



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – May 13, 2022

00:12:55 - Stacey Soltoff: - you might not be sure, but we are! you are always an inspiration, Rosemary!

00:13:10 - Nicole-WFS Tacoma: - I second that, Stacey!

00:15:33 - 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.

00:15:50 - 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.

00:16:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Looking forward to having new low-income housing in the neighborhood. Go, KWA!

00:20:14 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The Mound is along 38th on the cloverleaf, near McKinley

00:20:37 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Food & other resources 12-2 pm Saturday May 14 Everyone welcome no requirements no limits you can pick up for others 4819 S 12 th st Tacoma WA

00:22:19 - Stacey Soltoff: - Monique, I have words... but not ones I can say in polite company 🙄 so glad you have found a work around but the City has totes dropped the ball

00:23:11 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - where is out there?

00:23:36 - Rob Huff (he/him): - S. 82nd and Pacific is the site of the new Veteran's Village

00:24:43 - Monique Brown: - Thank you Stacey!

00:26:51 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Clear lines of communication are our only hope. Gerald - let's talk more about this

00:27:30 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Monique, I was reminded today when I picked up yardsigns from Laurie at Tacoma Pro Bono from our campaign last year to end street homelessness that your site was started as part of that effort... to end street homelessness by November of *LAST* year

00:27:52 - Monique Brown: - YES

00:28:00 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - I want to be in breakout room with GERALD on the topic road blocks

00:28:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Stacey - I'm using a blue marker to change the 21 to 22 :)

00:28:40 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks for the pro tip, theresa!

00:29:28 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Monique I would like to visit village today after this zoom meeting

00:30:31 - Monique Brown: - @Lavada: You are more than welcome!

00:30:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Erika - it would be good for you to connect with Richard - he includes resources in the "Tent News"

00:30:57 - Richard Dorsett: - Any ideas for this question?



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a pregnant mama who is living in her car with her boyfriend. He currently working for a temp agency. The baby is due in October and her boyfriend has a felony. Are you aware of felony friendly housing or how someone gets on a list for a tiny home?

00:32:34 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - This might be helpful Drop in locations for CE Conversations for families:

00:32:35 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - CCS Family Day Center
5050 South Tacoma, Wa, Tacoma, WA 98409
253-471-5340
<http://www.ccsww.org/fhn/>

Same day CE appointments available in person or on the phone. In addition to phoning or dropping in, you can schedule an appointment on-line. Anyone with low income and currently experiencing homelessness in Pierce County.

00:32:54 - Paula Anderson: - Richard depending on the felony, he may qualify for safe parking....they will need to call the safe parking line 253-346-6482

00:34:37 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Richard - I'm happy to chat with the family too

00:37:20 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Dawn Schwab I need your connect info to see if I qualify
2020napier1950@gmail.com

00:38:01 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Richard I can have with food & other items we have if needed

00:39:09 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - homelessness is being labeled as criminal acts

00:39:37 - Erika Snell: - Where is the Wednesday meeting?

00:39:54 - Judy TAYLOR: - if you haven't yet, reach out to Brett with Key Penninsula Community Svcs..253-8844440...@ Davina

00:40:00 - Erika Snell: - Location & brief details, to send to Cindy at New Tribune

00:40:14 - Judy TAYLOR: - peninsula*

00:41:50 - Jennie Schoeppe: - awesome job, Davina and team!

00:47:10 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Hi Davina and Dabi - can you post the contacts as text in the chat - unable to open the file you posted

00:47:14 - Stacey Soltoff: - I saw that story in the news. sorry to hear tensions continue to be high

00:47:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That fellow had shot someone else earlier this year...he keeps posting bail and then shooting new folks...

00:47:38 - Stacey Soltoff: - that too Rob

00:47:47 - Davina Schwab: - Outreach

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00:48:53 - Davina Schwab: - Wednesday May 4th - - - 11:30 PM-1:30 PM - - - FOOD BACKPACK FOR KIDS
- - - - 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM - - - WAYPOINT CHURCH

Wednesday May 11th - - - 12:00 AM-2:30 PM - - - GHP FISH FOOD BANK -

Wednesday May 18th - - - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM - - - FOOD BACKPACK FOR KIDS
- - - - 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM - - - WAYPOINT CHURCH

Wednesday May 25th - - - 12:00 AM-2:30 PM - - - GHP FISH FOOD BANK

00:48:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you!

00:50:04 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Davina, I sent you an email, but let me know if connecting with our CHW to specializes in STI/HIV would be helpful to your work.

