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Rosemary Powers

We gather here as an open table and we're invite everybody who's committed to ending homelessness. With respect for our different approaches. We meet on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians grateful for their ongoing stewardship of this life sustaining home from time immemorial. And today we acknowledge yesterday's historic Senate confirmation of Khatami brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court. Ahead of yesterday's final vote, but having counted the votes Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer called the moment a quote joyous momentous groundbreaking day and went on to say in the 233 year history of the Supreme Court, never never has a black woman held the title of justice tonchi brown Jackson will be the first and I believe the first of more to come so that's the Senate majority of your speaking but I join us Yeah, you said join us and yes, I today. am joyful, and even with the horrifying news of war, deepening environmental threats and growing inequality, I will give in to joy. I'm heartened by this Supreme Court confirmation. And I look around the room and I'm heartened by what I see in the Zoom Room I look at all these little squares of all our faces are our names and focus on the positive power I feel in this space to connect to join, to advocate to influence to challenge to act together. You know, it's tempting given the enormity of the task before us to pay less attention to the joy but there is real power here and that power has something to do with joy. Poet and naturalist Mary Oliver gives me lots of things to think about and I wanted to end this little century experience by just telling her telling us all her words, she says, Don't hesitate. If you suddenly and



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unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate Give into it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed are about to be we're not wise and not very often kind and much can never be redeemed. Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back that sometimes something happens better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of it's plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb. Joy is not made to be a crumb. And so here we are, more than crumbs and in fact really quite tremendously wonderful people. And we have a meeting that we proceed together with that we have a few norms we asked you to, to work with as we move meet together. Simple ones like raising the hand function when you want to speak, keeping your video off if you're doing something else so that you're not distracting and keeping your mute, keeping yourself on mute unless you're speaking. So Rob will put those in the in the chat so we'll have access to that and also the for the chat for those of you who are new. We use this as a networking source. So it's just great to put anything in there that's appropriate for you to be wanting to know more about or to share with others. Contact information, events coming up questions you might have that we'll pay attention to as we go along. And so please do that. And we asked for respectful conversation. The norms for our community are to be sure we speak up but also stand back if we speak up, give other folks a chance rather than take up too much space ourselves. And use the chat for more extended conversations. So with that, I'd like to welcome anybody who's new or returning to us after being away for a while to just announce that you're here. If you're part of a group. Let us know what that is so we can make networking activities with you later. So anyone who's new can either raise your hand or just unmute and speak at this time.

Andreta Armstrong

Hi, I'm Andrea Armstrong, and I am the Human Rights manager with the City of Tacoma. The typically my staff, my the HUD investigator would come and participate and listen. However, he just transitioned to another job. And so I will I'm here now and I hope to be joined by the new HUD investigator. So thanks for all of your work, and it's just a blessing to be a part. Thank you.

Rosemary Powers

Well, welcome Andrea. We'll be happy to have you here as often as you're able to come.

Andreta Armstrong

Thank you.

CC Mendoza

I'm CeCe Mendoza. I'm from MDC and I'm back.

Rosemary Powers

It's wonderful to have you back. That's great.



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Rob Huff

And Laurie, I see you have your hand up

Lori Ries

Hi good morning, everybody. My name is Laurie Reese. I am a Workforce and Economic Development Coordinator for the Pierce County Library System. And it's my first time joining this meeting and hopefully I'll get to talk to you guys some more in a little bit. Thanks for having me.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome Laurie. This is a wonderful resource. Thank you so much for coming I don't know if you see anyone else wrong but if not, you can carry on

Rob Huff

okay. And if folks did, Jeremy, you're raising your hand. Go ahead.

Jeremy Reid

Hello. My name is Jeremy Reid. I represent house of mercy. We're a transitional housing program. We have 25 houses throughout five counties in the state and we address people transitioning out of incarceration, homelessness and rehab. My main purpose for being here and our organization's interest in what you guys are doing this because we're trying to address you know, homelessness and providing solutions for that. Our biggest barrier is Pierce County. We're having barriers in being a solution in that account. So that's why we're here to network and find solutions, how we can help because we are a resource. A lot of people we work with. In fact, you can ask a Seattle clemency project, they said 40% of the people they send to us will have been homeless, have we not been there? So that's a direct quote from from them. So that just shows that we are a viable solution to that problem. And we're here and we want to help. We're coming up against nothing but barriers in Pierce County. So we want to find a solution and work together and network and get to know some of you folks and see what we can do.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you, Jeremy. It's great to know about your program. Look forward to hearing about it.

Jeremy Reid

Absolutely. Thank you so much.

Rob Huff

All right, so I'm not seeing any other hands up. At the moment. If you didn't get an opportunity to introduce yourself or you'd like to do so in the chat. Please do use that just as Rosemary said we use



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our chat as a resource. It's posted on our website at PC homeless.org so that we can go through that for the valuable information that people share, including their contact information if they're new that organization, so please utilize that. Let's shift to our regular standing item every week. Oh Tauride I see you have your hand up.

Toroid Ryan

Yeah, I had a waiting room that was trying to get in I just wanted to make sure. Oh, I didn't.

Rob Huff

I don't think we have the waiting room enabled. Garrett will check into that and see. See what's going on. But I will be able to get sent

Toroid Ryan

them the link they have to register. I sent them the link. Do they have to register? Yes.

Rob Huff

Yes. Yeah. So there's just a simple registration link on the website. Okay, and that will get them in. I'll find

Toroid Ryan

it and send it to them. Okay.

Rob Huff

No problem. Thanks. All right. So let's shift over to our item that we do every week about this week on the streets. And what we're doing is asking for those who are doing direct outreach providers, shelter providers to share what they are seeing this week, what has changed. What would this community what should we be aware of, and any resources that are needed? So I'll open the floor just use the raise hand function or physically raise your hand and I see Monique can get us started.

Ivan Tudela

Good morning, everybody. It's been a while. Can you hear me? Well, you can Okay, terrific. I'm using a headset because I've got some work going on upstairs if you hear some knocking and banging that's the floor folks. So So Bob Hope's Veterans Village, we are getting close. We got the water in yesterday. They're finishing up today. We still do not have power. However, we have all 25 tents up they'll have cots in them chairs in them. The little nightstand dressers will be showing up this week. And we're just about ready. We had an unfortunate mishap when the windstorm happened. So the \$800 kitchen tent that I purchased is no longer in use. We'll say it 20 by 20 is not like a 20 by 10. So anybody has any connections for heavy duty, let me know. But we've got a list of 2423 veterans on the list waiting to get in. And so we're just waiting for the power. Once we get power we can open up and start having people



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come in and we do have a couple of people that have been parking outside waiting to get inside so we're ready as soon as we get the power.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. That's great news. So you don't do is it likely within a couple of weeks or still this month.

