



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting – 2022-04-15

00:28:25 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

00:28:39 - 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.

00:28:46 - Cynthia Stewart: - That's what Richard Dorsett is doing!! Paying attention, being astonished and telling about it.

00:29:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Exactly!

00:30:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great intro Rosemary!

00:31:45 - Shannon Ice: - @ Gina Cabiddu its so good to see you, its been so long. hope your doing well.

00:31:54 - Sally Perkins: - Part of what makes these meetings so effective are Rosemary's thoughtful and insightful opening reflections. Thank you, Rosemary.

00:32:08 - Cynthia Stewart: - Ditto Sally

00:32:13 - Dara Bardelas: -

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00:32:18 - Gina Cabiddu: - Hi Shannon! It's so good to be back- I get great, regular updates about this group so am happy to be part today.

00:32:41 - Timothy Harris: - So wonderful to start these meetings with such intention.

00:32:42 - Gerrit Nyland: - 63% of adult women and 17% of adult men experiencing homelessness in Pierce County identify as survivors of domestic violence.

00:34:27 - Jenny Lorton: - Thank you for the numbers Gerrit! Almost all of the households we work with at Inside Passages are fleeing domestic violence, or have experience domestic violence.

00:35:04 - Dara Bardelas: - Thank you for that information Gerrit!

00:37:25 - Stacey Soltoff: - ive been driving past the 509 encampments on my way to work. definitely scary seeing folks during rush hour

00:38:35 - Timothy Anderson: - Thank you Colin - We at the City of Fife, were able to connect 5 people with resources yesterday. ANYONE in or around Fife can come to the Fife Community Center to be linked to resources. Including our Jobs Program.

00:38:59 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thanks for that information, Timothy

00:39:55 - Kathleen Edelheit: - I have a contact who may be able to help with VA services. Please contact me. Kathleen@Tacomaprobono.org

00:40:46 - Gerrit Nyland: - I'll ask for veteran outreach to 509 to be added to the agenda of next Tuesday's Veterans Steering Committee meeting.

00:41:40 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Good to see you Colin!



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- 00:42:46 - Sally Perkins: - Seem to be more tents at 10th and 11th and L, perhaps from the sweeps of nearby encampments.
- 00:43:38 - Ed Jacobs: - Sally, you are correct 11th I and M is growing
- 00:43:41 - Colin DeForrest: - Thank you everyone
- 00:43:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes Sally - all of the smaller camps are absorbing the sweep relocation folk
- 00:45:02 - Richard Dorsett: - Anyone lucky enough to get a Beautiful Angle poster with the tent? A very awesome piece of work.
- 00:46:25 - Rian Booker: - FYI - TNT is reporting the that Tacoma Rescue Mission is closing it's kitchen for about 2 months starting in May.
- 00:47:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - One of the best tools for reducing the tension is providing more services to mitigate impacts on neighborhoods AND outreach to housed neighbors
- 00:47:19 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I saw that, Rian. I still need to read the piece though...
- 00:47:41 - Sally Perkins: - I saw the TRM article too, how might the community respond and what would be most helpful to TRM and the people you feed?
- 00:52:08 - Richard Dorsett: - Contact info for Adam?
- 00:53:00 - Shannon Ice: - www.stars4peace.org
- 00:57:32 - Adam Martin: - Adam Martin
Stars 4 Peace w/Artists 4 Life in the Sound
musicheartdestiny@protonmail.com
(253) 273-5369
For more information about Stars 4 Peace:
www.Stars4Peace.org
- 00:58:37 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Adam THANKS
- 00:58:47 - Stacey Soltoff: - question regarding TRM - how many ppl will be impacted? if they said, I missed it. I know the encampments near it are substantial but I also see a fair number of cooking fires when I drive home after work...
- 00:59:23 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - ZYDECO QUEEN CAJUN FOODS COMMISSARY KITCHEN IS OPEN TO ESTABLISH LINK TO RAISE FUND 253 231 2303
- 00:59:24 - Rian Booker: - 45,000 meals
- 00:59:50 - Rian Booker: - ^^ @stacey
- 00:59:51 - Adam Martin: - Lavada also thank you !
- 01:00:27 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - much labor of love in progress
- 01:01:28 - Shannon Ice: - Thank you so much for coming Adam Martin
- 01:02:13 - Sally Perkins: - Adam, your work is amazing, thank you so much.
- 01:02:55 - Adam Martin: - :-) It is really wonderful to be here - what an amazing source for our community! Thank you too Shannon!
- 01:08:27 - Jess Gomez WRF: - please feel free to reach out to us at ana.ascanio@seiu775.org or Jessica.gomez@seiu775.org
- 01:08:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - A chance to support the Tacoma Catholic Worker: May 1st 11 am -1 pm "a garden gathering with stories, great coffee, and a chance to see our work in person" here is the link <https://www.tacomacatholicworker.com>
- 01:08:51 - Cynthia Stewart: - Thank you Ana, this is so important for people to understand
- 01:09:18 - Jenny Lorton: - From an HR Director of 20 years - I would STRONGLY encourage everyone here to do their own research on this!
- 01:09:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - This a great program Ana - thank you!



