



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – April 22, 2022

00:12:48 - Lisa Kleiner: - Love it Rosemary

00:13:15 - Kathleen Edelheit: - We have ongoing LFO (Legal Financial Obligation) clinics at Tacomaprobono. Contact us for more information. <https://tacomaprobono.org>

00:15:46 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Food & resources bank 12-2 everyone welcome no barriers no limits you can pick up for others 4819 S 12 th st Tacoma providers welcome

00:16:15 - Richard Dorsett: - I don't know details, but it seems President Biden stopped at a sanctioned encampment in Portland yesterday. I saw part of a video, may have been at Dignity Village, since that is near airport.

00:18:18 - Shannon Ice: - Shannon Ice; comprehensive life resources: homeless outreach, fpath. 253-355-5803, [sice@cmhshare.org](mailto:sice@cmhshare.org)

00:19:58 - Janet Runbeck: - Richard is our John Steinbeck

00:21:36 - michael lovrick: - Good Morning everyone. Extremely honored & humbled to be a part of this. Michael Lovrick - Program Director for House Of Mercy

00:21:51 - Gerrit Nyland: - Janet - Travels with Richard?

00:21:55 - rosemary powers: - In case you missed Sherrilla's earlier message, there is a good resource coming up —welcome no barriers no limits you can pick up for others 4819 S 12 th st Tacoma providers welcome

00:22:04 - Toroid Ryan: - Toroid Ryan

00:22:30 - Timothy Harris: - Gerrit, does that make Richard the dog?

00:22:51 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - lavada 2532312303

00:22:55 - Kenneth King: - I just got here, What was the question?

00:23:42 - Janet Runbeck: - Kenneth - Lavada needs a new parking place for her food truck. Ideas?

00:23:50 - PATRICIA .: - Legislature passes AG Ferguson, Sen. Wilson bill that provides stipends to individuals with lived experience who participate on task forces | Washington State

00:23:53 - Toroid Ryan: - Marys Place Seattle Prevention Specialist/ The 4C Coalition - Community Strategies Consultant 425-362-5431 [tryan@marysplaceseattle.org](mailto:tryan@marysplaceseattle.org) [toroid@the4ccoalition.org](mailto:toroid@the4ccoalition.org)

00:23:54 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - expense and move truck to storage space

00:23:55 - Gerrit Nyland: - Timothy - well, I guess so. I have to admit I never made it all the way through that book, but that is quite clear right at the beginning, so that is no excuse.

00:24:51 - Nicole G. WFS: - That's horrific

00:24:51 - PATRICIA .: - <https://www.atg.wa.gov/news/news-releases/legislature-passes-ag-ferguson-sen-wilson-bill-provides-stipends-individuals#:~:text=The%20bill%20allows%20low%2Dincome>

00:25:25 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Do we have any type of anti harassment law in Tacoma and/or PC?

00:25:38 - PATRICIA .: - \* that is so scary...

00:25:59 - PATRICIA .: - @Cathy > i was wondering the same thing

00:26:10 - Kenneth King: - Cathy, If we did... it wouldn't be enforced unfortunately

00:26:28 - Cynthia Stewart: - The safe parking ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas, including the urban growth areas, not specifically rural areas.

00:26:30 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - @Kenneth, understood.

00:27:12 - Jay Worley: - thank you Cathy

00:27:17 - Kenneth King: - Our people fall under the same laws as anyone else, and are protected by the same anti harassment laws.