Ivan Tudela

The city tells me by the end of this month you know, they've been saying that since November. So yeah, you know, it's there's a lot of supply chain issues and the power has been difficult to get in touch with them and get it all worked out. But they say by the end of April, and I'll just keep you posted on that but I'm telling you as soon as I get the electricity taken folks.

Rob Huff

Great. That is good news. And we'll look forward to celebrating with you when that is able

Ivan Tudela

to Yeah, thank you.

Rob Huff

Yeah. Well if you have your hand up

Wolf

hey, I haven't been on for a while so it's good to be back. For those who don't know me I'm wolf or ZEV. I am the co chair of the serve people program in the hilltop. Recently, we've just been continuing our regular service about we're up to about 100 to 250 to 200 meals a week. Served around camps directly. to folks in camps. It's been lovely recently in the weather is turning up and people are really having a good time. There's a lot more folks out when we're serving to share some positive moments. We got our hands on some guitars that we've had a few people who play at camps and I went down and with mine and we had a little Guitar Jam sesh at camp, which was a lot of fun. Generally, our program is looking forward to the heat waves that are coming so I'm not sure what's been discussed recently on on these meetings. But right now what we've discussed is getting our hands on some of those like very super large coolers and putting them out at camps and then just continually refilling them with ice and water bottles. We're also reaching out to businesses and organizations that might have extra freezer space that we can fill with water bottles and freeze water bottles to take out during the heatwave. Because, you know for folks who were around last year, when they opened TPU there was plenty of water at all the camps had tons of water but was all warm. And people had difficulty keeping their core temperature down. So we're going to try and do something about that this time around. So if anyone has any connections to businesses or organizations that may have extra freezer space, please reach



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out and I'll put my information and certain people's information in the chat. Anyways, thank you all so much. Good to be back.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Wolf. And yeah, thank you for thinking ahead to this summer. Hopefully we won't have the severe conditions we had last summer but we need to be better prepared. Bob, you have your hand up.

Bob Vollbracht

No, thank you Rob. And Bob Fulbright Gig Harbor keeping us Housing and Homeless Coalition. Update from our meeting yesterday. little alarming news from Emergency Food Network in that while we all understand the significant rise in the cost of food, particularly meat at this time and the challenges with supply chain shortage. They are reporting reports from the 75 Plus food banks. They represent that many of our homeless and at risk families using the food banks are now in a heightened level of anxiety, feeling that they will not have access to enough food with the shortages. We're going to talk to EFM this morning and touch base with Northwest harvest and food lifeline i This this is alarming. They already these these folks already have to deal with so many different challenges and anxieties in their lives. So not sure what we can do but we're going to address it Rob and we'll keep you guys updated.

Rob Huff

Thank you for that Bob and thanks for allowing me to join your meeting yesterday. It was good to hear what's going on in the area. And I see Jay you have your hand up and you were in yesterday's meeting as well.

Jay Warley

Yes, I was just letting you guys know that that report is gonna link in the chat so that if anybody wants to see the report that came up yesterday day during that meeting of that food and the percentages, it's there.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jay. So anyone else with updates or what they're seen on seeing on the streets this week? I will share an anecdote from my neighborhood there, so I have not received any notifications from the city of Tacoma this week of new impending sweeps. However, I do know that individuals are periodically being moved around after being contacted by city staff that took place along North K Street earlier this week, where a tenant moved roughly a block from where it was before. The only reason I bring this up it's happening in neighborhoods all across the city but I am seeing people on Facebook, talking about organizing harassment campaigns to try to move people out of the neighborhood. Things like showing up with air horns and blaring tents. That kind of behavior. So if you see or witnesses that kind of thing. Can you let us know I think there may be some work that we'll need to do to try to bring



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down the heat in this these kinds of situations so that we don't end up with a confrontation. So one of the ongoing worries I have. So I thought I'd just share that progression. I see your hand up.

Patricia

I just wanted to share that you might see more people. I mean, not just because of the weather out and about but those that are vehicle residents are like leaving their cars and going to get like their supplies versus driving just because of the cost of gas just saying alright, thank you.

Rob Huff

Yeah, that's a great point to Patricia. All right, so let's shift to our first presentation of the day and I would like to welcome Kendall Jenkins from all time or Memorial Church. Kendra, would you like to share in our community spotlight a little bit about what's happening at the family shelter.

Kendra Jenkins

Good morning, everyone. It is a pleasure to be here. It has been a while also when I have been on with you all I know what I've had to I was asked to present about the shelter. I think it was over a year ago so many of you I may not know and a lot of people say they have never heard was didn't even know we were here. I am Kenji Jenkins. I am the administrative assistant. The intake coordinator to that injury. And the shelter that we have is actually called the G M A C family shelter which stands for give me a chance and we opened in February of 2020. So lucky us we came in right before the pandemic hit so we were initially going to just be a 12 hour overnight family shelter but of course with the pandemic heating we ended up in 124 hours and we have been 24 hours ever since. So we're very small our capacity is 10 families. And so because of that our availability for rooms does not come around very often. And a lot of that is because our families once they come to us, they really don't transition from us until they have actually found housing. And what we have found since we've been open is that we have several families that just need quite a bit of time to get to the point to where they can get on their feet and actually get into their own places. We had one family in the beginning. The mom actually had to have brain surgery. And so it took her over a year to actually fully recover but they are happy to report they are both working now. They do have their own place and so they will frequently come back. One thing I can say about us because we are very small. A lot of our families tell us that we it becomes to feel very family oriented. They really do bond they really do feel like family to the point to where we've had times when the families transition out. The kids are crying and the parents are like we really don't want to leave because they are our residents and our families really do bond like family and keep in touch. We do have a lot of our former residents will come back and visit. I've got one she has a standing visit every Wednesday. I know on Wednesday evening when she gets off work she's gonna come by and she's gonna chat with me and just keep me up to date with what's going on with her. So we really wrap our hands around our families. And we really do treat them like family and they say that's one of the things that they like about us. So because of that a lot of what we offer has it kind of it fluctuates because of course with us being new and having gone through this process now for two years, there are some things that we didn't realize families would need or there's things that we didn't