00:51:16 - Monique Brown: - Does anyone have access to pillows? I need 30

00:52:10 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Hilltop business assoc is planning to have their street fair 27 August and essential service group should have a booth at this event I'll stick my neck out and say connect through email 2020napier1950@gmail.com to coordinate for that one day. outreach for homeless they will be at the closed street event.

00:53:09 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Monique: I will buy a few pillows to bring to you today as a start :) I also have a sleeping bag and some blankets. Can you use those?

00:54:00 - Monique Brown: - Thank you! I would like the sleeping bag. I do have some overstock of blankets. How many do you have?



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- 00:54:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - because I know there are folks who will be concerned, what policies are you putting in place to ensure that this list does not get used to further encampment sweeps?
- 00:54:32 - Sally Perkins: - Does the policy require a DEM level response, or will it be more flexible?
- 00:54:37 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - how does this play into disaster plan for the county
- 00:55:01 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - FEMA plan?
- 00:55:33 - Sally Perkins: - Jeff, I provided suggestions to the County back in January about this very topic. Not sure why it didn't find its way to you. That's unfortunate.
- 00:56:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Monique: just 3 blankets that I can bring or can give to someone else if you don't need them. Anything else you can use? No request is too strange - we get a lot of interesting donations and can put out a request for anything we don't have. I'll ask for pillows through our network.
- 00:57:27 - Jeff Rodgers: - jeff.rodgers@piercecountywa.gov
- 00:57:28 - Monique Brown: - @Theresa: A bike rack!?????
- 00:57:34 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - what about the emergency plans submitted to city of tacoma council with the LNG permit plan and if something occurred to disrupt normal business days over the 11- 12 miles in Pierce County population???
- 00:57:59 - Monique Brown: - You can give the blankets to someone else who can use them. I believe I have plenty for now.
- 00:58:16 - Monique Brown: - @Theresa: I have 8 bikes
- 00:58:39 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Please describe what you need in a bike rack - I don't have one right now but maybe someone else on the call will have an idea.
- 00:59:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Will start looking for a rack too
- 00:59:54 - Richard Dorsett: - Dorsett.richard@gmail.com
- 01:00:26 - Sally Perkins: - If it's a DEM "trigger" before anything happens, then it will not be adequate. Period.
- 01:00:28 - Stacey Soltoff: - 🙌🙌🙌 yes Jan!
- 01:00:42 - Monique Brown: - I will be loaning bicycles to Veterans so they can ride to the store or work rather than walk. I would like them in a rack.
- 01:00:44 - Dionne SVdP: - Jan- you are continually a rock star.
- 01:00:46 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - is there a already stae of emergency 2023-2030 ? written plan appointed director, just asking want to be involved but need funding to continue.
- 01:00:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - It would be great to have a co- planning session during this meeting
- 01:00:54 - Judy TAYLOR: - Bravo Jan!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 01:01:06 - Sally Perkins: - Yay Jan, bring it!
- 01:01:36 - Christine Lindquist: - We just don't want effort duplicated when there are so many, huge needs.
- 01:02:02 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - DEM definition
- 01:02:22 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Jeff - thank you for bringing the feedback back to the county. Being an ambassador is never easy
- 01:04:37 - Jennie Schoeppe: - THANK YOU for clarifying this, Gerrit!!! There are different levels of "emergency."
- 01:04:46 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Jane please include me on projections for Pierce county emergency actions for entire population .
- 01:05:00 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - detail
- 01:05:54 - Erika Snell: - why wouldn't each incanpment have a water well? Unlimited water access in controlled areas? Easier to manage, just a thought!



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01:06:38 - Erika Snell: - Maybe I can campaign legislators to add water wells in designated areas of pierce Co.? Any opinions on this?

01:07:47 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - that a project managers task when new housing community subdivisions are implemented

01:08:52 - Rob Huff (he/him): - May 25th Community Meeting for New Shelter Location:

The City is currently working to stand up shelter at 2135 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in partnership with the Brotherhood RISE Center. The location is expected to serve up to 35 individuals at a time with 24/7 on site staff presence and supervision, case management and access to financial counseling, employment services and self-enrichment activities.

The City will be hosting a virtual community meeting to discuss this location on May 25th from 6 – 7:30 pm.

Information to access this meeting is provided below:

- From a PC, Mac, iPhone or Android device: Visit cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments to sign-in
- By phone: (253) 215-8782
- Webinar ID: 821 8709 5391
- Passcode: 820740

01:10:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Erika, regarding water supply: We have one standpipe in our neighborhood BUT the runoff flows into the storm-drain so is not a great solution environmentally speaking. Water supplies at campsites will be used for hygiene and dish washing, etc. If we offer water we also need to offer safe runoff for those multiple uses. We haven't solved that yet

01:11:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - More info from the City of Tacoma:

01:11:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance

The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds and exits to housing. This information can be found at:

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

Encampment Outreach

The City's Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison (HEAL) Team (formerly the Homeless Outreach Team) performs encampment outreach throughout the week to provide individuals opportunities to connect to shelter, behavioral health, substance use and employment services. For the week of May 2-6, 2022, staff visited nine locations. This resulted in forty-two individuals being contacted and five individuals connected to resources.

