



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting – April 29, 2022

00:06:16 - Janet Runbeck: - What's a peep?

00:11:33 - 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.

00:11:48 - 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.

00:14:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Good to see you this morning, Monique!

00:17:56 - Janet Runbeck: - CHAT = TCC services for students with needs. Right Sunshine?

00:18:14 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - HI Monique!

00:18:26 - Rian Booker: - @Janet CHAP - and yes

00:20:44 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Excellent!

00:20:52 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - seeing cars smashing into windows store fronts and driving off. three each
19th and MLKJRWay,

00:21:35 - PATRICIA .: - @Monique Brown > do you have contact information ?

00:21:52 - Sally Perkins: - Lavada, do you know which specific businesses?

00:22:48 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - HOPE is a serious attempt to see people, hear, people and help where you
can. with dignity

00:22:49 - Davina Schwab: - S&R can use some t

00:23:56 - Rob Huff (he/him): - saraw@trm.org

00:23:59 - Patty Schneider: - Monique get our veterans connected to Catholic Community Service (FHN)
SSVF program....

00:24:17 - Monique Brown: - Already on it Patty!

00:24:35 - Monique Brown: - mbrown@fobhope.org / 253.970.4431

00:24:45 - Patty Schneider: - Awesome!

00:24:50 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - specific business Speedi Mart

00:25:09 - Monique Brown: - Veterans Village: 8208 Pacific Ave, Tacoma. Entrance on S. 82nd street.

00:25:37 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - his business is harassed by homeless people daily

00:26:43 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Lavada. I am very sorry to hear this.

00:27:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - More evidence that we need sanctioned campgrounds

00:27:39 - Monique Brown: - Absolutely Theresa!

00:30:46 - Cynthia Stewart: - Speaking of safe parking, did the Exec sign the ordinance?

00:31:13 - Monique Brown: - When we are outreaching we should talk to folks about keeping their areas
neat and clean. Maybe we could have a clean up day. Hit the streets and remove trash around the
areas folks are camping in.

00:31:31 - Patty Schneider: - There's an increase of individuals on STW by the Rescue Mission



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- 00:31:33 - Dabi (TRM): - TRM outreach did find a encampment right behind Blix elementary school along the fence line behind the main playground. so far the gentleman we saw did not want the resources we have offered him at the time but there is a group about 3-5 people staying there so far. the elementary school is having a issue with them breaking into the school and the children not being able to go play far in the field due to the folks staying in the encampment have been startling the children playing (what we were told by staff members at the elementary)
- 00:31:53 - Verna Lilly: - verna lilly - vlilly@tpchd.org
- 00:31:56 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - He doesn't need to sign it - he just has to NOT veto it
- 00:32:22 - Cynthia Stewart: - Did he ignore it or veto it? Anyone know?
- 00:33:05 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I am watching to see if he will do something today...
- 00:34:08 - cheryl hill: - If your organization can use adult wipes contact me cheryl hill 253 565 7250 or cherylhill1@comcast.net
- 00:34:29 - Richard Dorsett: - Sally Perkins sent me this link. Portland State University is doing some good work. <https://www.pdx.edu/news/new-psu-study-examines-effectiveness-tiny-pod-villages-alternative-shelter-people-experiencing>
- 00:35:19 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - There are a small group of people that seem to move up and down Pearl street near currently on and around the corner of 26th and Pearl.
Also one large tent has been set up for weeks near 6th and Pearl intersection, I believe I city land up near a fence line on the east side of the road.
- 00:35:21 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Not sure if any outreach group(s) have attempted contact with either group.
- 00:35:42 - Sally Perkins: - Cynthia, there is no mention of what the Exec plans to do (yet) about the safe parking ordinance on his web site.
- 00:36:35 - Sally Perkins: - Erika, what is the location?
- 00:36:51 - Janet Runbeck: - Erika, what does ATC stand for? What is your contact info?
- 00:39:03 - Toroid Ryan: - Around The Clock Childcare
- 00:39:15 - Verna Lilly: - Where can I find a list of Safe Parking sites and how to apply? I know someone living in an RV he tows with a jeep. He is currently in South Tacoma.
- 00:40:07 - PATRICIA .: - @Ericka Snell > can you put the information in the chat
- 00:40:27 - Janet Runbeck: - Safe Parking Network group Zooms every Monday at noon. Go to the coalition website to register to attend.
- 00:40:32 - Dara Bardelas: - Erika that is so awesome! Childcare is really important for the wrapped around support for families. This is a great project
- 00:41:39 - Paula Anderson: - Hi Verna, there is a referral line for safe parking 253-346-6482, but at this time we do not have spaces for RV's. unfortunately. Also, we do not give out locations because we want to keep security for current car campers and the sites.
- 00:41:55 - Tyjana Campbell: - What is this site called? I love this approach.
- 00:42:03 - Stacey Soltoff: - @verna - currently no sites in Pierce's Safe Parking program are able to accommodate RVs
- 00:42:53 - Stacey Soltoff: - we're hoping as we expand, additional sites will take RVs
- 00:43:20 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - So the level up would be a longer-term (maybe 6 months or a year?)
- 00:43:38 - Josh Castle: - Hi Erika, exciting project helping a lot of our unhoused friends with awesome clean energy component! Thank you for what you're doing! What's your contact info? Joe, Ty, and I are here from LIHI and happy to provide any pointers on our tiny house and shelter programs and would love to learn from you and your folks! My info - Josh Castle, LIHI Community Engagement Director, josh.castle@lihi.org / 206-334-0508