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offer in the beginning that we do now. So now we have well just peered the things that we offers. We do have laundry service on site. We have internet capabilities throughout the building. We have a cable TV in our common room. Every family does get their own room. We have three meals a day and the young lady that runs the kitchen. This is her business. That's what she does. So she is very well vested in all of the rules and all of the things as far as keeping food at right temperatures because she had she does have a culinary background and that's what she does. So we also some of the newer things that we have kind of discovered the families have needed and we kind of do now is Pastor Clark. Now does counseling. A lot of our couples have requested that with him so he's like man, I got I'm, I'm putting on my counseling hat. So that's something that he has started. And we also started last year a finance class to all of the residents. I teach that. So we are now on our fourth and fifth classes. It is grown so much that I have been asked now to offer the class more than once a week. And my residents that have moved are now calling me saying hey, we don't want to stop coming in can you now do a zoom class so that we can stay with you now that we've moved out so it's it's really growing and taking on a life of its own? So that's something I have to look at. What we have coming soon. We haven't started yet is we will begin offering a shuttle service to the store and I think we're gonna a lot of our families tend to just go to Walmart right there on Union so I think we're going to start with making a weekly run to Walmart using our the church vans that's something we are in the middle of working out, and then we've gotten notary services coming that'll be probably in the next several months too. And then one of the other things that we offer is a summer academic camp which we already had in place. But last summer we do now we just incorporate the kids of the shelter into that and that's five weeks and the kids will get breakfast they'll get lunch they get field trips and so the kids that came this past summer absolutely loved it and are already asking when can they come again. So we are family shelter we take families with children under the age of 17. We do primarily operate off of referrals from other service providers. But there are some physical challenges to our shelter, which is so we can't take everyone like we're not handicap friendly. Because at the shelter, everything is multi level like we've got three levels that families have to come and go so we were just not set up to take anyone with a lot of your physical limitations. Also, because we have a lot of life threatening and serious allergies in the building. We don't take any service animals. So that's the other thing I'll get asked about also as far as what the coalition can do to help you all have been amazing when I send out emails and ask for help you all have been wonderful at responding to me. And I really do appreciate that because that's always my first go to when someone says they need to like I don't know if you all saw we had a new mom who had a baby had absolutely nothing and so I shut out the email and I tell people Oh, I know where to go. I'm gonna go to the coalition because they are going to end I mean, I kid you not everything I have needed and as you all have been amazing at getting resources to me, and I greatly appreciate you so I don't know what else y'all could do outside of that, because when I yell for help and waved the white flag y'all are coming. And I just appreciate that so much. So where we are physically located, we are in downtown Tacoma. We are literally sandwiched between the Bates Technical College location on Yakima and the main library on South Conway so we are literally in between there. And so our phone number and I'll put the contact information in the chat. It's best to reach us by phone and my work schedule fluctuates but I'm pretty good about returning email and and what email or phone call I'm



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really good about answering those. So I think I covered everything I made some notes because I was trying not to forget. Oh um since we have opened, we have served and this is adults and children 140 And we have had 90 individuals exit out to permanent housing. The latest would be a family of four that just received their housing last this past Tuesday. And I've got another family who shared that they should be getting something by the end of the month. So it's it's been great. I love what we do. Um, I didn't know that it would it awakened something inside of me to transition to this work, but I really do love it. And thank you guys I've talked too much so I'm gonna shut up and open up if anybody had questions or anything for me.

Rob Huff

I don't think you talked too much at all. So yeah, if people want to want to raise their hands, Paul, I see your hand up

Paula Anderson

Oh, sorry. About that. Just was wondering Kendra, do you guys take domestic violence? Maybe people have families fleeing from domestic violence at all.

Kendra Jenkins

Thank you for that there was one that I forgot um, when I get those calls. i We really take it on a case by case basis. And the reason is because in my mind set in the way my thought process works, and Pastor Clark tends to agree when you have a shelter like we're not completely as secure as I would think IDV shelter would be and so our biggest fear is having someone come in and because our families are not accustomed to having to have that additional heightened security or thought process. I would just I were not very comfortable bringing someone in because I would just feel like it would be a lot easier for someone to find them and things like that. But we have had a few cases where we did bring them in. So it's really really case by case and getting a really good picture of what the situation is. Thank you

Rob Huff

anyone else with questions for Kendra? All right.

Theresa Power-Drutis

If you can put the information into the chat.

Kendra Jenkins

Yep, I will do that now. Thank you.

Rob Huff



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Yes. Well, thank you for taking the time to be here. Kendra. It was well worth the wait. Thank you. Thank you for the work that you're doing. And I'm really glad to hear that the mailing list is helpful for you. So

Kendra Jenkins

yes and I will do better at being here on Friday morning. I'll come get my life together.

Rob Huff

It'll be great to have you. All right. So let's shift gears again. And I would like to invite Laurie from the Pierce County Library System to talk to us. Oh, actually, I take that back. Just one moment. Laurie. I was gonna have Teresa, ask the group a question before we move on to the Lord.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Well, hi, actually, I'm doing a little promo for the next two weeks here. And the first promo is that we are going to have our partners from across the bridge next week. The other coalition are one of the other coalition's Bob was Bob is up Bob is here today and he's going to be here next week to to talk about some of the issues about people who are in Pierce County and outside of Tacoma. So if you have either an interest you're somebody who's working mostly outside of Tacoma, and you have particular barriers or asks or some way you would like to collaborate more fully with people who are working inside those boundaries, or vice versa. It's a good week to come and air those ideas and network. So we're going to hear from a few other people. We're working with the county. I've got my eye on Paula and some other folks to talk with us about that but that's going to happen next week. And the following week. We're gonna do a little focus on the the connections between poverty, homelessness, incarceration, and that sort of spiraling down I don't think of it as a revolving door anymore. It's more like a spiral down that we're witnessing. I think, mostly in this room, people are aware that people who've been incarcerated are 10 times more likely to experience homelessness than the rest of the population. So it bears a little looking at how do we welcome people back in the community. How do we intervene before they are incarcerated if they are currently homeless, the all those things, and so we're gonna have some folks including some folks from the house of mercy, who you just heard a little bit from this morning to come to talk with us then and we're going to have a discussion about that during our breakout. So if you have connections with deep connections with any of these things, please be in touch with me and put my email in the in the chat there. And let me know if you either think there's somebody we really ought to contact ask them to come and do a little spot during one of those two sessions. Or if you yourself had something you'd like to offer around those topics, or you have questions that you want to make sure we address during those two meetings. Put them in the chat, please. Or email me and you are welcome. Welcome. Welcome to come and join us.

Rob Huff



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Thank you, Teresa. And let's shift now over to Laurie to talk from the Pierce County Library System to talk about a new digital literacy tool. So Laurie, you have the floor.

Lori Ries

Thank you so much. And thank you to Robin Garrett for working to get me in to meet with you guys.

Rob Huff

One time Laurie. Your voice is a little muted. I don't know if that's something that you can fix on your end.

Lori Ries

Yeah, let me see Hold on

Rob Huff

It's just a little muffled is all okay, Is

Lori Ries

that any better?

Rob Huff

That's a bit better. Yeah. A little better. Yeah, that's better. Okay.

