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Friday Coalition Meeting – March 25, 2022

00:16:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

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00:17:25 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Welcome, Po!

00:17:51 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - Thanks for having me, Rob!

00:18:54 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

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00:19:08 - 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.

00:22:13 - Liam McEvilly: - Harbor Hope Center, transitional housing on the KP has space for 2 single 18-21yr old females. Our care home for boys is currently at capacity, but I'm always open to speaking with possible future residents.

00:22:24 - Kenneth King: - Kenneth King

Outreach Coordinator for the Recovery Navigator Program at Pierce County Alliance

00:23:14 - Sally Perkins: - Courtney, can you put your contact info in the Chat? thank you.

00:24:12 - Courtney Love she/her: - Courtney Love, courtney@wearelec.org

00:24:49 - Diana Aragon: - Diana Aragon, Coordinated Entry case manager at Nativity House Shelter with Catholic Community Services.

00:25:40 - Richard Dorsett: - Voices on Ending Homelessness

Thursday, March 31, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

(This meeting will be recorded)

"Good conversations don't follow a script. Like a good song, they're full of surprises, improvisation, detours." That's what Barack Obama writes in his introduction to Renegades: Born in the USA, his collaboration with Bruce Springsteen.

We have an agenda but no script. It is for the four guests to take the conversation where it goes. The goal, the purpose, of this meeting is to expand the conversation about ending homelessness, and to listen to ideas that may further us along.

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome & Format (Richard Dorsett, Moderator)

Thank you to Rob Huff (Zoom guru, MDC Director of Communications and Advocacy)



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10:05 - 10:15 A quick "Hello" from our guests

Debbie Regala

Lyle Quasim

Rick Talbert

Dave Alger

Noel Hagens (Questioner)

00:26:54 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You can grab the second issue here, for printing:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/pqooomsx17t68ln/tacomatentnewsissue2.pdf?dl=0

00:27:30 - Laurie Davenport: - I'll put it in the chat Richard!

00:29:18 - Richard Dorsett: - Here is the link to the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness:

https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/2021-Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness

Here is the link info for the March 31 meeting:

Info PCHomeless is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Voices on Ending Homelessness

Time: March 31, 2022 — 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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00:29:46 - Laurie Davenport: - Here's the link to Tacoma Tent News Issue 2:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/pqooomsx17t68ln/tacomatentnewsissue2.pdf?dl=0

00:30:34 - Sally Perkins: - My sense is that the City consistently low-balls the numbers. Increasingly not helpful.

00:31:08 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Agree with Sally and Ed. The numbers do not add up.

00:31:24 - Sally Perkins: - There may be more tents in the 1000 block of South L...

00:32:15 - Kenneth King: - The numbers never add up. Its been this way since the mid 90s when I started this work.

00:33:34 - Sally Perkins: - And the CVS Committee wants to do their own numbers, rather than use the County's numbers...this numbers game needs to be addressed through strong advocacy, in my opinion.

00:34:35 - Stacey Soltoff: - agreed Sally

00:34:42 - Kenneth King: - And then KOMO puts out over count numbers, which then city and law enforcement quote, which then becomes seen as the official numbers, which are then bumped up again from the non-friendly groups.



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00:35:09 - Toroid Ryan: - Toroid Ryan w/The 4C Coalition - Community Strategies Consultant, Mary's Place Seattle- Prevention Specialist, Seattle Cares Mentoring Movement- Recruiting Agent/Mentor 425-362-5431 Tryan@marysplaceseattle.org Toroidryan@the4ccoalition.org

00:35:16 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Kenneth, you're correct!

00:35:17 - Sally Perkins: - KOMO is owned by Sinclair, a well-known conservative media company...

00:35:22 - Stacey Soltoff: - all complicated by the sweeps shuffling people around

00:35:33 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Also Rise, My Sister's Pantry

00:35:49 - Kenneth King: - That's why they are called sweeps. Back and forth and out of sight

00:36:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - My note was about clothing banks:)

00:38:33 - Katie Keniston: - Katie Keniston Executive Assistant for Seattle CARES Mentoring Movement & 4C Coalition ka@seattlecaresmentoring.org katie@the4ccoalition.org 425.502.2736

00:39:19 - Kenneth King: - If anyone is looking for undergrad interns, Pierce College has a social service track, that includes mandatory field work intern hours

00:39:28 - Courtney Love she/her: - sounds great - I'll send you an email and we can connect.