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00:44:04 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - is this patterned after any other program?
00:44:28 - Verna Lilly: - Thanks All, just goes to show how multi-layered this problem is. And why we all need to be here to address multiple problems and solutions!
00:46:57 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - food service through pop up tents can be a support to your project contact 253 231 2303 business concept
00:48:19 - Courtney Love: - The Lived Experience Coalition advocates for Small Homes over Tiny Homes - with running water, etc.
00:48:25 - CAROL COLLERAN: - where are you getting funding?
00:48:53 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - construction is my expertise in the international building codes can help you in your tiny home concept
00:49:42 - Toroid Ryan: - Got to run to a Tie-One-On Luncheon but we will see you all next week. Have a blessed week
00:50:44 - Erika Snell: - ATC Center 253-954-5986
00:50:53 - Erika Snell: - support@atccenter.com
00:50:54 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you!
00:51:44 - Toroid Ryan: - Marys Place Seattle
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00:52:09 - Monique Brown: - Toroid, my mentor is Denise Perez-Lally!

00:53:00 - Erika Snell: - Tiny home zero energy program. Offering Family intervention & job development.

00:53:15 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Courtney I feel like we use "tiny homes" a LOT in these spaces when what we really mean is "microshelters". I agree that actual tiny homes with plumbing & maybe a kitchenette is actually the best option for folks experiencing homelessness. idk what the challenges are w zoning & building codes for tiny homes vs micrometers are though

00:53:41 - CC Mendoza: - Thank you Timothy! Excellent!

00:54:31 - Erika Snell: - Carol we need help with grant writing or partnerships with funding resources we have been using the equity of the existing child care center to develop this project however it's not enough fund for such a big project!

00:55:25 - Paula Anderson: - How large is the site?

00:55:47 - Jay Worley: - 2.9 acres

00:56:21 - Laurie Davenport: - Great meeting! I need to leave to participate in an interview. We are in person next week at Lakewood Library, Wednesday 3-6 (with rental assistance), Lakewood City Hall 9-12 Thursday and at the Livable Communities Fair at Key Pen Civic Center Saturday 9-3!

00:56:27 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - that is a poor use for housing because of trafficking

00:59:41 - Valeri Almony: - ACI Outreach Team

00:59:49 - Valeri Almony: - through REACH

01:00:46 - Stacey Soltoff: - that's great news, Rob!

01:01:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - (253) 593-2413 for MDC Detox

01:07:15 - Valeri Almony: - Rob my son signed up for a 50k

01:07:38 - Jennifer Ammons: - and raining!