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- 00:27:49 - Dionne SVdP: - We have an ever-growing camp at the end of Madison Ave- our employees have noticed there has been a lot of citizens in vehicles driving down the street taking video and pictures of those living on the street, yelling at those living there, etc. A definite uptick in harassment of the unhoused.
- 00:28:16 - Janet Runbeck: - Dionne - what is the intersection?
- 00:29:02 - Dionne SVdP: - 56th
- 00:29:53 - Cynthia Stewart: - Here is the letter that the League of Women Voters sent re safe parking:
- 00:30:06 - Cynthia Stewart: - OOPS it didn't paste!
- 00:30:20 - PATRICIA .: - @Gerrit Nyland > put in Link
- 00:30:30 - Cynthia Stewart: - I can't attach it after all
- 00:30:36 - Kathleen Edelheit: - I am in search of safe parking for a couple of RVs around Roy. Does anyone here know of any available resources?
- 00:30:37 - Sally Perkins: - Impact Tacoma, which appears to be a recent group, is posting a lot of photos on Facebook...I think they started as a business group but they seem to use some material from the Seattle area as well.
- 00:31:14 - Kenneth King: - Does Roy not have a natural parking environment?
- 00:31:29 - Kathleen Edelheit: - I don't know.
- 00:31:37 - Paula Anderson: - Kathleen, we currently do not have available safe parking for RV's.
- 00:31:41 - Gerrit Nyland: - just attached our safe parking letter.
- 00:32:26 - Nicole G. WFS: - thank you
- 00:32:50 - Christine Lindquist: - Yay!
- 00:33:03 - Kenneth King: - that's a nice short and to the point letter
- 00:35:23 - Gerrit Nyland: - that "exec Dammeier..." file is the letter from the League of Women Voters encouraging approval of safe parking.
- 00:36:07 - Rachel McHugh, Sound Outreach: - Your contact information would be great. Thank you!
- 00:36:18 - Janet Runbeck: - When should folks petition Dammeier's office to request passage of the resolution?
- 00:37:23 - Kenneth King: - Contact info?
- 00:37:37 - Chandra Hallam: - [challam@chapelhillpc.org](mailto:challam@chapelhillpc.org)
- 00:37:50 - Chandra Hallam: - Tues April 26, 12pm
- 00:37:57 - Kenneth King: - What was the title of the discussion again? I want to share it with my team
- 00:38:22 - rosemary powers: - Jan: I think any individuals or organizations should add their voices asap. I am not sure how soon the Exec needs to sign the resolution for it to be implemented, but the more voices the sooner the better. Feel free to use anything from the letter we just agreed to send.
- 00:38:51 - Janet Runbeck: - Thank you Chandra
- 00:39:38 - Jennifer Ammons: - Chandra, TacomaProBono used to have a legal clinic at the Purdy prison to help women deal with family law cases, which I volunteered at regularly. It ended for lack of funding to then represent inmates in those cases. If there was a legal clinic that would be helpful out there, I'm sure TPB and I could figure out how to do it.
- 00:40:16 - Sally Perkins: - Messages to Co Exec ASAP
- 00:51:25 - Toroid Ryan: - You Sir... are what we need out here. We'll said we'll administered, well received 🙌🙌🙌 Godspeed in your movement
- 00:51:29 - Joel Hellenkamp: - How long are people able to stay within your services?
- 00:51:45 - Carol Colleran: - Agsin.Again..
- 00:52:10 - Carol Colleran: - name of program, contact info?