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- 01:09:26 - rosemary powers: - Thanks Ana and Jess for your work on this
- 01:09:31 - Adam Martin: - Thanks Ana - you are great at presenting!
- 01:09:43 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Thank you for sharing
- 01:09:49 - Leah Ford: - Thanks for sharing!
- 01:10:16 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks, Rian. I assume that's the projected impact for the whole time is projected to be closed? roughly how many meals/day?
- 01:10:45 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Ana please contact 253 231 2303 Napier
- 01:10:50 - Cynthia Stewart: - Re: Jenny - yes, own research is important, but Ana is representing the coalition who got the legislation passed, both the original and the update this year. You will not find anyone more knowledgeable.
- 01:11:38 - Shannon Ice: - Shannon Ice; comprehensive life resources: Homeless outreach/Fpath. Sice@cmhshare.org 253-355-5803
- 01:12:19 - Rian Booker: - @stacey - yes. 45,000 over 2 months
- 01:13:01 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks rian. any concerns that the kitchen will be closed longer than that?
- 01:13:24 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - QAFrom experienced developer 253 2312303
- 01:13:28 - Rian Booker: - idk - I'm just regurgitating the article.
- 01:13:44 - Jenny Lorton: - My father just passed away and spent 5 months on hospice - his last 2.5 months would not have been covered.
- 01:14:16 - Jay Worley: - Ana is there any chance you could put your contact email in the chat?
- 01:14:17 - Stacey Soltoff: - there is a community forum being hosted by the Tacoma Tenants Union & TDSA at Evergreen on the 23rd
- 01:14:23 - Jenny Lorton: - Apologies y'all!
- 01:14:52 - Stacey Soltoff: - @rian gotcha. thanks!
- 01:15:06 - Shannon Ice: - Sorry for your loss Jenny Lorton
- 01:15:19 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Jenny, I'm sorry for your loss. that's rough
- 01:16:04 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - my service is on and off I missed some of Elliott presentations
- 01:17:05 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Here is a link to the video from this week's City Council Study Session: <https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22635&GUID=58DDFCD5-5FA2-4415-8921-5B6F51A0A80B&R=38569913-8d77-48f3-90a3-c257653bbee1#>
- 01:17:39 - Stacey Soltoff: - is there any social housing in the Home in Tacoma Plan? or is that waaaay too ambitious for this rezoning plan?
- 01:19:02 - Sally Perkins: - Stacey, NOT too ambitious, it needs to be integrated into an expanded vision of the whole situation. The housing challenge changes daily and this framework will need constant updating, including this map and other assumptions.
- 01:22:28 - Gerrit Nyland: - Are there any projections on increased housing unit creation that will result from these proposed changes? If so, will housing increase faster than the pace of population growth so that we will become a city with enough housing? What year will that be? Or are we just hoping this will be enough.
- 01:23:14 - Sally Perkins: - The City's Dept of Env Svcs just used a process called "transcreation" to develop messages and information for communities who speak world languages. But the transcreation method also would work for communities, like unhoused people, whose lived experience is so different from the policy-makers' experience. On City Council reg meeting on April 12.
- 01:24:00 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - 2020napier1950@gmail.com
- 01:24:14 - Rian Booker: - As housing densities go up, what strategies are in place to mitigate parking density?
- 01:25:26 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - What about Fire safety between dwellings?