Lori Ries

I wanted to connect with basically what's happening right now we've got this brand new resource and I want to get it in front of as many people as possible. So I'm just thrilled to be here. Now we know that there are like a ton of great resources that are available online. And if folks can get to them, then they've got access to things that they need. But the problem is that, especially during the pandemic, it's spotlighted the digital divide or or even made it worse. We're not really sure. And so Northstar digital literacy is a program that was created by literacy minutes Minnesota years ago by one of their grants. And Goodwill actually has had access to it for a couple of years. I'm not sure how long exactly but you're able to connect with that resource through them. But this past year, Elizabeth from the State Library and a team of us library users have been working to get this in place for library systems across the state. And so now Pierce County Library has this digital literacy tool and I'm gonna put I'll put the landing page for that in the chat and my contact information. But really what I want to talk about is because we have access to devices and internet in our branches, we're able to help serve a lot more folks throughout the county, who might not be able to make it into, you know, the one stop center or the goodwill training center over on 27th. We have a little bit bigger reach so we want to talk to folks and get them funneling and knowing that this is available. Because we've got staff that can get them set up right away with I mean, literally one of the first assessments that's available through this tool is basic



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computer skills. So they sit down in front of a computer and they go through this assessment that just asks them to identify the parts of a computer maybe that's where they're at in their digital literacy journey, that they don't even know what a USB port is yet so you're not going to get far when you're talking to someone in a language that's pretty common to 50% of the population. But you haven't realized that the person across from you is not comfortable with this or doesn't know this stuff yet. So they've got this series of assessments to just see where are you? Where are you right now and the way that they're built is AI non threatening is kind of a good word. They're not scary assessments. They're just click here if you know this, and if you don't know it, they highlight it they show you and then a bunch of days have lessons that accompany them. They also have curriculum that can be taught by any one who wants to have these have these classes to help folks really bridge that gap. So you've got stuff from again as basic as identifying where's the mouse? Is this a laptop or desktop? Where's the monitor to learning how to navigate on an Apple computer versus a Windows operating system computer just really basic stuff your social media footprint, how to filter information appropriately. There's an information literacy module on there. It's all very basic stuff to help navigate that that divide. It's not a perfect tool and it's not a fix. All. But it's a great, great start. And Elizabeth is continuing to work with the developers there to funnel kind of suggestions from what we're seeing from our audiences. So another thing is that the more audiences the more different types of customers we can connect with and learn. What are the shortcomings, the more suggestions we can turn around to funnel back to them? I know that already they're working on in language translations. There should be some Spanish modules actually already coming this year. Those are all based on the funding that they can get. So they're not guaranteed we have to keep you know spreading the word and getting people to be on board and using it and growing their base so that they can then push for more funding. To provide more services. They're also working on a telehealth module, which my understanding of that is it will help folks learn how to more comfortably navigate doing some of their health care things online. safely and also but with more confidence. So and, and another reason to be at a meeting like this. It's not just to tell you about this tool. We at PCLs have a separate license for other organizations. So we want folks to come into the library to use our devices sign up there our staff is happy to help but also if your organization is interested in having this yourselves, we have a paid for license that we are happy to bring you on board. As Proctor's you have access to all of the curriculum that way you can view your home, learners progress your own customers, see how they're doing, see where they're at. Maybe you're hoping to help them navigate some of their challenges by kind of having some benchmarks for them to pass. One of those could be hey, let's do three assignments as part of what we're working toward, but two, three of these assessments will do a basic computer skills, see where you're at something like that. And so if you guys have more questions about that you want to learn more about what does it look to be a proctor again, I'll drop the stuff in the chat. I just there's more to it than this. I don't want to take up any more time but I just really feel like between all of our reach. Here's one more tool in this tool about that we could get out there and get folks a little more comfortable. The myriad resources that are available online are no good. If we don't have access to broadband, we don't have the device. And if we don't have the skills. So this one is trying to address those skills and there are millions of dollars right now to access the broadband or to address the broadband and device issues. So also we're looking for



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partners that are getting on board with that so that we can go on this journey together. But um, yeah, so again, so thank you for having me. I will drop some information in the chat and if you have questions, I'm happy to answer them or you can follow up with me later. Thank you so much, guys.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Laurie. Any one with questions for Laurie that asked like to ask right now. Just use the raise hand function all right, I'm not seeing any questions. I did put the link to the front page of the resource in the chat and I'm sure Lorie is going to drop additional information in there. So thank you for taking the time to be here. Laurie, we're glad you could join us and hopefully we can send some folks to use this tool.

Lori Ries

Thank you so much. One more thing. QL library and the Tacoma Public libraries to also have this tool so we've got pretty much every corner of the county covered between us all. Perfect.

Rob Huff

Thank you again and let's shift to our next item on the agenda. So the the next item we're going to do a quick update on the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness. Garrett, I know that the advisory committee held its first meeting on April Fool's Day. Not that there's significance to that was on April Fool's Day. What What should What do you think we should share from what from that first meeting with the advisory committee?

Gerrit Nyland

And I know Rob, you're the liaison. To the Homeless Coalition.

Rob Huff

I am. So a lot of what was discussed at that two hour meeting and and right now we're currently scheduled to have meetings on the first Friday of every month as an advisory committee going forward. But what was shared was an overview of what was actually passed. And then it was essentially conversation about implementation updates that Garrett had put together. I know he shared the packet with the entire coalition last week ahead of the meeting. There was an overview of the charge of the advisory committee, and then discussion of the Unified regional approach, which is the first of the six goals in the strategic plan. So anything else you would add Garrett,

Gerrit Nyland

I think figuring out what that group is going to do is still a teensy bit up in the air. So one of my responsibilities is kind of putting together a charter basically for the group and how it's going to function. And even a little bit the makeup is sort of in question. So I think that'll kind of shake out over time. A couple of folks have noted that, that looks like a rather white group of people. And we shifted from



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being really deliberate about sort of how we built that to basically inviting groups to provide a representative for the newer groups and that that that may not have been the smartest approach. So So those are kind of governance things, right, how the group functions who, you know, who is occupying the seats. And so I think that's hopefully going to focus in a little bit more at the next meeting with a much clearer kind of responsibility for that group and what it needs to be accomplished. So

Rob Huff

yeah, and I do there were a couple of points where there's action coming around that unified regional approach. There was conversation about the requests for information going out or RFP actually going out mid May, with the consultant that would help devise what or help facilitate the creation of that what that approach is going to look like that the consultant would be chosen in July, so or by July, it's what I have in my notes. So there is action going to be taking place real soon and three members of the advisory committee have agreed to be part of that RFP process helping form it, including dr. long green from the the committee so any questions about where things stand right now in terms of the Comprehensive Plan J.

Jay Warley

More with the comments that are allowed from public and otherwise, when are those medical like when's the final date of each month to turn those in?

Rob Huff

That is an interesting question. To turn what in sorry. So So in terms of public comment, Oh, yeah. Any guidance on that Garrett? I do know that there was a recognition that that from the advisory committee members that they wanted to prioritize taking live public comment during the meetings.

Gerrit Nyland

Yeah, so I would say if you get any public comment and before the actual meeting starts, then we will certainly provide an overview. If you aren't providing it in person, then we'll definitely you know, make mention of the the content that was provided prior to the meeting 9am on Friday. Morning, would be plenty of time to make sure that that could that can be included. But again, I think we'll be doing at least one round of public comment. I am not quite sure. We talked a little bit about having if we're making decisions, making sure that we have it around those decision making like when I run the Transportation Commission, we always do public comment at the start of the meeting for anything on the agenda, that we're making decisions about really anything on the agenda. And then at the end, we have an open public comment for things. So I think we'll take probably an approach that has to do with how that group needs that public comment during the meeting. Right, thanks.