01:12:19 - Stacey Soltoff: - creating infrastructure like water wells is also likely to be seen by housed neighbors & city gov as a commitment to the permanency of an encampment, something they have been extremely loathe to do

01:13:20 - Stacey Soltoff: - what we need are more encampments like what Monique is opening - truly managed encampments with wrap around services that get folks ultimately into stable housing

01:13:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Yes!

01:14:05 - Rob Huff (he/him): - And low-barrier sites that can open quickly to address the need.

01:14:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - True - but, meanwhile we need to do our best to keep everyone safe and hydrated

01:14:30 - Jay Worley: - a consultant to the county on working from community action

01:15:21 - Stacey Soltoff: - absolutely, Theresa. but I would address that more as an expansion of public restrooms & water fountains for the ENTIRE community, rather than wells at unhoused encampments



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- 01:16:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Wouldn't that be lovely?
- 01:16:40 - Stacey Soltoff: - is Paula's org the only one running a shower trailer/bus?
- 01:18:14 - Erika Snell: - I am developing a tiny home camp with wrap around services however Jeff's comment about getting government funding is (easy) isn't for us it's our weak point we need partners and funding! We are sitting on 6 acres and the ability to build zero energy homes however our hand up is partners and funding!
- 01:19:39 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Erika. Yes, it can be hard to get the government funding in the first place. Then a secondary challenge can be managing the funds and process with the government funders.
- 01:21:12 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I need to log off early today, but please email me with any questions: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org
- 01:21:35 - Janet Runbeck: - Excellent job Timothy! May I share this with our presenter last week?
- 01:21:39 - Christine Lindquist: - Completely agree. Very helpful.
- 01:21:51 - Monique Brown: - Thank you for your efforts, Timothy.
- 01:21:53 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you Timothy!
- 01:22:42 - Timothy Harris: - Thanks. Happy to be helpful.
- 01:22:53 - Stacey Soltoff: - absolutely love the profile pic Courtney !
- 01:28:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - I am not a statistician but intersectionality in homelessness is important!
- 01:37:59 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 8

Sources of inspiration:

Book by Obama and Springsteen - draft of eulogy written by Obama for John Lewis' memorial.
Demonstrates that big movements start small.

Music - Woody Guthrie

Seeing other urban areas (Minneapolis?) that have invested in affordable housing and are seeing this policy pay off now.

Book - Blood in my Eye

Unhoused people working to survive who still have energy to engage politically.\

Radical comrades.

Dedicated coworkers, volunteers.

Seeing the innovation that happens in this work.

Jan Runbeck is a huge inspiration to me. What Would Jan Do?

This coalition is an inspiration. How the passion here becomes action and policy. Disparate people coming together to make change.

The strength in the people served. And their capacity for joy.



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The people living in encampments inspire me.

Sometimes we do see governments change.

01:38:27 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you to the great conversation, Room 8!

01:39:08 - Stacey Soltoff: - my inspirations are Theresa & Rosemary. They are a Power-full Duo!

01:39:30 - Timothy Harris: - Power couple.

01:39:43 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 7 = Inspiration = 1. God, 2. Each other, especially coalition members, 3. The street folks themselves. We can see the humanity of those who suffer housing insecurity.

01:39:55 - Sally Perkins: - Room 6 (partial): housing someone who is homeless, looks on kids and parents faces when they get housed, my own experiences with being homeless, acknowledging how weary we are and how hard this work is, being energized by things that don't work and working to fix them, gratitude board.

01:42:10 - Monique Brown: - Rob: You are a great substitute! I love your calm!!!!

01:43:36 - Monique Brown: - *Calm nature

01:43:58 - Jay Worley: - Room 5 we spoke about our inspiration comes from background and wanting to help and improve life for others especially in sight of the pandemic and its continued impact. We spoke mostly about project options and opportunities in south unincorporated Pierce county.

01:44:33 - Timothy Harris: - Room 3: "As I help people I feel like I am also gaining." "So much need and not enough resources: I had to stop wearing mascara to work." Catholic background and moral requirement to be a human being to other human beings. A lot of appreciation for the coalition and the inspiration we draw from each other. It's easy to focus on the gaps in services but it's inspiring to see what everyone here is bringing to the struggle. Breakout discussions a favorite part of the meeting

01:45:07 - Paula Anderson: - Room 2- our clients, our staff and our own experiences give us inspiration!