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- 01:25:33 - Sally Perkins: - How does the City's priority for green space change with the increased density? South Tacoma warehouse project is an example of green space that could be lost...
- 01:26:38 - Sally Perkins: - AMEN, Theresa!
- 01:26:39 - Courtney Love: - Housing Justice Coalition HIT Amendments Proposal:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/18nXTt_97bV0BB4KP3hEYZOewmAEgNh1hNs_rnh613HE/edit?usp=drivesdk
- 01:26:50 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Gina and Bob, can we do the government updates and then launch into your conversation?
- 01:27:02 - Gerrit Nyland: - A couple options to connect with people experiencing homelessness, talk with the Pierce County chapter of the Lived Experience Coalition - contact Courtney Love at courtney@wearelec.org. Also, you can connect with the Youth Advisory Board - point person is Selena Woods - swoods@reachtacoma.org
- 01:27:46 - Gina Cabiddu: - Yes Rob!
- 01:27:46 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We need social housing, along with all other kinds of housing.
- 01:27:55 - Cathy Pick: - Say that louder, Theresa!!
- 01:28:08 - CC Mendoza: - RIGHT ON Theresa!!!
- 01:28:32 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - That approach hasn't worked so far
- 01:28:39 - Dara Bardelas: - Well said Theresa
- 01:28:47 - Sally Perkins: - Housing does not "trickle down" unfortunately. Building a lot of general housing is unlikely to get the result people say will happen.
- 01:29:20 - Gerrit Nyland: - Elliott - Another great way to get input from people experiencing homelessness is to set up a focus groups at our shelters - happy to make connections to the different shelter operators to make that happen.
- 01:29:25 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - We need to learn from other communities that had sick buildings and spent millions to get rid or still set abandoned
- 01:30:04 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - That said, I am totally opposed to single family zoning - so glad to see "Home in Tacoma" leading away from that
- 01:30:30 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We talk far too little about the high cost of requiring people to own one or more cars to get to work and run errands. That cost is more than \$10k per vehicle, per year. It is a HUGE cost burden.
- 01:31:06 - Gerrit Nyland: - If you want to help the City of Tacoma build a better pedestrian and bike infrastructure, you can visit or even apply to join the Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group - information at https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees_boards_commissions/transportation_commission/bicycle_pedestrian_technical_advisory_group
- 01:32:00 - Cathy Pick: - Is there another way to add input if we already have a meeting on the 20th?
- 01:32:08 - Verda Washington: - Thanks, Sally. I agree and I saw the presentation. It is so eye opening
- 01:32:16 - Gerrit Nyland: - And if you are interested in the topic of parking in the City of Tacoma, the Parking Technical Advisory Group is a great way to have a say in how the city approaches parking - https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees_boards_commissions/parking_technical_advisory_group
- 01:33:21 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - very true jenn
- 01:33:59 - Gerrit Nyland: - A way to have a say in the way Pierce Transit operates - you can join the Pierce Transit Community Transportation Advisory Group - <https://www.piercetransit.org/community-transportation-advisory-group/>
- 01:34:06 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - please share with me too



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01:36:08 - Cathy Pick: - Does anyone know where we can get data regarding the unhoused in Tacoma? Such as the latest Point in Time count?

01:37:19 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - maintenance for social housing was defunded - thank you Reagan

01:37:55 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Cathy, Gerrit is your best resource. HMIS has the best data.

01:38:12 - Cathy Pick: - Thank you, Rob!