00:40:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is great information, Kenneth!

00:41:15 - Kenneth King: - They are often turned down by orgs, because they are not master level

00:43:02 - Kasey Burton: - Do you pay judgments to former landlords?

00:44:44 - Kristina Lamb: - Kristina Lamb with the Rapid Rehousing Team with Associated Ministries. GOSH housing specialist. Kristinal@associatedministries.org

00:47:09 - Shannon Ice (She/Her) CLR: - Shannon Ice: comprehensive life resources Tacoma; sice@cmhshare.org, 253-355-5803

00:47:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Capitalism doesn't work for most of us

00:47:44 - Shannon Ice (She/Her) CLR: - Thank you Jay

00:47:45 - Kristina Lamb: - It has become more acceptable by businesses , neighbors, and local governments to bully the homeless which just adds to the lack of trust when people reach out to help.

00:47:51 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - Thank you for sharing Jay!

00:47:59 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Jay!

00:47:59 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you so much Jay, so eloquent.

00:48:03 - Kenneth King: - Thank you for your visibility and efforts Jay

00:48:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Jay - thank you for your clear perspective - not heard often enough

00:48:20 - Stacey Soltoff: - "capitalism doesn't work for us anymore" 🔴 🔴 🐞

00:48:24 - Dana Peregrine: - Cheers! Yes! So agree! Than you Jay!

00:48:25 - Sally Perkins: - Jay, your sharing was exceptionally helpful and I honor your voice and experience.

00:48:36 - PATRICIA .: - @Jay > the divide is real

00:49:01 - Dana Peregrine: - Very well done. Keep presenting!

00:49:11 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Thank you, Jay for your heartfelt presentation. You did great!

00:49:12 - Jay Worley: - Thank you everyone

00:49:43 - Kenneth King: - Kenneth King CPC, SSMH

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Caseworker and wraparound service provider coordination meet

00:50:12 - Galaxy S10: - wow Jay! Thanks for beautifully spotlighting our blindness.

00:50:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Jay, we can't thank you enough for being here and sharing your perspective!



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- 00:53:22 Jennifer Ammons: REET=Real Estate Excise Tax
- 00:55:47 Timothy Harris: Super inspiring. Thank you Po!
- 00:55:58 Kenneth King: Thank you Po
- 00:58:03 Joe Perva: Thank you Po! I truly appreciate your words and your raw truth. Very powerful!
- 00:58:31 Jay Worley: Thank you Po
- 00:58:40 Cynthia Stewart: This group should do some very early legislative candidate forums with presentations from people with lived experience
- 00:59:07 Cynthia Stewart: Michele Thomas and Po from WLiHA have done a remarkable job with the Leg
- 00:59:25 Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: pol@wliha.org
- 00:59:36 Kristina Lamb: Email pleae?
- 00:59:45 PATRICIA .: @Po > Thank You
- 00:59:59 Stacey Soltoff: thanks, Po!
- 01:00:13 Shannon Ice (She/Her) CLR: Thank you Po for your time and resilience
- 01:00:48 Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: Much love to you all! Thank you for your work. This is what 'community' looks like. Po
- 01:01:56 Kenneth King: Jay and Po, as someone who comes from lived experience, thank you both. I needed to hear the representation today.
- 01:02:16 Jay Worley: Thank you Kenneth
- 01:02:27 Kasey Burton: Are you still hiring a data person?
- 01:02:35 Timothy Harris: Whine on you crazy diamond!
- 01:03:07 Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: Thank you, Kenneth! Much, much appreciation for all your do.
- 01:03:09 Nicole G (she/her) WFS: Gerrit, can you please provide your email? I took it down wrong last week.
- 01:04:18 Kenneth King: Thank Po. Just my turn on this side the desk
- 01:04:40 Gerrit Nyland: Gerrit Nyland gerrit.nyland@piercecountywa.gov 253-370-9593
- 01:05:19 Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: I have to head to another meeting. Thank you again everyone, for giving me space today. Keep up the amazing work you're all doing. It matters. Blessed day!
- 01:06:41 Theresa Power-Drutis: Want to help with safe parking? Monday zoom meeting of SS4A (noon to 1 pm) posted on the website pchomeless.org. Come on down!
- 01:10:06 Stacey Soltoff: my input to the q is really a continuation of what Jay so eloquently stated already... to integrate inhoused neighbors in the communities, the housed neighbors have to see unhoused folks as NEIGHBORS
- 01:10:36 Rob Huff (he/him): That is a great point
- 01:10:48 Stacey Soltoff: having just gotten a job in behavioral health in King County, I would appreciate that Gerrit
- 01:15:46 Stacey Soltoff: Gerrit, how can we support you in that? are there scripts/talking points we can use w our council members?
- 01:19:43 Stacey Soltoff: there have been a lot of murders/shootings in the paper
- 01:20:04 Gerrit Nyland: Stacey I'm not sure yet on how to get the city on board with the comp plan happy to hear suggestions.
- 01:21:38 Cynthia Stewart: Is this list online?
- 01:24:25 Richard Dorsett: I'll post this now, would welcome contacts and suggestions.