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- 00:52:39 - PATRICIA .: - @Carol > House of Mercy
- 00:52:40 - Nicole G. WFS: - thank you so much, Michael!
- 00:52:40 - Paula Anderson: - Awesome program!!
- 00:52:41 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I'd love contact info for Ashley, Rachel, and Michael please. Thanks for all your hard work!
- 00:53:17 - Rachel McHugh, Sound Outreach: - Thank you Michael.
- 00:53:27 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thank you Michael, a great model of loving your neighbor.
- 00:53:41 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Wonderful work you're doing!
- 00:53:41 - Jennie Schoeppe: - ah, yes, i always forget to check agenda. Sorry, Theresa!
- 00:53:42 - Rachel McHugh, Sound Outreach: - Rachel G. McHugh, Sound Outreach,  
Rachel@soundoutreach.org
- 00:55:44 - Nicole G. WFS: - Love to see and hear of your success, Michael! And how you are using it your experiences and knowledge to serve folks in our community.
- 00:59:32 - michael lovrick: - Michael Lovrick - House of Mercy
- 00:59:43 - michael lovrick: - Michael Lovrick
- 01:02:01 - Chandra Hallam: - Michael, I only see your name but not your contact email or phone number.
- 01:02:48 - michael lovrick: - sorry told you guys I was a rookie with the technology. lol ph: 425-524-6327 cell 206-651-7840 ext 105 work email: Lovrick63@gmail.com Office@HOM.church  
Website:houseofmercyministries.net
- 01:02:59 - Rachel McHugh, Sound Outreach: - Thank you
- 01:04:29 - Janet Runbeck: - Sally, thank you for your leadership to address this little known issue.
- 01:04:45 - CC Mendoza: - I have a small clothing closet at MDC Randall Townsend apartments, I am willing to give to anyone who would like some coats/clothes for the unhoused. CC Mendoza 253-327-3785 cmendoza@mdc-hope.org.
- 01:04:50 - Kenneth King: - would volunteering best be coordinated at the Court Resource Center?
- 01:09:52 - Stacey Soltoff: - I call it the criminal \*injustice\* system
- 01:13:49 - Valeri Almony: - shift change
- 01:21:33 - Paula Anderson: - Room 9- Need resource info/pamphlet that has things of immediate need (food,shelter) transportation
- 01:21:45 - Stacey Soltoff: - room 4: we talked about needing transportation. not everyone getting out needs housing, but possibly a ride home
- 01:22:17 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - thank you for Considering developing sound services for humans in need
- 01:22:19 - Cynthia Stewart: - Bryan, please move your microphone down, away from your mouth
- 01:22:47 - Kenneth King: - can you explain NOFA?
- 01:23:02 - Cynthia Stewart: - Not just lip reading but also less extraneous noise. Thank you!
- 01:23:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Breakout group #8 (GH/KP Housing Coalition, TPCHD, Jan – PHN, MRC, CLR outreach). WHAT WE KNOW EXISTS: (1) GH/KP has strong coordination/communication across services, e.g. at a food bank, they provide wrap around services. (2) Lots of great services exist, need better coordination. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE: (1) Better coordination among all social and other services & resources needed; (2) pre AND post release services; (3) make sure we have a “no wrong door” model – where any place someone shows up they can receive wrap around services.
- 01:23:49 - Janet Runbeck: - Please don't call 80% AMI as affordable housing. What is the low level of AMI being addressed?
- 01:24:04 - Sally Perkins: - Room 5: short term access to housing (like 30 days) and use htat time to address longer housing options. Connect with the community resources (including faith Communities) who are helping formerly incarcerated people and ask them to vouch for people with criminal records for



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housing. There are current networks in Presbyterian (Purdy) and Lutheran (Shelton) assisting incarcerated people.

- 01:24:17 - Jeffrey Boyce: - #2- need resources for not reoffending, a safe place to sleep, food, case management. It is the same problem addressed by people coming out of Western State Hospital.
- 01:24:51 - Laurie Davenport: - Room 11 — a great existing resource is Tacoma Public Libraries/Pierce County Library System. Even if people coming out don't have an address to get a library card, they can get guest passes and access to computers. People need computer skills to get access to resources and libraries have online programs to teach those skills. Coordination of data between DOC and homeless services could be powerful to identify people who need resources. Tacomaprobono has programs to waive legal financial obligations and vacate criminal records.
- 01:24:53 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - I am the current volunteer Lead Advocate and Organizer for Tacoma Tenants Union. We are a grassroots advocacy group supporting tenants to know and assert their rights. We are expanding our outreach to the entire county. My email is [cathyp.tacomatenants@gmail.com](mailto:cathyp.tacomatenants@gmail.com) my work number is 253.361.0791.
- 01:26:43 - Dana Peregrine: - Breakout responses - seems to be few resources specific to formerly incarcerated. Seems that once released it's then all up to the individual to figure out what to do and where to find whatever resources are available. Important for resources to be responsive and meet people where they are at, versus fitting into a program.
- 01:26:54 - Jay Worley: - Room 3 discussed a lack of knowledge and resources that would help in transitioning from incarceration to reentry causing return to incarceration.
- 01:27:00 - Rian Booker: - Group 1: Not so much a resource discussion, but a policy discussion. Felons are released and even though they've done their time and paid their fines, they have to tell everyone they are a felon. Is that always appropriate? It invites discrimination whether it is warranted or not.
- 01:27:46 - rosemary powers: - Group 10 did not have wide experience with supporting those who have been incarcerated, but noted that both Tenants Rights group and League of Women voters supported the Housing Justice bill in the state legislature that did not pass this last session but should be supported again. Also, could include explicit support for Tacoma to include "formerly incarcerated" status as a protected class related to rental discrimination. Time was too short but good to meet others.
- 01:27:53 - Timothy Harris: - Room 7: MDC has a stabilization program for people coming out of jail that is people can be referred to from by their PO or case manager. Is a bridge program that has money for temporary hotel rooms, transportation, food, and such. There are peer counselors and clients have two people working with them. Managed by Pamela Williams. Would like to see "brief interventions" in Pierce county jail system before people are released, where an addiction counselor has the opportunity to do some motivational interviewing to build relationships and engagement and begin the process of the person identifying the sort of help they want.
- 01:28:09 - Gerrit Nyland: - Pierce County has released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Affordable Housing Development and Preservation (22-002-Housing-AHP).  
Application and required attachments are due by 4:30 pm on June 10, 2022. All materials can be found on the Pierce County Human Services website at: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/2779/Solicitations-and-Competitive-Bids>
- 01:28:20 - Bryan Schmid: - Thank you all for you time.
- 01:29:08 - Nicole G. WFS: - Yes please Caleb. Thanks for sharing it!
- 01:30:49 - michael lovrick: - A couple of the underlying issues are that despite the "don't check the box" legislation they still do a background check and discriminate against individuals with criminal backgrounds. seeking housing or employment. Also all of the amazing sponsors/volunteers in