01:45:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - How do we connect with the 5 agencies to help shelter guests get the cards?

01:45:44 - Timothy Harris: - Rm 3 continued: Grateful for first Thursday 4-6 pm in person social meeting of coalition at the 7 Seas.

01:45:54 - Joe Perva: - Room 1

New learnings still being able to learn and get new ideas. being inspired by obstacles when we are told we cannot do something or if there are obstacles due to race, or gender sex. Overcoming barriers.

Inspired by the ones we work with to have the ability to work with people who work hard and truly care. To generate new ideas. Help support those we serve. Inspiration from the ones we serve. When someone takes steps into permanent housing or wins the battles or overcomes barriers.

01:47:18 - Gerrit Nyland: - Gerrit Nyland - Pierce County Human Services-
gerrit.nyland@piercecountywa.gov - 253-370-9593 - information about the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>

01:47:52 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Passion is a good thing!

01:48:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You can find the link to the Safe Sites for All meetings, and all other Coalition meetings, on the www.pchomeless.org website

01:48:55 - Rob Huff (he/him): - <http://www.pchomeless.org>

01:50:00 - Monique Brown: - We would be happy to be a distribution site!

01:50:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - And Bob V too - but I think the county has been in touch with Bob = right?

01:52:20 - Jay Worley: - yup Bob has not heard either



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- 01:52:32 - Monique Brown: - I am loving your passion this morning! We need your voice Jan.
- 01:52:56 - Gerald Daniels: - Thank you Jan
- 01:53:23 - Sally Perkins: - New
- 01:53:28 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you, Jan. You speak for me, too.
- 01:53:52 - Sally Perkins: - New Safe Parking ordinance was on May 10 Consent agenda, set for final action May 24.
- 01:54:45 - Jay Worley: - thank you Sally
- 01:55:05 - Timothy Harris: - New Dignity City story is up. Crime rates in Tacoma are spiking, and people who live on the streets are more likely to become victims — or catch the blame
<https://www.dignitycity.org/post/looking-for-solutions>
- 01:55:13 - Stacey Soltoff: - just want everyone to know Tahoma UU is holding a Sunday service centered around homelessness this Sunday. Jay Worley from the Lived Experience Coalition will be our guest speaker. <https://www.tahomauu.com/services/voices-from-the-street-2022-may-15/>
- 01:55:19 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Impatience is an asset too!
- 01:55:42 - Stacey Soltoff: - come in person, masked, or join us on zoom
- 01:55:48 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - funny I received a 5000 grant from pierce county based on me hiring an outside professional to do what I've been doing for my business and working for the department of defense since 1980. I spend money I saved by doing my business???
- 01:56:36 - Michael Yoder: - Large resource event coming June 24 in Fife, combining Project Homeless Connect and Collaboration with a Cause. Register as a vendor or volunteer here:
<https://associatedministries.org/supportive-services/phcvolunteer/>
- 01:56:41 - Paula Anderson: - Monique we can use some of those items
- 01:57:33 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - If you want the airplanes let me know - I'll be out at FOB (Monique's Place) this afternoon and can bring them into my porch if you can pick them up tomorrow
- 01:58:09 - Gerald Daniels: - Monique we can use some of the men items
- 01:58:10 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Serena, I saw your hand. Sorry that I put it down. You are next!
- 01:58:55 - Monique Brown: - Paula, we can make that happen. I will speak with Tammy today so you can set up a meet up with us at the Storage in Puyallup. I am more than happy to give them to you.
- 01:59:11 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Sally!
- 01:59:14 - Sally Perkins: - New ordinance posting for Safe Parking. I can't find the entire text of the new proposal 2022-36.
- 01:59:15 - Paula Anderson: - Awesome! Thanks so much!
- 01:59:39 - Monique Brown: - Everyone interested in clothing, please contact me. 253.970.4431 / mbrown@fobhope.org. We can set up a day for you all to come out to the storage site at once.
- 02:01:42 - Christine Lindquist: - Thank you for this meeting! Please retain the current moderator!
- 02:01:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - rhuff@pchomeless.org
- 02:01:44 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Stay with us Rob!!!!
- 02:01:47 - Jay Worley: - you just want a break
- 02:02:23 - Stacey Soltoff: - I think you are a fantastic moderator but I support somebody stepping g up every once in a while so you can take a break 😊
- 02:03:20 - Nick Turner: - Thank you everyone have a great weekend