



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat

00:11:40 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - is low income housing traing recorded?

00:12:39 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Hi Lavada. We did record the training, but are limiting access to folks who attended the training. I am sure there will be additional opportunities coming up!

00:13:35 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - what's the summary

00:18:49 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Lavada, the training was about how to speak and advocate using a Housing Justice Narrative - an effective way to frame the issues related to the basic need for housing.

00:19:35 - 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.

00:19:48 - 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.

00:19:51 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Outdoor food & Resources Market Free to everyone Tomorrow
10-2 4819 S 12 th st Tacoma Wa pickup for yourself or others Please share this information No
requirements come take want you want

00:26:28 - Courtney Love: - We should reach out to Kristin Ang

00:26:48 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - "Site Hardening" is a poor use of those public funds. Build a campsite
instead

00:27:25 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Agreed, Courtney!

00:28:04 - CC Mendoza: - Urban Grace used to do a foot clinic

00:28:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Please let me know about any foot care programs:
tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

00:30:23 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Theresa, Did any one get a chance to ask Kevin from Sea Mar CHAT about
foot care? (I wasn't at meeting and haven't gotten through the transcript yet).

00:31:37 - CC Mendoza: - Urban Grace website says they have foot clinic 2nd Sunday of every month by UW
MedEX program.

00:31:56 - Sally Perkins: - the more times that a person gets "swept", the less likely that they are going to
be willing to "accept services" from the people who are sweeping them.

00:32:10 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is so true.

00:32:35 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Thanks Jeffrey,

00:33:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - CC - that's great - do you have a contact I can reach out to?

00:34:13 - CC Mendoza: - I don't, I would just contact the church. I've heard great things about it!

00:34:14 - Paula Anderson: - Up to what age Jae?

00:34:27 - Paula Anderson: - Jake

00:34:41 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I think it's up to 24, Paula.

00:35:01 - Paula Anderson: - Thanks!



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- 00:36:16 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Jake, you've been an awesome partner with vaccine programs! TPCPD appreciates you.
- 00:38:50 - Alan Brown: - Do guests of the HYPE Center need access to Coordinated Entry?
- 00:41:06 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Just ask for folks to share their contact info, please. THANKS.
- 00:41:15 - Jennie Schoeppe: - e.g. Ben.
- 00:41:32 - CC Mendoza: - THANK YOU JAKE!
- 00:41:41 - Jennie Schoeppe: - that's awesome, Jake!
- 00:42:59 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Small but mighty!
- 00:43:19 - Pamela Blakely: - Thank you CC
- 00:45:02 - Jennie Schoeppe: - the infographic is FABULOUS.
- 00:45:19 - Cynthia Stewart: - OUTSTANDING!
- 00:45:42 - CC Mendoza: - Excellent Job Laurie!
- 00:46:00 - PATRICIA .: - That is Amazing !!!
- 00:46:01 - Sally Perkins: - Fabulous work, Laurie!!
- 00:46:01 - Gerald Daniels: - Really great work
- 00:46:16 - Timothy Harris: - Really a great resource!
- 00:46:17 - Sharon Seabrook: - PCLS Loves Laurie and TPB!!
- 00:46:23 - Nancy Shattuck: - Can you share the website link please?
- 00:46:30 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - please provide paper copies for me to give to uncompleted citizens
- 00:46:40 - Paula Anderson: - Beautiful and impactful Laurie!
- 00:46:46 - Stacey Soltoff: - when's the next mtg again?
- 00:46:58 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Nice job Laurie!
- 00:47:08 - Laurie Davenport: - Next meeting of our group is Wednesday June 1 at 11 a.m.
- 00:47:28 - Sally Perkins: - Are the infographics in PDF for downloading?
- 00:48:00 - Stacey Soltoff: - bummer. I won't be able to make it. I'll have to connect w you via email instead
- 00:48:04 - Laurie Davenport: - Pierce County Library System is AWESOME.
- 00:50:05 - Laurie Davenport: - They are downloadable at https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1Gud3yqvU7nftMH_HfZmWpFUyrrfg8Xyr but I believe I need to update that location with the last 2 infographics, stay tuned.
- 00:52:45 - Cynthia Stewart: - Timothy and Richard: Are those people you've referenced willing to pay a new property tax in order to provide affordable housing that would allow people to move out of their neighborhood into more suitable places?
- 00:53:21 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is a great question, Cynthia.
- 00:58:24 - Sharon Seabrook: - Hi all, I'm one of the PCLS librarians that try to make it to this meeting every Friday. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime! sseabrook@piercecountylibrary.org
- 00:59:09 - Sally Perkins: - KUDOS to the Pierce County Library System!
- 00:59:10 - rosemary powers: - Glad to know you are here Sharon. My favorite people are librarians!
- 00:59:16 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Sharon, thank you for being here.
- 00:59:23 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Most of the neighborhood "hosting" camps are poor. Our share of taxes are not going to move the needle. Taxes - in general - are certainly part of the solution though
- 00:59:24 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you Sharon! PCLS is powerful.
- 00:59:41 - Paula Anderson: - Sharon Seabrook was the representative from PCLS who visited our safe parking site this week!!! Theresa...here's your contact
- 01:00:05 - Melissa Schmidt: - Wish I could stay but have a meeting.
- 01:16:13 - Julie Hoffman: - Notes from our group: We were all professionals in the work.