Rob Huff



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All right, so let's shift to take a quick look back. I'm glad Timothy's here to take a look back at last week's breakout conversation. We're going to move toward doing our breakout conversation for today, which will be a little bit different and I'm sure we'll have a lot of energy but Timothy, I can share the document on the screen. Right you would like to kind of provide an overview.

Tim Harris

Yeah, ready to go here. So last week, our discussion question was what what, what, who should we do? I actually can talk. Who should we be doing outreach to in an effort to continue moving the comprehensive plan to end homelessness forward? And discussion around this really broke out into two areas. There's one section that I organized into suggested tactics and tools for community outreach and then the next section was groups institutions coalition's alliances people to engage. So to summarize some of the feedback around that it was noted that there's really a dual meaning to outreach here. There's the outreach to electeds and so forth, really sort of lobbying side of it to move this forward with policy makers, decision makers and so forth. electeds and community side of the outreach work and that both of those are essentially relationship focused. Some of the tactics that people talked about organizing a panel of homeless and formerly homeless people that could go out and do kind of a dog and pony show show to various kinds of groups. The inner something that I've noticed in in doing this, is that there's always like a million great ideas for organizing projects that somebody should do. And I don't know quite what we do with that. I think that just sort of sits where it is. So there's that there's the mention of the infographics that were developed by the safe shelter for all committee and really making use of that. And you know, again, with the public meetings, and doing outreach that way, some elected official outreach to talk about some of the work that some programs are doing that they may not be aware of a cool idea about maybe offering some kind of in service program for public employees to get them up to speed on this. And then there was this idea of getting information to staff that libraries because they have a lot of contact with homeless individuals on the group's institutions people that we should be engaging side fairly comprehensive list of ideas there that I would encourage you all to look at. You know, engaging the currently homeless population was something that a lot of folks talked about labor unions Chamber of Commerce, coalition's like compassion to come to calm and safe. Various groups say you can go down the list faith community groups, and then electeds and oak cool idea about McKinney vento program outreach and school districts with you know, a sort of a focus on highlighting homelessness within the school system because of course, they counted differently than the federal numbers and it's sort of a window into the true reality of who is affected by homelessness and get folks involved in that conversation. And various you know, community networks that we could be doing outreach to. So that's that's the summary.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Timothy. Sure. So there was a question in the chat about where folks get this information every week. I actually haven't checked the website to see if last if this has already been posted on that org. Yeah. Garrett has been really good about putting this up right after Timothy creates it so you can actually get a look at it before we do the review if you want. So let me shift into this week's



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conversation. So we've been hearing some some murmurs from folks about talking about when should the coalition should the coalition return to in person meetings? When should we return to in person meetings, and what should they look like? So we're going to do a little experiment here. We are going to open with a quick poll question. And then we'll go into breakout conversations. And we will come back to have a poll a second time and see if people's thoughts have changed. So let me launch this poll and see what folks are thinking about this right off the top. Again, the options here are one in person Friday coalition meeting per month, one hybrid Friday coalition meeting per month. Every Friday coalition meeting being held in a hybrid format. Meetings remain online with one separate monthly in person social event. And then Friday meetings remain online with one separate weekly in person social event. And of course, it's optional to participate in so we're just trying to get a early temperature folks in the room All right, so it looks like about 68% of us. 73% of us have participated I'll close this in just a couple of seconds. All right. So sharing the results. We have 38% of folks like the idea of the keeping the Friday meetings online, with one separate monthly in person event just to have that social connection. 23% would like every Friday meeting to be held in a hybrid sort of format. 15% want one Friday, one hybrid Friday coalition meeting per month, and then 17% wanted one in person Friday coalition meeting per month. So let me do a quick screenshot of these results. And we can move into a breakout conversation. And the conversation that we wanted to have is just to get people's idea in the breakout rooms. of of what people have a preference for in terms of these meetings going forward. And the idea of returning to some sort of in person format. I see Cynthia has asked how hybrid would work. And that is a great question. It's one of those things that we would have to decide and that's one of the things that could be discussed in the breakouts is decide what does a hybrid meeting look like? What would we want to set the expectations to be for folks who participate through the online option? How should you know how much work there could be a lot of work that's involved in creating a hybrid meeting? That's as interactive as a Zoom meeting to make sure that the people who are remote have the same kind of access as people in the room. So that that's one of those things that can be discussed in the breakout conversation.

Gerrit Nyland

I just want to make sure it's clear, Rob that when we're talking about one in person Friday coalition meeting a month, that would be with the rest of the Friday's being

Rob Huff

remote. Right.

Gerrit Nyland

So there's still a question about that in the chat. So,

Rob Huff



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okay, okay, that that's good, and I didn't catch that. So what we're going to do is we'll spend 10 minutes in the breakout rooms and please, if folks could take notes, have somebody take notes in your breakout room and then drop the resulting notes into the chat at the end. That would be great. We will come back here at 1010.

<breakout Groups>

Rob Huff

Welcome back. Everybody. Hopefully that was fruitful conversation. I do hope that people will drop their their information in the chat. And so that Timothy can pull together a summary I'm sure they'll still be lively. What I do want to do is rerun the poll that we did at the beginning of the meeting. So let's see if people's thoughts have changed. And again, the options are the same as the last time one in person Friday. coalition meeting per month. This is in addition to continuing to do the online meetings in other weeks, one Friday Coalition for me from hybrid Friday coalition meeting. Come on. Every Friday being a hybrid format. Yeah,

Tim Harris

there is we noticed an issue with the poll. Because the option that we landed on isn't even on the poll. It's a kind of a hybrid of two and the last two options on the poll, are they look I think they're exactly the same. So you know what, what we landed on was three zooms a month and one in person a month with out making the in person a hybrid because that would probably undermine people getting together in person. So can we get is can we make that an option?

Rob Huff

Well, actually, that is, it's poorly worded, but that is the first option. Okay,

Tim Harris

I don't think people understand that. Yeah. Yeah. And that's why

Rob Huff

that's, that's on me and when I created the poll, but yeah, that was the intent. That first option is that we would do one in person meeting per month with that not making that hybrid and remain on Zoom.

Tim Harris

Got it. Thank you. That's clarify.

Jay Warley

Oh, yeah, what did said one hybrid a month. I thought you meant one a month. Yeah, right. Yeah, it's okay.



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Rob Huff

All right. So sorry for that confusion. Let me end this poll. And I'm sure there's going to be more info interesting information in the in the chat, but you can see what the results were this time through, probably with the same confusing poll language. Still, the most popular item was that Friday meetings remain online with one separate monthly in person social event followed by the one in person Friday coalition meeting per month. So once again, sorry for the confusion on that. Let me take a screenshot here and we will move to the next item in our agenda. Please do if you have other thoughts and other ideas, do include them in the chat. And we will shift to our regular government updates. So let's start with the City of Tacoma. Caleb I saw you're on the call earlier you have information to share.

