Thank You Gerrit

00:59:49 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Thank you Gerritt and all the AD HOC committee members, I read the plan, it is very detailed and yes, comprehensive.

01:01:29 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you, Gerritt.

01:03:40 - Laurie Davenport: - Need to get off for a bit, be back.

01:04:49 - PATRICIA .: - @Rob

01:06:03 - Stacey Soltoff: - as usual, not able to join breakout. no need to work to entertain me. I find you entertaining enough 😊

01:21:20 - Valeri Almony: - Great! :)

01:22:00 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 3

Aspects working well:

Many creative solutions

TPCCEH - level of commitment and involvement of many concerned people

Have excellent Comprehensive Plan

Service providers collaborate well despite being “competitors” for funding

Aspects that need improvement:

Inadequate capacity - Need more space, more housing and more beds

Inadequate wraparound services to support people and prevent homelessness

Safety for people who are unhoused

Fewer longterm solutions

Allowing people to move with chosen family

Meeting needs that people needing care prioritize (protecting relationships, pets, belongings)

Tacoma/Lakewood/Puyallup should come together to the table for funding

Better care for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness

01:23:08 - Gail Misner: - Need more emergency shelters and housing that individuals in need feel comfortable going to.

01:23:12 - Kasey Burton: - We talked about how it would be helpful to have a resources where we have a list of ever org, what services they can offer, and how to refer folks ot that org

01:23:15 - Kasey Burton: - \*to

01:23:30 - Sally Perkins: - Group One, Alan will share ideas about Coordinated Entry; my push is to get clarity on how we compute and track (transparently) the number of unhoused people, relative to Functional Zero as the goal.

01:24:52 - Sally Perkins: - So the "J Street Sweep" does not include M and L?

01:25:16 - Jay Worley: - Room 11

21% housing increase in the last year. Apartments are being built that are higher priced .but units committed to low coast.70% zoned of property in tacoma zoned. residential can't build apartment ADU be used as a separately sellable. What can help: change law to allow ADU to condo conversion.

01:25:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Sally, I don't believe so. It is supposed to be between J and MLK in that boundary

01:25:49 - Michael Yoder: - Group 9: major need is connecting and collaborating between agencies. A way to share more comprehensive client case notes within a shared system like HMIS. Building staff



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capacity and resilience within street and encampment outreach teams; a HEAL team for the entire county.

- 01:27:09 - Timothy Harris: - Group 7: Focused on gaps: Respite center or skilled specialized nursing facility is priority. People are refusing treatment to people with no housing and discharging people in need of care to the street. Also need a "realtime system" to pluck paid and volunteer outreach workers into available resources. Much outreach occurs when agencies are closed.
- 01:27:11 - Heather Wiley: - These sweeps are ridiculous, it just moves them to another area followed by another sweep... need to have a better plan for where people can go... not just displace them over and over again....
- 01:27:26 - Caleb Carbone: -  
[https://www.cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_6/File/cms/NCS/City%20Authorized%20Emergency%20Shelter%20Sites/Weeklydataupdate.pdf](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/cms/NCS/City%20Authorized%20Emergency%20Shelter%20Sites/Weeklydataupdate.pdf)
- 01:28:02 - Leah Ford (She/Her): - Room 8: People are involved due to passion which is critical to this work. Incorporating those with lived experience is key. Navigation needs to be in smaller forms due to power dynamics. A smaller space allows for individuals to really work on what they need to. Additional resources and skill building needed for folks to navigate changes. Multiple housing options are important when looking at long range planning. As we move forward, we need to ensure that we hear from those with lived experience and don't create spaces people aren't going to go to. We can't expect folks to come in our system and "follow the rules". We need folks to participate with the system on terms that we agree upon together. Respect and dignity must be included and understand how to meet community needs. Continue to examine what work is being done, keep learning and do better. Would be great to see a monetary program for people with lived experience to lead to employment opportunities. If you listen, the community has the answers
- 01:28:48 - Timothy Harris: - Group 7 part 2: Prevention is "our only hope" How do we direct people to, support and promote existing prevention options like Tacoma Tenants Union that are working to keep people from becoming homeless?
- 01:28:54 - rosemary powers: - group 13 lots of talk about the importance of prevention programs. Kudos to the rental assistance/eviction prevention program but awareness of the funds from that being state and federal and not sustainable. Encourage Coalition to engage in conversations with city and town governmental entities to develop better understanding of the issues of homelessness and build commitment to local support for regional authority.. Major part of homelessness response that hasn't worked well is development of attainable housing. Must be a strong part of regional authority's attention. Also discussed importance of strengthening peer navigator/case worker ability to help individuals deal with the interagency silos that may ask them over and over the same information.
- 01:30:49 - Valeri Almony: - Pierce County Rental Assistance Website:  
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance> to log in and apply:  
<https://pierce.rentrelief.com/content2/access/login> and for Mortgage Assistance:  
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/housing>
- 01:31:40 - Sally Perkins: - Timothy, thank you for synthesizing the meeting notes, a great service!
- 01:32:02 - Sharon Seabrook: - Awww, thanks Valeri, PCLS love all y'all.
- 01:32:37 - Stacey Soltoff: - agreed Heather. imagine if at the very least, if the City has NO OTHER CHOICE but to remove them from an area due to construction, that the CITY moved them - as a community to another location if there are no appropriate shelter options
- 01:33:18 - Alan Brown: - Group 1: Working well - Having homeless diversion strategies available to provide quicker housing solutions to lower-barrier folks, using their own strengths with a little bit of system help. Currently, this is only available to "literally homeless" households. To evolve, we could move the