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Outside of work – haven't started anything else, looking to learn more about what can be done as an individual beyond professional work. Trying to create space for coming together to share resources.

Self-care – having to do self-care as an individual to continue in the professional work (so volunteer work/non work time is often in other areas).

Finding the coalition meetings and list serve really helpful.

Idea: how to write to and communicate with local elected officials. What's impactful?

01:16:38 - Kenneth moultry: - room 5 stop sweeps and use the money to create housing with supportive services

01:17:26 - Verna Lilly: - Our group (3?) We need citizen action; politicians are limited in what they can/will do to help; the usual "solutions" aren't working; we need to literally stand between encampments and the people coming to sweep them.

01:18:36 - Stacey Soltoff: - I think we were room 7: not sure the Coalition wants to get political, but various partners from within the Coalition can & should work on organizing together & with the larger community to stop the sweeps

01:18:55 - Jennie Schoeppe: - From our group (can't remember the #): MDC (CC Mendoza), AM (Kristina), TPCHD (Jennie). MDC houses folks referred for Coord Entry. Outreach drops off supplies. Not connected personally. TPCHD – vaccines with CLR, TRM. Nothing personally but would like to be more involved in a personal/volunteer capacity.

What can Coalition do: (1) Protests! Have a showing of large numbers of people. (2) Continue coordination of services pre-sweep (3) Buy more hotels, micro-shelters, convert lots, encourage more safe parking or tiny homes (4) Look into successful models – Kristina mentioned a pilot near St. Peters Hospital (Lily Road) where RV campers were supported to update their licenses and there were allowed to legally park/stay. Services will be brought in to help support. (5) Are we doing enough advocacy to try to help community members to understand the short sightedness, inefficiency, and resource wasting involved in sweeps (“whack a mole”)?

01:20:48 - Laurie Davenport: - Room 3, Laurie Davenport, Nancy Shattuck, Joe Prove — sweeps happen and are increasing because of complaints from neighbors, we need more ways to educate and get the message out so people understand there are literally not enough shelter/housing options for the people being swept. The narrative that people are refusing services must stop.

01:21:43 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - I'm still seeking housing

01:22:01 - CC Mendoza: - Retraumatizing people every time they are swept is inhumane and costly.

01:22:30 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Amen to that CC

01:23:12 - Timothy Harris: - Great conversation in Rm 7: Need to deal with reality that people appreciate and need community and autonomy. City leadership doesn't appreciate how harmful sweeps are. Outreach workers are out there working on building trust and relationships while then sweeps undermine that work and the outreach workers. We need to be more forceful in articulating how the sweeps are abusive, and that people are understandably reluctant to accept help from their abuser. Need to communicate to city that forcing people into services is ineffective, and to everyone wants housing or shelter. safe encampments need to be established so people have places to go where relationships can be built and trust established. Need more appreciation for outreach workers.

01:24:34 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - when can we vote to change leadership at city council level?

01:24:52 - Timothy Harris: - * not everyone wants housing or shelter

01:25:05 - Sally Perkins: - Lavada, Aug and Nov 2023.