Caleb Carbone

I do. Thanks. Thanks, Rob. A already started putting stuff in the chat here. There is there's a couple of things I wanted to highlight. If if and I'm not sure if you're talking about this later on Rob, but the study session that happened on Tuesday. I do encourage folks to go back and watch and watch that it is it is a pretty helpful conversation to understand what they decided about the camping ban and what their actions that they would like to see moving forward with services and shelters. So encourage everybody to go back and I'll post that study session link in the chat as well. I put in the temporary emergency shelter performances in the chat. I will put in the encampment outreach. We were able to visit three locations with a little bit less staff this week. And we're able to conduct one phone referral. 16 individuals were able to be contacted which two of them were placed in shelter this week. I also wanted to highlight that the cities need to diversify and kamin outreach which was also brought up in the study session too as well, providing that we're conducting outreach in the city and intends to release a competitive funding opportunity to do that. So all currently funding outreach providers, and any new providers. Interested in conducting outreach should apply if they'd like city funding for encampment outreach. So I just wanted to highlight and that will happen. I believe it starts in late May or June there'll be a release and and then we can walk you through that process if you're new or existing on how to find out more about the outreach services. And in doing that. Monique gave an update about Pope and as a city we are also really, really focusing on how to get that power. And it's just power and TPU are out a few weeks. And so we have are permitted in and we are ready to dial that up when they're ready to get to that site. And it sounds like that's the last thing that we need to do. Anytime I'll just open this up to any questions that anybody might have.

Rob Huff

I'm not seeing any at the moment. I did. Oh, I see Monique's got her hand up.

Monique Brown

Caleb do we need to register somewhere to see that outreach funding when it comes out?

Caleb Carbone



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Well, Nick Yeah, I've already got you dialed in because I know you asked about that already. So no, you won't need to. It'll be I will also bring it up again in the coalition meeting when we post it so that you have access to that that announcement.

Monique Brown

Awesome. Thank you. Yeah.

Rob Huff

Oh, Jay. Yeah. Jay.

Jay Warley

So there are a couple of groups that I know of that have been looking to start outreach is this for something that they already have outreach enabled or working on starting to?

Caleb Carbone

That's a good question. So what so they're thinking about starting an organization that performs outreach services?

Jay Warley

There is one that is thinking about doing just that. And then there is another that does features and otherwise but hasn't done outreach but occasionally would like to or has conceived of doing so.

Caleb Carbone

Yeah, Thanks, Jay. Yeah, they can actually reach out to me and we can talk a little bit more about the process and what they're thinking too as well. I'll drop my contact information and have them feel free to reach out to me or yourself if you have more folks and just to kind of understand the process and what the city is hoping to do in terms of adding additional and diversifying sources.

Jay Warley

Perfect, thank you. Yeah. And then add

Ed Jacobs

Oh, okay. Just a clarification question. You said that, that your folks were doing outreach this week. Are there any sweeps scheduled?

Caleb Carbone

Thanks for that clarification. I'm not aware of any encampment cleanups right now. That are on the docket? Yeah. I'm pretty we'd like to hear



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Rob Huff

in Jeffrey

Jeffrey Boyce

Hello, Caleb. Our church is one of the churches that are supplying food for the camp Pope on 82nd. What what's the chances that the city is going to build some more of those? Because those are really perfect size. They really are ideal.

Caleb Carbone

Yeah, I love that question. Yo by Jeffrey, Jeffrey, Jeffrey, Jeffrey, I appreciate that question. Yeah, we really want to be able to see this success in these in this in this type of shelter. And I think we are open up to the idea that if there's a lot of success in shelters like this, that we want to be able to set up more that would reflect the need of the need of the people and so I am I know that it has been a supply chain issue. And I know it's been a long road to getting this thing done. But as soon as we can get that up and look and track the success of it and it for Emoni to be able to just say that she's ready almost has 83 folks signed up for that, that there is that quite that need and so we just want to be able to see that need be able to continue to extend so we can open up maybe more opportunities in the future

Monique Brown

and just be out there busting my foot. I'm sorry, Jeff. I said I'm gonna be out there busting my butt to make sure that it's the best model ever so we can have more.

Jeffrey Boyce

Problem Monique. So are there is there plans from the city to follow up on this or just sit and wait and see how this works for six months?

Caleb Carbone

When you say follow up, what do you mean by that?

Jeffrey Boyce

Build more.

Caleb Carbone

Oh, I see what you're saying. So we have a couple of other projects that I know that are right now on the top of the list. One of our shelter expansion rates rescue mission sorry men's rescue mission expansion shelter. And and then also there is a project with brotherhood rise to that they are starting that we are also trying to partner up with them too. So that is taking a lot of our time with the staff that we currently have right now with Matthew, and I'm sure some of you are familiar with Matthew. I know



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he's been in these meetings before and will be returning as well. So those are the two projects that we're working on now. Okay, yeah.

Rob Huff

All right. Thanks, Caleb for those updates. Especially especially for the information about the other two projects are underway. So that's helpful. Um, let's shift over to updates from Pierce County Human Services I saw Jeff is on the call.

Jeff Rodgers

Yes, good morning. I don't have an update today. Sorry. That's okay.

Rob Huff

We're glad you're here regardless. Um, how about an update from Valerie regarding rental assistance? Or did Valerie step away? I must have lost Valerie.

Monique Brown

She didn't say something in the chat, Rob. Okay. She says the rental assistance website for upcoming events and rental assistance and Tacoma pro bono and that you put a link in there

Rob Huff

perfect. Yep, she must have gotten called away to another event. So I appreciate that. She was able to put that in the chat. Do we have anybody from the oil let me look here. I'm not sure if we have anyone from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department on the call with us today off to offer an update. Lee is the year

Rachel Hauser

I'll actually be filling in today. Rob Hauser here. Thank you. Hi, everybody. Just filling in for Jenny sheppy. She is out this week. Feel brief updates. I'm sure most of you have seen that. Those that are 50 and over or immunocompromised 12 and older can go ahead and get that second booster can always just go on our website to find the closest location to you. exciting bit of news is our test to treat program has recently expanded to all Pierce County residents. So this program is free. It's really just intended to connect high risk patients who are testing positive for COVID 19 and they lack insurance or they're underinsured or just maybe don't have a primary care provider. This will connect them with a health care provider to get the treatment that they might need. So it's really simple. If you test positive you call a number or you scan the QR code on the flyer that I'll put in the chat and you're able to have a virtual appointment either over the phone or like a telehealth appointment. And you speak with a nurse practitioner who just does a bit of a screening with you and will help decide what treatment option might be best for you. So you'll actually receive a prescription for an oral treatment or you will be referred to a clinic if you need an IV injection. It's really quick when you call you get your appointment within about