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Department of Corrections are not allowed ANY contact with individuals that get released for at least the first year. That is when they need the support of individuals that they have gotten to know and trust over the years of incarceration the most. That policy has to change.

- 01:35:58 - Lisa Kleiner: - It is such an easy thing too 😞
- 01:37:57 - Kenneth King: - We cant expect, only faith orgs to be appropriate for all in need. We also cant expect Faith orgs to carry the full weight
- 01:38:24 - Gerald Daniels: - Have a great weekend everyone; I have to jump to another meeting.
- 01:39:17 - Cynthia Stewart: - It would be helpful if each organization sent their own letters to the exec re safe parking in addition to the Coalition as a whole.
- 01:40:02 - Gerrit Nyland: - Here is Richard Dorsett's Down and Out in the American West dispatch compilation:
- 01:40:14 - Kenneth King: - Thank you Ryan
- 01:40:31 - Cynthia Stewart: - Thanks, Gerrit.
- 01:40:45 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I just sent you an email about who leads the HEAL team. HA.
- 01:41:06 - Janet Runbeck: - CM Mello,, thank you for your advocacy on Safe Parking. Do not give up.
- 01:43:12 - Rian Booker: - Is there some confusion between "allowed" and "will"? Why is the minority trying to limit Safe Parking options when the solution should match the environment and resources available?
- 01:44:09 - Janet Runbeck: - Cathy, thanks for your diligence.
- 01:44:56 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - @Janet, you are very welcome. I keep causing "good trouble" and asking the important questions.
- 01:45:07 - Sally Perkins: - Rion, those would be excellent points for your letter to the Co Exec.
- 01:45:41 - Valeri Almony: - To Apply; <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7142/Rental-Assistance>
- 01:45:59 - Valeri Almony: - Recent Events and providers with in person assistance:  
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7484/Additional-Resources>
- 01:47:40 - Janet Runbeck: - Ling Covid should be as feared as death from any preventable disease.
- 01:48:01 - Janet Runbeck: - Oops - Long Covid (not ling)
- 01:49:02 - Gerrit Nyland: - By County estimates using the shared Homeless Management Information System, there are around 2,400 people experiencing homelessness in Tacoma right now. We are hoping to work with the City of Tacoma to develop a shared mechanism to count homelessness, but that is yet to happen. So do keep in mind this is strictly a County created estimate.
- 01:49:12 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Jennie Schoeppe: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org
- 01:50:09 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Jan, YES, long COVID is concerning. AND I don't mean to imply that it's ok to get COVID because vaccines keep all negative impacts from happening. I am still wearing a mask in any indoor space and I will continue to do so and encourage others to do the same. THANKS!! <3
- 01:50:35 - Janet Runbeck: - Amen Jennie!
- 01:50:53 - Valeri Almony: - Wanted to add: we are looking into doing a landlord meeting (we have done 5 Q&A sessions already) but one specifically geared to vouchers, VA services, PSH housing, etc that we would want landlords to learn more about and sign up so if your program would be a good fit, email me at [valeri.almony@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:valeri.almony@piercecountywa.gov) and lets see if we can set it up
- 01:50:54 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Please get vaccinated/boosted! <https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>
- 01:51:50 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I want to hear from you about two things, email me anytime: (1) what info would you like to see on a TPCHD Housing and Homelessness webpage (if one existed!)? (2) what health topics would you like to see me present on in this group moving forward?