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- 01:08:51 - Jennifer Ammons: - I love the rain, too, Jennie, but the mercurial weather does make it hard to prepare for a couple hours outside!
- 01:09:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - I used to run... calling it running might be a stretch... 😊
- 01:09:34 - Stacey Soltoff: - I *completed* a half marathon back in the day
- 01:09:56 - Stacey Soltoff: - I gotta run. look fwd to the recording later
- 01:11:07 - Jennifer Ammons: - I once ran a 2-mile race. That's it. Not a runner. 😊
- 01:12:33 - Emma Seal: - More than the current shelters that we have. Making them feel safe. Hygiene center. What are the plans to continue to support once we build something? Sustaining support. Another take on the stability site- couples and animals being allowed.
- 01:12:59 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - confirmation to the location on pacific and????
- 01:13:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Networking Social Hour
- Date: 5/5/2022 - 4:00 PM
- Location: Tacoma 7 Seas Brewery and Taproom - 2101 Jefferson Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402
- Program: Come and enjoy a coffee or a beer at our monthly get together to discuss homelessness - or just bask in the awesomeness of the people that make up the homeless coalition. No structure to the event - just an informal place to chat and scheme how we can best serve our community.
- 01:13:28 - CAROL COLLERAN: - first determine who is going to be served at this site. Then can plan design.
- 01:13:51 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm #5: temp site on 35th & Pac Ave should assist families: folks with pets; Safe Parking, individual units (not congregate), and case management.
- 01:14:25 - Sally Perkins: - Room 8: build permanent housing on this site, not temporary shelter. All resources for supporting people to be successful on site. Be sure there is a plan for plenty of food, food can be an issue especially now with inflation. Units large enough for families, not just studios and 1 BR apts.
- 01:14:35 - Monique Brown: - Room 7: Paula Anderson and Monique Brown: Non congregate shelters. Sanctioned shelter. Apodments/VetPods. Pallet homes. Four wall tiny homes. Ice fishing shelter. Safe Parking along with homes. Also, RV parking. Regular camp site with water and sewer. Work with RV vendors to swap out RV's at low cost. Move to camp with old RV; program helps swap out for new RV. Resources on site with case management.
- 01:14:42 - Sally Perkins: - Room 8 people, add more! :)
- 01:15:05 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Sally, I should have mentioned- the site will become permanent housing, but be used for temporary shelter before the construction begins.
- 01:15:16 - Tyjana Campbell: - Nancy Shattuck and I did really come up with what type of shelter but we did agree that their should definitely supportive service onsite like SUD and MH.
- 01:15:16 - Jasmine Ratterree: - Dana, Serena, and I discussed Safe Camping, Subsidized Housing for Individuals with SSI. Serve whoever is in need. Shelter for youth under 17. Clean and Classy Environment Shelter that people want to come to.
- 01:15:29 - Rian Booker: - Group 3: We saw the biggest bang for the buck/immediate need was for a sanctioned camp site. Getting people stable and in a place where services can find them. And a secondary need was shelters for couples -- there are male, female, and family versions of shelters; but no real places for couples that don't want to be split up to come indoors.
- 01:15:38 - Sally Perkins: - Thanks, Rob ,that is good.
- 01:15:55 - Matthew Jorgensen: - Matthew Jorgensen - mjorgensen@cityoftacoma.org
- 01:16:52 - Sally Perkins: - County info on possible veto of the safe parking ordinance?
- 01:17:21 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I will mention that shortly.
- 01:18:14 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - variety please call 253 231 2303 lavada I've not received updates



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01:18:24 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - varlie

01:18:32 - Timothy Harris: - Room 1: The biggest need right now is for sanctioned camping with managed waste disposal, portopotties, hygiene, and ways to cook that don't involve open fires. No current answer to "where can we go" for people that are camping. "We need to have the ability to help people and to just yell at them." People are not always ready to move into housing or other alternatives and we need to be able to work with them while they're getting ready. "When we deal with the crisis from above, we don't incorporate learning from lived experience." Limitations of city and county data collection regarding outreach and sweeps misses the real story. "Numbers don't tell the story. People's experience doesn't get into the database.

01:22:19 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Can people do their own cooking?

01:24:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Recommend wipes rather than gel to reduce use of hand sanitizer as fuel

01:24:25 - Jennie Schoeppe: - that's a nice suggestion, Theresa. Monique, maybe encourage wipes?

01:24:52 - Monique Brown: - I do have wipes and maybe I should ask Cheryl Hill for more!

01:25:04 - Jennie Schoeppe: - If folks are interested in hearing from our Treatment Services team, let me know! They are eager to connect w/ you and could do a presentation on what services, education, and resources are available from TPCHD.

01:25:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes, Cheryl is great

01:25:22 - Gerald Daniels: - Have a good weekend everyone, got to go :)

01:25:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I'm going to pick some up from her - shal I ask for some for you too?

01:26:08 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Get vaccinated/boosted! <https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>

01:26:26 - Monique Brown: - You can, Theresa. However, she and I have become working partners. Meaning, I need stuff and she brings it!

01:26:39 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Our data, if you're so inclined: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/pierce-county-cases>

01:26:53 - Monique Brown: - Cheryl is great!

01:27:16 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Test To Treat program is up and running. Please spread the word about this program! <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/10288/>

01:27:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We need the city to show us the difference that exemptions actually make

01:27:43 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Test to Treat flyer is available in many other languages if you need one, let me know.

01:28:39 - Gerrit Nyland: - For the record - my count of shelter beds is about 150 fewer than the count in this slide.

01:29:11 - Jennie Schoeppe: - If you have questions about the rise in congenital syphilis cases, you can call our STI/HIV team at 253-649-1418. Here is a fact sheet about syphilis: <https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/STDFact-Syphilis.htm>

01:29:12 - Jay Worley: - 150 sort?

01:29:15 - Jay Worley: - short

01:30:10 - Gerrit Nyland: - Well, they list 100 beds at the Stability Site, but it only has 58 units, and with double occupancy only for couples, it is averaging about 60 residents.