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an hour. So it's really intended to get this treatment to the folks who need it most really quickly. As far as our excuse me, our latest project is called Tacoma creates and you might have started to see ballot boxes around town. But this project is really exciting for the community. It was actually a voter funded initiative. This was on the ballot a couple of years ago. So this is voter funded. And the whole premise is there will be a vote on which \$100,000 cultural project you would like to see in your community. So we're focusing on South Tacoma and East Tacoma. Each area will get \$100,000 to put towards a arts culture heritage and or science service project. There are projects that have been decided that folks can now vote upon. This was a I think there were like 3000 ideas that the community came up with and they then narrowed them down and there's three ideas for each neighborhood. So folks that live work, play, go to school, have kids that go to school, in the 90s 404 or 98409 zip codes can go ahead and vote. I will put some more in for information into the chat so you can see what you're actually voting on. But this is actually funded by your it's not funded by excuse me, it's being put on in partnership with the Public Health Centers for Excellence which is actually a partnership with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. So that's kind of why I'm the one telling you a bit about it. And I think that's about all I have any questions. I think I see. Alfred has a hand up yeah, a point of clarification,

Alfred Kirk

but let me get my microphone your point of clarification. The now is supposed to be a second booster, or is that supposed to be so is that two boosters?

Rachel Hauser

Yes, sir. That is a second booster. So you would have had your primary series and then you have your boosters and this is your second booster.

Alfred Kirk

And this would this would be a booster on top of the booster will will. We've already had.

Rachel Hauser

Yes sir. Okay. Yep. And so right now that's just for folks that are 50 or over or if you are 12 and older and have certain conditions that make you immunocompromised Okay, thank you. You bet. Any other questions today? I think that's it's thanks so much, everybody.

Rob Huff

Thank you for the update Rachel. And do we have anybody from Pierce County Emergency Management on the call today? I couldn't see anyone but on adopt for the opportunity. i Alright, so

Patricia

email by event so if there's any updates on couldn t wrap. Perfect.



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Rob Huff

Yeah. Um, so let's shift over to our quick advocacy update. The study session this week, I wanted to share the schedule. We'd previously believed that the homelessness update from the city of Tacoma was going to happen this coming Tuesday. It's actually been shifted out to the 19th. So that is a change. This week's noon study session on Tuesday for the Tacoma City Council does include an update on the affordable housing action strategy. So that may be of interest to folks as well. There is the regular meeting on Tuesday night does include an opportunity for public comment during community forum. So if you have an interest in talking to the city council about anything that is under their purview, that's an opportunity to to make public comment. The meeting again is being held in a hybrid format so you can make public comment either in person in council chambers or online, over zoom, and then the community say vitality and Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on April 14. The agenda for that meeting is not yet posted. But that is next Thursday the meetings at 430. As has already been noted in this meeting the the update from the deputy mayor lizska to the rest of the council with recommendations regarding the camping ban. Were already covered during this last Tuesday's study session is a is a other items sort of update. So that information has been discussed and links have gone in the chat. So appreciate that. Any questions regarding advocacy this week?

Rosemary

Rosemary Powers

I was just thinking I read Sally's comment in the chat about the pushback on the no camping ban report. And so I just encourage I know Ed made a passionate plea last week or somewhere in the last little time of having making sure that we let our council folks know when we approve of something that they've done and since what that committee put forward is really what the coalition has been saying for quite some time. I would just recommend that we all make it a point to let them know they have support for that action.

Rob Huff

Yeah, that is a great point rosemary. It's it is important to let folks know that we're thankful when they follow our advice. So and I have seen on social media, especially on Facebook. Some real strong pushback on the the news European story regarding the recommendations from the community vitality and safety committee. So I would expect it could be a lively CVS meeting this coming Thursday as well if they get to public comment. Other items I saw Paula asked about the I think it was Paul asked about this any news about the safe parking ordinance and when that is going to come to the full Pierce County Council. I don't so the Pierce County Council agenda for next week is not posted yet. It has not gone yet to the full council. I don't know Garrett if you're aware of timing on that.

Gerrit Nyland

19th April 19 is last I heard I haven't checked in if that change.



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Rob Huff

Okay. Yeah. So that that may there may be an opportunity for us to make comment on that legislation at that April 19 meeting.

Gerrit Nyland

And if you've got comments, you can get them to me and I can get them to the people. So there's still lots of time for amendments to happen. If you want to do that in the formal pathway. You can do it at the meeting. You can do it through sudo formal pathway through me.

Rob Huff

Great and Edie has his hand up.

Ed Jacobs

One of the issues with that proposed ordinance is that with eight cars, there's a need for a permit. And we'd like that changed to an MOU between the county and the organization that is doing the safe parking so if you have the opportunity, you might want to email the county council members and ask them for that amendment. The that amendment goes right along with the language in House Bill 1754. That was passed. And I just think that's one of the things they can do to clean up their their proposed ordinance.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Edie and Paula has her hand up.

Andreta Armstrong

Yeah, I just wanted to also add to that that in the document the exhibit order for the ordinance that was online on the city council, website it has it does have a memorandum of understanding with minimum information required. And one of the things on there which is something that we have been doing with our other sites is safe parking shall be subject to a sex offender anybody wanting to be in safe parking will be subject to sex offender check by local law enforcement. We have we are not local law enforcement but because we are who we are. We've been able to do those checks. I will tell you from having personal experience of working at a police department for 10 years. If you're trying to have a police department. do background checks on extra people besides the ones the officers are contacting. It's going to be hard pressed it shouldn't be that that is something that should change to reflect the ability of the managing agency to do the background checks or the hosting site because if you're a church, you can also do those background checks because there are children around and so I don't know for sure why they put in checked by local law enforcement. So that's just something that stands out to me.

Rob Huff



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Great point maybe you can write that up and get it to to Garrett will do as long. Yeah. All right. So as usual, we're a bit behind on our agenda. If you have additional advocacy questions, please do drop those in the chat. Let's shift over to speaking of safe parking, safe sites committee update. Can

Janet Runbeck

Yes. So save sides. We've talked about the Council resolution that basically adopts the language of House Bill 1754 with a couple of caveats. And I'm glad Garrett is willing to act as a go between between the coalition and the the committee working on the language. So let's let Garrett know some of these these issues that the permit versus MOU is cumbersome and and the fact that the host side can do their own checking on on sex offender. Background checks is is great for the council to know that being said the resolution is six months only after six months they are going to revisit the challenges the barriers and the success of of basically putting their stamp of approval on what the state of Washington has already passed in in the legislative body. So let's just stay on top of that. The big thing that we're working on now is what the emergency distribution network. If you remember wolf earlier today talking about going around to different churches asking if they've got freezers so we can throw water bottles and freezers for the next inclement weather hot weather situation. We are as a Monday committee so let's ask everybody who's interested to show up on Monday at noon at the Zoom meeting to talk about the distribution center that's going to be throughout the county. We've got some great partners already in place. Gerald Davis from a brotherhood Rhys is willing to be act as the fiscal agent Joe Purva Bless his heart has talked about allowing us to use Aspen court there on Hosmer force distribution site for major things. Deon Jacobson with St. Vincent DePaul is reaching out to her network of churches. We're going to map these things and we've we whittled the essential list down to four items, four items that churches and other sites would be agreeable to manage, store and manage and allow access to all outreach workers be the be the volunteer or paid outreach workers for the next inclement weather event which we all know is going to happen. So that that is our report. Hope to see more folks. Monday noon zoom Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jen. And next on our agenda would be any other coalition committee updates, and I see actually before we get there, Paul's hand is up.