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- My wife Liz and I are heading off soon on a road trip to explore homelessness in California: San Diego, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Fresno, San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton, and more. We plan to visit encampments, and will meet with advocates and outreach workers, programs, see what is working and what isn't. My question for you with the Coalition: do you have good contacts along the coast who would be good informants or resources in our southern states? Leads or suggestion? Questions about homelessness we might explore? Richard- dorsett.richard@gmail.com or 253-442-3045.
- 01:24:41 Cynthia Stewart: Thank you, Timothy!
- 01:25:04 Kenneth King: Stay safe Richard. give me a call when you get back.
- 01:25:05 rosemary powers: our main conversation emphasized the importance of getting the voices of those with lived experience out in the community—stories of the actual pathways to homelessness. The stereotyped assumptions continue to limit willingness to engage in providing real options. What Jay said about "capitalism not working " for those on the streets is also true for the broader community, it just isn't recognized (a comment we didn't have time to explore together)
- 01:25:28 Toroid Ryan: We discussed implementing a farms market of sorts to engage both the community as well as the client. We are trying to think of a way to give the families a since of pride as well as allow the community to be a significant part of the tiny home/homeless living community
- 01:25:32 Jeffrey Boyce: #10- Small sanctioned camps of 25-35 people, with amenities, and involving the communities where they are.
- 01:26:32 Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: Breakout room 6 notes:
- Observe to see where the disconnects and gaps are to where the engaged community members can be of greatest service.
- We need a mindset shift regarding funding by what is truly needed and what is being offered. Legislative efforts move so slowly that the real needs go unmet.
- Listen to where the unhoused are and how they got there. What is their next need? Who do they have to rely on for support? Family and extended family support?
- An example of underservice is disabled and blind unhoused people being denied shelter because they aren't independent. This is a real need that needs to be addressed like yesterday.
- 01:28:17 Galaxy S10: Is that connected to Covid or not?
- 01:28:50 Kenneth King: My phone is blowing up. I will have to take off. Thank you all for allowing me in this space
- 01:29:32 Caleb Carbone: City Funded Temporary & Emergency Shelter Performance: https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/NCS/City%20Authorized%20Emergency%20Shelter%20Sites/Weeklydata update.pdf

01:29:45 - Caleb Carbone: - Caleb Carbone Homeless Strategy, Systems & Service Manager ccarbone@cityoftacoma.org 253-591-5015

- 01:29:52 Timothy Harris: Room 3 notes. "We have to all be 'us." Need to approach people in neighborhoods as potential allies and meet them where they're at. Be humble and non-judgmental. Work to counter damaging stereotypes and focus on the issues people can relate to. It's all about partnerships, leveraging resources of community and being aware of weaknesses and strengths so these can balance each other out.
- 01:32:41 Rob Huff (he/him): Segments are also posted to YouTube for CityLine.
- 01:34:43 Rob Huff (he/him): Here is the PC Rental Assistance segment on YouTube: https://youtu.be/sj7TFN3Fs1I