01:31:13 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thanks Gerrit

01:31:18 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Info about our Treatment Services: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/opioid-treatment-services>. If you want to pick up Naloxone (Narcan) you can come to the TPCHD south entrance (off Pacific Ave) 8a-12p, Mon-Friday. OR, if you are an agency and need to order Narcan, email: naloxoneprogram@doh.wa.gov. Downloadable naloxone flyers: Eng:



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- 01:31:47 - rosemary powers: - Discussed creating a KOA-like campground site for use as long as actual permanent shelter construction is not happening. Consider focus on RV's . Personal RV's while perhaps run down, could be helped with volunteer efforts to paint or spruce up. Could also include RVs owned by non profit or city for others to se. Could include small night/month fee (as a regular campground) Could also have vouchers for those without regular income. Could have a camp host who would have free site access like some public campgrounds. could be rotated. Could include common cooking area, internet access, hygiene. Could also have dedicated tent camping space and safe parking. The importance of the stability site was noted, but understand that the expense is likely too high to replicate that kind of site. Could also make the site look like a real village with outside landscaping and other structures that could reduce pushback from nearby residents/businesses.
- 01:32:54 - rosemary powers: - The note about RVs etc was from group 10
- 01:33:16 - Erika Snell: - Room 8 fastest most affordable way to get a site up is seeking modular classrooms they are coded properly to offer housing in and most schools offer these for free I have a guy who can break down deliver and rebuild does the parcel have water and sewer available already? With shared bathroom these could host about 15 bodies comfortably with a shared hub, shared kitchen and shower room business development for on site resources.
- 01:34:15 - Sally Perkins: - The HEAL Team makes contacts but so do several non-profits' outreach workers. It would be nice to see the whole picture, not just what the City can do directly.
- 01:36:16 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - When will Alison become the interim director?
- 01:37:33 - Sally Perkins: - Linda's last day is today, I think. Or maybe April 30.
- 01:38:04 - Jay Worley: - it would be nice to ave the time before the sweep to work with the camp
- 01:38:10 - Richard Dorsett: - Nothing currently posted?
- 01:38:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Noting is currently posted
- 01:38:34 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Nothing...
- 01:39:07 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I think TPCHD would be interested in being part of that, Gerrit.
- 01:39:13 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - This is great Rob and Gerrit- thank you
- 01:39:56 - Jennie Schoeppe: - that happened with the Evergreen site, right?
- 01:40:36 - Richard Dorsett: - No after action reviews for some time; seemed like such a good idea.
- 01:41:32 - Richard Dorsett: - An action preview would be even better.
- 01:41:51 - Rian Booker: - Transparency and lead time will allow resources to gather and focus to support an easier transition.
- 01:42:48 - Gerrit Nyland: - Well, I think there is an element of trauma in any encampment removal. The best nearer term solution is fully funding and implementing the shelter plan. But until then, there are certainly opportunities to minimize the impact. The long term plan is enough permanent housing, of course.
- 01:43:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes, AND having real options to offer campers might make sweeps obsolete
- 01:46:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Reality check regarding development: The cost of living is 37% lower in Austin, TX than in Seattle. WA. <https://www.nerdwallet.com/cost-of-living-calculator/compare/seattle-wa-vs-austin-tx>
- 01:48:33 - Valeri Almony: - module?
- 01:49:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - An FYI:
- 01:49:58 - Rob Huff (he/him): - MDC WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT RESUMES SERVICES



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Following a thorough assessment of community needs, MDC's 24/7 Withdrawal Management program realigned services and resumed taking patients on April 25, 2022.

Guests will be served 24/7 on a walk-in basis at 721 Fawcett Avenue, with no prescreening required. Those seeking treatment can also call (253) 593-2413 for assistance.

01:51:09 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Jan, can you repeat how to find the mon meeting invite? the invite fell off my calendar.

01:51:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We also have partners from Gig Harbor/Key Pen offering to distribute

01:51:56 - Jasmine Ratterree: - It was a pleasure hearing everything you all are offering to the community. I look forward to seeing you again.

01:52:13 - CC Mendoza: - Thank you Gerrit! I miss her!

01:52:57 - Janet Runbeck: - Safe parking/Safe Sites for All meeting = Mondays, at noon, go to our coalition website under "meetings" to register.

01:53:14 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thanks, Jan.

01:53:50 - Sally Perkins: - The Executive often announces things on a holiday weekend...so do not be surprised if the safe parking info comes late in the day today.

01:54:24 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Sally, that's a classic political move, isn't it? :)

01:54:40 - Timothy Harris: - Seen that happen a lot.

01:54:55 - Sally Perkins: - I believe so but I gave up being snarky for Lent, so I have to be careful. :)

01:55:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We're never tired of seeing you Rob!

01:55:17 - PATRICIA .: - Put comment link for Home in Tacoma