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01:52:42 - Sally Perkins: - Can someone post in the Chat Co Exec Bruce Dammeier's e-mail address? Thank you.

01:52:59 - Cynthia Stewart: - [bruce.dammeier@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:bruce.dammeier@piercecounitywa.gov)

01:53:35 - Jennie Schoeppe: - P.S. Jan --- even though there is an uptick in case #s it's still way down since the January peak. Although, case data as I said is not as reliable as the hosp and death data.

01:54:59 - Sally Perkins: - City CVS Committee on April 28, 4:30, report on encampment removal process and interviews for Human Rights Commission members.

01:56:09 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Cynthia Stewart!

01:56:13 - Kenneth King: - I have to take off. Thank you all for the time

01:57:05 - Michelle Massero: - Is anyone from the HEAL team here? I have some questions that will just take a few minutes. Michelle Massero, Tacoma Public Library, 253.280.2959  
[mmassero@tacomalibrary.org](mailto:mmassero@tacomalibrary.org) Thank you!

01:57:56 - PATRICIA .: - 2022 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium May 10, 2022—May 13, 2022

<https://web.cvent.com/event/76e23cd1-7f8e-4f53-ad2a-8f89df5b6a9c/websitePage:d1e5c1c0-2dad-4f02-8c95-f1fa2af93aff>

01:58:06 - Janet Runbeck: - Safe Parking Network, at noon, Monday. Zoom via the Coalition website.

01:58:59 - Jay Worley: - Home For All in Tacoma 1pm Evergreen Tomorrow April 23

01:59:17 - Jennie Schoeppe: - i can't believe I could get to meet so many of you in person .... finally!

01:59:21 - Stacey Soltoff: - I picked both dates, w the caveat that I really won't get there until close to 6 (thanks rush hour traffic from Fed Way)

01:59:25 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - What is the clear and accurate count of the current unhoused population in Tacoma/PC? Where do people go when they are displaced?

01:59:43 - Stacey Soltoff: - was slightly later in the evening an option?

01:59:54 - Stacey Soltoff: - many of us are still at work until 5

02:00:09 - Laurie Davenport: - Link to flyer for upcoming May 25 LFO (legal financial obligations) clinic:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wtdc6uadmz0j867/LFOflyerMay25-01.jpg?dl=0>

02:02:37 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Appreciate this work you're undertaking, Gerrit!

02:03:09 - Janet Runbeck: - Will health concerns be included in the data collection?

02:04:19 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Can someone send out the letter to County Exec in the list serv?

02:05:28 - Jay Worley: - when and where on thursday?

02:05:31 - Gerrit Nyland: - We have self-reported information about categories of disabilities - mental health, physical disability, developmental disability. We also ask about the impacts of health - such as how many times folks use crisis services in the past 3 years.

02:05:51 - michael lovrick: - Thank you EVERYONE for letting me be a part of this and for the Great Work you are doing on behalf of those in need! Have a BLESSED WEEKEND!!

02:06:41 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - @Jay, the CVS committee meetings have been virtual. So online at 430 on Thurs.

02:07:09 - Dana Peregrine: - Great job today Theresa! Thank you for facilitating!

02:07:36 - Raquel Sager: - Where is the site located?

02:07:39 - Gerrit Nyland: - Our first Networking Hour will be Thursday, May 5th, from 4pm-6pm at the 7 Seas Brewery and tap room in downtown Tacoma. I'll post details on the website. We'll have our Coalition shirts available (for free) as well.