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- 01:35:16 Rob Huff (he/him): A TacomaProBono segment is also posted today:
 - https://youtu.be/jceRhCBmNk8
- 01:35:34 Laurie Davenport: Thanks Rob!
- 01:35:48 Caleb Carbone: HEAL Team Manager Update: Recruitment has closed and we are reviewing applications now.
- 01:35:59 Rob Huff (he/him): Thank you, Caleb.
- 01:36:04 Jay Worley: Thank you Caleb
- 01:37:19 Lavada Kent-Napier: if the Heal Team position reopen as contract work let Lavada Kent-Napier be informed.
- 01:37:47 Dana Peregrine: Such great ideas and wisdom in Room 2. Thanks for the conversation! Conversation included: -- Must do the slow, slogging work of bias-awareness and bias-breaking, of sharing how the houseless feel and how we are all a part of the reasons and the solution. -- Must also include the history of homelessness in Tacoma, for example, Skid Row is a Tacoma phrase, and in dealing with homelessness today we are repeating much of what was done in the 1990's. -- Must be radically welcoming and build trust. This is the way to reach those unhoused, as it is the way to reach each and every one of us. - Zoning! and where housing can be placed. Need advocacy for zoning changes in all Pierce County. People have right to live in the community in which they became homeless - Also came up the vital and needed work to bring all the cities of Pierce County into the work of solving homelessness, for example, being a part of the Comprehensive Plan. In many areas of Pierce County, "pierce County' is seen as Tacoma.
- 01:38:14 Sally Perkins: Thank you, Jennie, as always, very informative!
- 01:39:38 Theresa Power-Drutis: Room 8: 1) Asking neighborhoods to suddenly adapt to "hosting" campsites should not be necessary because there we've had (as a city and as a county) plenty of notice this crisis was coming (decades), that the crisis is here (emergency declaration) and that we need safe lots and urban campground (Coalition Summits & SS4A). BUT, because we did not plan well ... 2) County and city can respond automatically when a certain # of unhoused neighbors are present instead of waiting for neighbors to beg for or demand services such as garbage collection, hygiene facilities, other health and safety support, outreach workers. 3) Increase community outreach to promote understanding and collaboration lived experience testimony is critical for this effort. 4) Instead of enforcing codes that don't allow camping, find a way to offer financial incentives for property owners who will allow people to camp on their property (even when this is just for 1-2 tents/cars). 5) Offer unhoused people employment cleaning up areas
- 01:40:37 Jennie Schoeppe: The Naloxone (Narcan) screening station at TPCHD is at 3629 S. D St. (98408, open 5a-1130a M-F. I believe this is open to anyone, but I will find out more about this and bring that info the next meeting (or email folks). Also, can email doh for Naloxone resources: naloxoneprogram@doh.wa.gov
- 01:41:21 Theresa Power-Drutis: Room 8 folk please add anything I missed or any other ideas you have 01:42:33 Jennie Schoeppe: Here is our data page, it is updated 3 times per week: https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/pierce-county-cases
- 01:42:55 Sally Perkins: Room 4 I think. We prioritized educational events in neighborhoods, using role plays and the voices/presence of people with lived experience. To get people to engage with the actual realities of homelessness as a way to build empathy and support. Much would need to be done to make this a reality.
- 01:43:12 Jennie Schoeppe: Please complete our survey to tell us how we did w/ the COVID response: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCPHDCOVID