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problem-solving process upstream to what is considered homeless prevention, including people who are doubled up or at high risk. Also, empowering "by and for" organizations to provide Coordinated Entry/Diversion to over-represented, underserved populations.

01:33:24 - Dana Peregrine: - Room 12 - Talked about how very dynamic and widespread the Pierce County homeless response system is currently and the importance of first documenting and keeping current all the services/resources available listing 1) scope of their work 2) where the orgz. or individuals work 3) what is their capacity. We recognize this type of work is already being done with, for example, outreach teams and shelter managers. So keep building and maintaining/documenting the spokes in the very big wheel of homelessness response. Another topic that arose may seem small and insignificant however would go a long way... keeping Tacoma and homeless camps clean. Some communities only see the garbage and not the people, so let's eliminate this barrier to understanding and fund regular consistent garbage pick up! So many creative ways it could be done, for example, a county "work house" as a job training type program for those transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

01:33:27 - Alan Brown: - and Go Buckeyes!

01:33:37 - Timothy Harris: - Thanks Sally. My idea of a good time.

01:33:50 - Laurie Davenport: - Housing Help Pop-Up Schedule!

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cm73zqbckbkp6qz/February%20Pop%20Up%20Flyer%20%28Flyer%20%285.5%20C3%97%208.5%20in%29%29.png?dl=0>

01:33:58 - Ash Powers (they/them) Rebuilding Hope: - Yay!

01:36:27 - Dana Peterson: - Group 10 the CE training process has been tightened up and much improved over the past several years

01:37:20 - Janet Runbeck: - Bring lots of condoms, Jennie.

01:37:28 - Heather Wiley: - Are vaccines being offered at the encampments themselves?

01:38:15 - Heather Wiley: - With like mobile healthcare...

01:38:50 - Kristina Lamb: - When I was at the DSHS office in Lakewood, there were condoms that were free placed in the Bathrooms.

01:39:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Jennie can address this more, but yes, there have been vaccination events at encampments.

01:39:53 - Jay Worley: - Thank You

01:40:01 - Heather Wiley: - Great 😊

01:40:23 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Thank you, JAY!

01:41:44 - Nicole G (WFS) she/her: - Curious to know if Pierce County AIDS Foundation has involvement ... getting info to folks about HIV testing, safe sex resources, etc

01:41:47 - Gerrit Nyland: - Survey link for the COVID response from the health department -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCPHDCOVID>

01:42:00 - Jennie Schoeppe: - THANKS GERRIT!!!

01:42:11 - Gerrit Nyland: - Sure thing.

01:42:24 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Gerrit beat me to it, see survey link to share your feedback about TPCHD's COVID response!!

01:43:09 - Jennie Schoeppe: - For questions or more info about syphilis cases, email me

[JSchoeppe@tpchd.org](mailto:JSchoeppe@tpchd.org), [Teresa Cooper: tcooper@tpchd.org](mailto:tcooper@tpchd.org), or call our STD clinic: 253-649-1418.