Andreta Armstrong

Yeah, I just want to give a quick update and let everyone know that

Paula Anderson

we got the final copy of the grant from the county for safe parking. We have not signed these final document yet that should be coming and then but we're going ahead and moving ahead because we gave approval on that. The Board gave approval. So I just I'm letting folks know that in addition to the current sites, which provides 27



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Andreta Armstrong

open spots for people to be located to have safe parking. We have all of them filled at this time. And we have a waitlist right now. But this week alone, I have spoken with no less than five churches that are interested. Some of them are in city limits. Two of them are in city limits of Kubala One of them's in city limits of Sumner and then I'm headed to Gig Harbor this afternoon to talk to some folks over there. So we've just been waiting on this. I want you all to know that there are plenty of places that are interested in this and what I'm doing going forward is making sure that in anticipation of this resolution getting approved by the Pierce County Council, I'm having even people in the city limits go through that process. And just wondering and this is something we can talk about later. Whether or not the MOU if they're within the city limits should be between the hosting entity and the city versus the county. So food for thought.

Rob Huff

Got it. Thanks. Thanks, Paula. I'm Rosemary your hands up.

Rosemary Powers

I just have two announcements. of meetings for committees of the Governance Committee is going to meet this coming Wednesday the 13th of April at nine o'clock and we're working on finalizing to in some way or other our mission and strategies to meet our mission. So if that conversation of last week was of interest to you and you want to have some feedback to us, you can share that at the meeting or you can send I will put my chat my email in the chat and you can send any thoughts that way as well. And then the race and equity committee will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month, April 21. And if you're interested in that group, I can send you a resource that we'll be discussing during that meeting. That meeting is from three to four. So those are the two committees that will be coming up soon.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Rosemary. Paula your hands up again.

Paula Anderson

Nope, sorry about that.

Rob Huff

Oh, no problem. Any other coalition committee updates we need to share? I don't think I'm aware of any. Okay. So that brings up one of my favorite parts of the meeting good trouble announcements, anything that people want to share with the full group here. And I see first out of the gate is Jan with her hand up.

Janet Runbeck



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Ah yes. This coalition was in place with in person meetings for several years ever since 2017 When the city of Tacoma declared homelessness under emergency. This coalition is very effective at being aware of red flags. Red flags that affect the population by drastic changes to the size such as the pandemic and climate change. Boy, isn't that isn't that great? Here we are. And then we have poverty crashing into climate change and Pandemic on the issue of pandemic. This coalition has a variety of skills and talents, one of which is people like Garrett, that if there's a grant running around, you will write a grant and get money for a project that is directed at helping this population. Just go figure. And then the rest of us sort of jumped to action to see what we can do. Garrett successfully procured a lot of money to get incentives \$50 incentive cash cards for anybody who is living homeless. Who agrees to get a shot to protect themselves and their community against COVID. So that all started in August of 2021. I somehow said I would help on that. Got got in the middle of it and was a sort of overwhelmed by the propensity of the problem. And along came Christine Lindquist. I'm going to turn it over to Christine now to do sort of a synopsis of what we've been up to take it away Christine.

Christine Lindquist

Hey, everyone. So this program that this project that Garrett, secured funding for, as Jan mentioned, was a a \$50 incentive card program to get people to get vaccinated with a homeless folks to get vaccinated with an emphasis on people who are living in encampments. So the vaccine project started the first vaccines were administered September 1 2021, and the last ones were administered just this last week, on April 6, and during that time, 426 vaccines were administered and people received incentive cards for those and 17 people also received incentive cards for having completed quarantine. So 444 Total cards were distributed to folks to help keep them safe. And the thing about this project that was just so amazing, was is the number of partners involved in this work. So the vaccine clinics themselves were coordinated by Tacoma Pierce County Public Health, with vaccines administered by ambulance, public health and medical teams International in the Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps. And the vaccine site partners were really varied. We had all time or church Catholic Community Services Family Day Center, comprehensive life resources, First United Methodist Church greater lakes mental health care, the hype center nativity House New Beginnings next chapter, Pierce County coffee Oasis Project Homeless Connect again rise to coma rescue mission and then Tim's three attempts for so. So we just wrap this up and we're just really excited that this was able to happen in Pierce County. Are there any questions?

Rob Huff

Any questions? Well, I just want to say congratulations for this work. It was really important to get those resources out to encourage folks to get vaccinated. That's fantastic. It also was good to be able to actually meet Christina in person during Project Homeless Connect this last last week So Michael, I see that you offered an update and chat from Project Homeless Connect anything else you'd like to share with the group? No. I just want to say congratulations it was seemed like a very well run event. It was good to see the energy and see people back together, doing good work. Do we have any other items for the good or the order? All right. So I also like to carve out time during every meeting for people to



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offer their feedback on how today's meeting went as well as to offer suggestions for what we might do in upcoming meetings, including topics for the upcoming meetings. So let's set aside a couple of moments for that. Any thoughts on today's meeting? What went well? what didn't go well, other than my horrible poll and things that we might improve for next week. You can also feel free to drop those items in the chat. And Rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

I just wanted to say how much I really like having this report by Tennessee on what we've discussed previous week. And I think, you know, in terms of what we can use it for, I think it'd be good to put it on the steering committee agenda as something to review for those meetings. So that everyone knows that their voice is coming to those meetings in that form. At least. And it's just thanks so much, Timothy for doing that. And Garrett,

Gerrit Nyland

thanks. This is actually getting the order but I couldn't find my raise hand then. So marine Howard I wanted to give just the tiniest update. She's kind of getting your butt kicked by chemo, but she's soldiering through and she sent me on a mission to find her and like a power adjustable bed. And so that's not something I know how to procure on my own and I just thought I would send that out to the brain trust in the room here. So hospital bed kind of wants something a little lower like a an adjustable bed, really just to raise her back so she can be chickens. So I'll put my contact information in. If you have any access to one or any suggestions on how to do that. I would appreciate it.

Rob Huff

Thank you Garrett and anyone else with thoughts on today's meeting? All right, so as always, I wish everybody a happy and safe upcoming weekend. If you have an interest or the ability to stay and help with planning for next week's meeting, we'll have a small group of us doing that. Right here after about a five minute break. Otherwise for everybody else. Be safe. And healthy and we'll see you all next week.