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- 01:43:37 Jennie Schoeppe: Our vaccine locator page: https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information
- 01:44:38 Jennie Schoeppe: Testing info: https://www.tpchd.org/gettested or 253-649-1412. If you are a business or org, you may request testing by filling out this form:
 - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5Kj32tfFQ0e-
 - gC9zkXEvJDlFhiGsH8RLhhOeWmgHiA5UOUFBWTFXWURCVFNTUTZOUURHT1ZPSEFFMC4u
- 01:44:59 Jennie Schoeppe: I took so many notes. I had so many thoughts and feelings listening to the CVS meeting!
- 01:45:50 Stacey Soltoff: @Jennie I'm sorry I had to miss it! will definitely try & watch the recording
- 01:46:20 Jennie Schoeppe: Please email me w/ questions, feedback: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org
- 01:46:35 Gerrit Nyland: Page 15 of the attached plan has the approach the County uses to estimate the current population of people experiencing homelessness. Always open to input on how to improve the method of counting people experiencing homelessness.
- 01:47:02 rosemary powers: Yes Sally. very important perspective
- 01:47:46 Jay Worley: Gerrit. Another issue with the count is people not wanting to be counted
- 01:48:03 Jay Worley: there are people that feel in danger by being counted
- 01:48:21 Gerrit Nyland: Yep lots of challenges to getting a good count of people experiencing homelessness. People not wanted to be found or counted is a big one.
- 01:48:41 Jay Worley: Finding a way to
- 01:49:30 Jay Worley: communicate that it can help them and that it isn't a (tracking) thing but assistance
- 01:49:31 Jennie Schoeppe: I thought there was a tension between their work to figure out "how we can make a ban okay?" (i.e. what metrics for shelter capacity would warrant a ban not going against Boise decision), AND whether they think a ban is EVER OK.
- 01:49:37 Theresa Power-Drutis: Gerrit at least you've set a higher bar for estimating the count thanks!
- 01:51:06 Rob Huff (he/him): This is about us. Us.
- 01:51:27 Sally Perkins: CVS was pretty clear that they don't want punitive measures. I think they have a big challenge to explain their current position to the people who expect action to "remove" unhousedn people.
- 01:51:39 Jennie Schoeppe: Agree, Sally.
- 01:51:57 Rob Huff (he/him): I agree with that, Sally. There is an interesting policy conversation coming.
- 01:52:07 Toroid Ryan: How are we doing the counting of homeless families in Pierce County? Is there a way we can host events right outside the trail head of the large encampments that bring the families to us?
- 01:52:26 Sally Perkins: Which is why using the Emergency Declaration won't work as their framework.
- 01:53:06 Jay Worley: Toroid It is the PIT count a 48 hour window
- 01:53:27 Sally Perkins: I want to honor Ed for his willingness to speak up about what he sees really happening. Thank you, Ed.
- 01:54:06 Rob Huff (he/him): Yes, this is important information that we were not aware of before. Thank you, Ed.
- 01:54:30 Laurie Davenport: I agree, thank you Ed this is so important to know.
- 01:54:47 Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: Would Ed be willing to share this information with us? Please?
- 01:54:47 Gerrit Nyland: To estimate the number of people currently experiencing homelessness, we rely almost exclusively on our shared Homeless Management Information system. We do not rely very much on the Point in Time Count. That document I attached has the approach we use in nauseating detail.



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01:55:22 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Ed!

01:55:25 - Jay Worley: - Forgive my misinformation

01:55:32 - Sally Perkins: - Gerrit, the City does not want to use the County's numbers, according to the CVS meeting.

01:55:34 - Jay Worley: - Tank you Ed

01:55:46 - PATRICIA .: - @ED > Thank You

01:57:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Safe Sites 4 All https://ss4a.pchomeless.org

01:58:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Meetings on Monday @ noon - register here:

https://www.pchomeless.org

01:59:08 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Information about Tacoma Tenants Union can be found on our FB page and on Action Network, too. I can be reached at 253.361.0791 and via email at cathyp.tacomatenants@gmail.org Our next meeting is this coming Monday, March 28th.

01:59:33 - Gerrit Nyland: - I'll listen in to the CVS meeting, but at the County we are only interested in accurately counting the scale of the need. We'll make any alteration that improves our count. A much more important number than the count of people currently homeless is the number of people flowing into homelessness - currently well over 200 people a week start a new episode of homelessness. We have to design the system large enough serve all those people.

01:59:45 - Jay Worley: - Ed would it be ok to reach out to learn and help where i can

02:00:26 - PATRICIA .: - for Maureen

02:00:43 - kim ellefson: - thank you!

02:00:57 - Joe Perva: - Thank you ED. Aspen Court is eligible to assist with storage for outreach teams to get supplies. It worked well during the incremental weather before and we would be happy to help again.

02:01:37 - kim ellefson: - Joe that is so awesome. I worked extremely well!

02:01:47 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Rob, has the TPCCEH met in person? or have you always met online?

02:02:04 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We used to be all in-person

02:02:09 - Ed Jacobs: - Thank you Joe. I will pass that along to Jan Runbeck who is working on the sites.

02:02:09 - Courtney Love she/her: - Forum Link:

02:03:01 - Courtney Love she/her: - Forum Link: https://tinyurl.com/TacomaForAll

02:03:42 - Joe Perva: - Please feel free to give out my information as well joe.perva@lihi.org

02:04:05 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Joe - will do

02:06:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Cathy: Are you also working with the mobile home residents who are being evicted in October?

02:06:33 - Nicole G (she/her) WFS: - Can we get Richard's email please

02:08:57 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Richard: please let us know what you find about creative storage solutions too. Looking forward to the notes from the road.

02:09:35 - Richard Dorsett: - Dorsett.richard@gmail.com

02:09:53 - Jay Worley: - Thank you for the chance to speak.

02:10:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Clearly it was a perfect meeting:)