01:38:20 - Beth Mickelsen: - I believe this is the link for the meeting next weds.

01:38:21 - Beth Mickelsen: - <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=38997>

01:38:31 - Gerrit Nyland: - The latest Point in Time count should be published this month at some point.

That said, it is our least accurate tool to measure the number of people experiencing homelessness. As part of the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness, I should be publishing that sort of data right now, but I'm a bit delayed on that.

01:39:22 - Courtney Love: - HIT amendments, chat re-drop:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18nXTt_97bV0BB4KP3hEYZOewmAEgNh1hNs_rnh613HE/edit?usp=drivesdk

01:39:32 - Elliott Barnett: - Home In Tacoma Project webpage: www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma, email: homeintacoma@cityoftacoma.org.

01:41:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Elliott! You came to the right place to hear diverse opinions :)

01:41:12 - Gerrit Nyland: - Last summer our estimate was around 3,300 people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County, but the trends are showing a steady increase in the population since then. I finally have a data analytics team at the County, so we should have some weekly counts of people experiencing homelessness published on line in the next month or so.

01:41:58 - Paula Anderson: - Yay Gerrit! I can't wait to hear about it!

01:42:30 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Gerrit!

01:42:33 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great news Gerrit - thank you for making that happen

01:42:44 - David Galazin: - join us April 23rd:

find out about the movement to bring housing, environmental and racial justice to Tacoma.

<https://tinyurl.com/TacomaForAll>

01:43:58 - David Galazin: - here's some information about the platform:

sign the petition. we can't end homelessness without permanently affordable housing for all.

<https://tinyurl.com/HTAPlatform>

01:44:16 - Sally Perkins: - Great news about the increased data capacity, Gerrit!

01:44:22 - Stacey Soltoff: - david was so much more eloquent than I would be at this time of day lol thanks @David Galazin!

01:45:29 - Elliott Barnett: - Sorry, I can't seem to put the screenshot of the schedule here, but I will email it to Rob...

01:45:54 - Caleb Carbone: - My email is: ccarbone@cityoftacoma.org

01:46:16 - Caleb Carbone: - City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance:

<https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/NCS/City%20Authorized%20Emergency%20Shelter%20Sites/Weeklydataupdate.pdf> and is updated weekly.

01:47:17 - Jenny Lorton: - @Laurie - do you have any updates on the staffing changes at Tacoma Pro Bono?

01:47:34 - Cathy Pick: - We are very grateful for Tacoma Pro Bono's effort to prevent evictions.

01:47:44 - Kathleen Edelheit: - <https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/tacoma/pierce-county-eviction-moratorium-rental-assistance-evictions-wave/281-a8fd1833-eabd-4abd-9403-5074d9767140>

01:48:00 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for that link, Kathleen!