01:43:32 - Jennie Schoeppe: - <https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>

01:44:38 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Pierce County Council



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Community Development Committee meeting March 21, 1:30 p.m. - Scheduled to consider an Ordinance regarding development regulations and zoning for safe parking.

Learn more: [https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/proposal.cfm?proposal\\_num=2022-24](https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/proposal.cfm?proposal_num=2022-24)

01:44:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Please email me with your feedback about what you'd like to hear in my TPCHD government updates. I want to hear from you and respond to your needs. Jennie: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org

01:45:57 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Group 10 (part 3) What works: collaborations e.g., Homeless Coalition (emergency response to inclement weather & summits/group advocacy). Also, safe parking network (SS4A), rise center co-working space, Re-entry network efforts. Hotels purchases & other non-congregate options 👍 . What hasn't worked: incarceration/homelessness cycle still going strong; no place for RVs; little support for communities impacted by encampments = increased othering. NEED: to eat the elephant one bite at a time: focus on one aspect of the plan at each meeting (specifics of where our combined efforts can have most impact). NEED: Distribution site where community members can engage in moving community donations to where they are needed (including the limited # of items being stocked for the emergency distribution hubs). But also a place to handle "windfall" donations that no single organization can handle but that many can use. NEED: Speed up drawing-board to opening date for projects that address ending street homelessness.

01:47:00 - Verna Lilly: - April 6th

01:48:15 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Michael. Is there a COVID (or other) vaccine provider for PHC on 4/6? Thanks.

01:48:39 - Janet Runbeck: - MRC will provide vaccines at PHC

01:49:07 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Jan, I thought MRC wasn't doing COVID vax though?

01:49:30 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Any vaccine is great, so that's good news that MRC is there. Thanks.

01:50:22 - Janet Runbeck: - We are in discussion with the T-PCHD. We are providing flu, hepatitis, pneumonia, shingles, with Covid to be determined.

01:50:40 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Reminder: Homeless Memorial

- Date: 3/20/2022 - 5:00 PM

- Location: Event will be in person and streamed from Shiloh Baptist Church, 1211 S. I Street.

- Program: Memorial to honor and remember those experiencing homelessness who recently passed away.

01:50:55 - Janet Thiessen: - Next Thursday 4:30 Community Vitality and Safety Committee of City Council will (probably) make a recommendation about banning encampments. Cityoftacoma.legstar.com. There is usually public comment.

01:53:38 - Michael Yoder: - Go to [www.associatedministries.org/phc](http://www.associatedministries.org/phc) to sign up as a vendor or volunteer at Project Homeless Connect on April 6 at St Leo's

01:54:47 - rosemary powers: - If want a short presentation on the Coalition as a resource for a group you are part of let's talk. Rosemary Powers at [rpowers@eou.edu](mailto:rpowers@eou.edu)

01:55:10 - PATRICIA .: - > How many passed total ?

01:55:36 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Contact information for Tacoma Tenants Union is our FB page, follow for events and resources. Tenants and others can send a direct message. Also a work phone number is 253.361.0791 and email address is [cathyp.tacomatenants@gmail.com](mailto:cathyp.tacomatenants@gmail.com)

01:55:54 - Rob Huff (he/him): - If there is an interest, I spoke about homelessness issues on a podcast that was released earlier this week. It starts talking about my crazy running project, but shifted to the



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homelessness issues later. Just fast forward to that content:

<https://movetotacoma.com/podcasts/running-every-street-in-tacoma-with-rob-huff/>

01:56:13 - Nicole G (WFS) she/her: - thank you, Rob!

01:57:16 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)

01:57:39 - Laurie Davenport: - [laurie@tacomaprobono.org](mailto:laurie@tacomaprobono.org)

01:58:11 - Shannon Ice (she/Her) CLR: - [Sice@cmhshare.org](mailto:Sice@cmhshare.org)

01:58:23 - Gerrit Nyland: - I did put a link to the Tacoma Tent News in the "news" section of the Coalition website - if you didn't get a chance to see it yet.

01:58:48 - Laurie Davenport: - Great! Thanks Gerrit.

01:59:34 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - I am very encouraged by our new and returning attendees today.

01:59:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - [rhuff@mdc-hope.org](mailto:rhuff@mdc-hope.org)

02:00:18 - Christine Lindquist: - Excellent meeting. Well organized and run, productive and informative.