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- 01:48:38 - Laurie Davenport: - KING-5 article on Pierce County HJP/Rental Assistance and evictions:
<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/tacoma/pierce-county-eviction-moratorium-rental-assistance-evictions-wave/281-a8fd1833-eabd-4abd-9403-5074d9767140>
- 01:51:38 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Here are some links from TPCHD. TESTING: <https://www.tpchd.org/gettested>,
VACCINES: <https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>
- 01:51:53 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Are you eligible for a COVID 19 vaccine BOOSTER?
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/do-i-qualify-covid-19-vaccine-boosters-and-which-one>
- 01:52:58 - Jennie Schoeppe: - To learn more about Syphilis you can reach out to our STD group or check out the web resources: <http://www.tpchd.org/std> or call (253) 649-1418. Here is a CDC fact sheet as well:
<https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/STDFact-Syphilis.htm>
- 01:53:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I'd love to hear from you with any feedback: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org
- 01:54:25 - Gerald Daniels: - I have to jump to another meeting; have a great Eater weekend everyone!
- 01:57:38 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The current system across Pierce County has been so focused on services being located in Tacoma as an intentional decision. I am glad that under the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness, there is a recognition that we should not continue to focus everything in Tacoma.
- 01:58:37 - Gerrit Nyland: - A agree with Rob. I'd take the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness adoption by the County Council as approval of investments in affordable housing and homeless programs in our underserved communities.
- 01:58:48 - Cathy Pick: - What a great reminder of our work's impact.
- 02:02:27 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Bob, Gina, -- do you/TRM team have need for STD/HIV education or resources in your outreach? Is so, I can connect you w/ our CHW who has expertise in that area. He is trying to connect w/ outreach teams to improve support. Let me know! ~ Jennie
- 02:03:05 - Gina Cabiddu: - LOVE this Jennie. I can think of a few partners- what's the best contact info to connect?
- 02:04:56 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - What about the issue of community opposition to initiatives such as Hope Recovery Center. Is some of the problem that some (vocal) people don't want services to be offered?
- 02:05:27 - Gina Cabiddu: - Thx Theresa- I can speak to this.
- 02:07:18 - Paula Anderson: - Such a pleasure working with you all Bob and Gina!
- 02:07:49 - Gina Cabiddu: - Ditto Paula!
- 02:07:52 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Paula, we would love to hear your perspective from the east side of Pierce County as well.
- 02:08:07 - Laurie Davenport: - Great presentation Gina & Bob!
- 02:08:09 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Gina, Ill email you and loop in Marcus Taylor.
- 02:08:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Also, because of code differences - the Key Pen holds potential for low income mobile home options
- 02:08:16 - Paula Anderson: - I'm willing to share!
- 02:09:26 - Jay Worley: - yup in Feb.
- 02:09:32 - Gina Cabiddu: - Gina.Cabiddu@chs-wa.org is my contact, Bob's is vollbm@comcast.net if you've got any questions about the presentation or want to contact further.
- 02:09:39 - Gerrit Nyland: - Zoning is a nightmare on the Key - very limiting in what can be done (basically what sunk the Home Recovery Center - although community opposition didn't help anything).
- 02:11:25 - Laurie Davenport: - Reminder Tacomaprobono is at Key Peninsula Community Services the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10-12!
- 02:12:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We lost the screen share



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- 02:13:12 - Sally Perkins: - Gina and Bob, GREAT work! Thank you so much for the update and presentation.
- 02:13:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Rob & Gina - thank you!
- 02:14:15 - Adam Martin: - I apologize but I have to get to the office for a meeting - thank you all for including me here - I will be looking forward to being part of these meetings in the future. Thank you all for the work you are doing !
- 02:14:56 - Shannon Ice: - Thank you Adam have a good day
- 02:20:02 - Carolyn Read: - Is there an address we can send a card of encouragement to Maureen?
- 02:21:07 - Paula Anderson: - I believe the Safe Parking initiative for Pierce County is being voted on April 18th.
- 02:21:20 - Gerrit Nyland: - If you want to send a card to Maureen - contact me directly and I can provide that address. gnyland@pchomeless.org
- 02:21:41 - Paula Anderson: - jSorry, April 19th
- 02:22:43 - Rob Huff (he/him): - If you would like to provide feedback on today's meeting, please drop it in the chat or send it to me personally!
- 02:23:02 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Carolyn - you ARE doing a great job!
- 02:23:36 - Stacey Soltoff: - accessibility ramps?
- 02:23:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Clinton - thank you for this work!
- 02:24:24 - Carolyn Read: - Readcarolyn@comcast.net networking the Faith community towards a collective impact network
- 02:24:30 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - 2020napier1950@gmail.com Napier skilled certification on physical changell... ramps
- 02:24:41 - Gina Cabiddu: - Thanks for having our coalition today!
- 02:24:49 - Stacey Soltoff: - good mtg y'all! hope to see you next week!
- 02:24:53 - Clinton Brink: - Aging in place/ramps: cbrink@brinkatlaw.com
- 02:24:57 - Cathy Pick: - Thank you everyone!
- 02:25:26 - Nick Turner: - Thank you