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- 01:25:59 - rosemary powers: - our group (forgot #) discussed the inadequacy of a general Coalition letter opposing sweeps. A letter with a list of all organizations speaking in opposition and reminding the Martin v Boise law, sent to media as well might be stronger. Support for direct actions that are planned with respect for the people we are trying to serve so the action doesn't make things more difficult. Discussed the benefit of coming to witness the sweeps, not wanting to be rubbernecking, humanizing the experience by conversation and welcome supplies, as well as possible signs asking "where can people go?" or posting Laurie's infographics. Discussed frustration of working in a role with city and hearing about the sweeps—hurts heart. We emphasized the importance of more action.
- 01:26:58 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - want to share business impact of covid after affects
- 01:27:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Info from the City of Tacoma: 2. We are currently recruiting for the HEAL team now and will release job postings as early as next week. If people are interested in this position they can check in at NEOgov.com.
- 01:27:30 - Stacey Soltoff: - possible campaigns to model/inspire us San Francisco's
<https://solutionsnotsweeps.org/>, <https://housingnohandcuffs.org/>
- 01:27:41 - Verna Lilly: - Thanks, Jennie, I know people are "tired" of COVID, but we need to hang in there and mask up as appropriate. Hang in there!
- 01:27:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We had a community meeting last night for the Brotherhood RISE Shelter Project across the street from the Brotherhood RISE Center. We had about 30 people in attendance last night and lots of engagement from the community about this site. We will begin grading the site on Tuesday, May 31st. The presentation will be posted next week at cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments
- 01:28:38 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Neighborhood & Community Services (NCS) staff will hold two optional upcoming pre-proposal meetings for anyone interested in applying for funding for 2023-2024 contracts. Each meeting will provide the same information, which will include timeline, what is needed/how to apply for funding, application and scoring overview, what is needed to contract with the City, as well as time for questions. Meetings will be held on June 2nd and June 8th and can be accessed using the following Zoom information that I have attached to this email. If you have any questions, please contact ncscontracting@cityoftacoma.org.
- 01:30:04 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Room 5 was VERY divergent :) We are each posting our own responses. Here is mine: Sweeps have proven to be a massive waste of public funds. When there are limited places where people can camp, they will continuously loop through these. When the city "clears" one site - other camps are destabilized by an influx of new campers. Housing for all is a noble goal that will remain out of reach until we regain and build on the public housing we once had. Meanwhile we need Safe Sites 4 All. Coalition can define the ideal sanctioned campsite (we did some work on this during the summits). We can create a "best practices" sheet and advocate with passion. We can work together to promote health and survival for people living in tents and cars. We can help people get the resources and management tools they need to make campsites more functional and integrated into the communities they are established in. We can demand a more rapid response to the Emergency" of homelessness. We can continue to reach out to community
- 01:31:32 - PATRICIA :- Grp 5 > for the coalition Not to take a position on Sweeps... but, to utilize the time, energy & efforts to advocate for better solutions, particularly with resources to face barriers and longer term stabilization models
- 01:31:45 - Richard Dorsett: - The city came to the 11th & Marine view site and said they will sweep on Tuesday, not today.
- 01:32:18 - Stacey Soltoff: - I'm vaxed & got covid last weekend. my work (healthcare) requires me to quarantine for 10 days before returning to work, but that's a) healthcare, & b) King county



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- 01:33:02 - Jennie Schoeppe: - THANKS! I will confirm and share the guidelines here.
- 01:34:07 - Jay Worley: - thanks Richard
- 01:37:27 - rosemary powers: - I want to reinforce the earlier announcement that Sherrilla provided at the beginning of the meeting for the Outdoor food & Resources Market Free to everyone Tomorrow 10-2 4819 S 12 th st Tacoma Wa pickup for yourself or others Please share this information No requirements come take what you want". This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage people to come to a welcoming community with food and other resources to share.
- 01:39:13 - Jennie Schoeppe: - HELLO FOLKS! Here is the link to CDC guidance on quarantine and isolation. They provide a decision tree that is actually pretty helpful!! Here is my summary: (1) EXPOSED to COVID and NOT fully vaccinated = quarantine for 5 days. (2) EXPOSED to COVID AND FULLY vaccinated = NO quarantine. (3) COVID POSITIVE = ISOLATE for 5 days. UNLESS you have had COVID in the past 90 days, then NO quarantine is needed. In all cases, take enhanced precautions for 10 days (masks!). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>
- 01:39:47 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Rob, did Caleb provide contact info for Jawuan Carlile (sp)?
- 01:41:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great to have you here Ryan - I appreciate your good energy and commitment to these issues
- 01:43:24 - Jenny Lorton: - https://www.q13fox.com/news/olympia-the-first-to-permit-free-rv-encampment-parking-on-public-street?utm_campaign=trueAnthem&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3MIRZrcl7JQA6oyAq_aABYzft0RAE6cm1T-5Peg0ihsGmpPIFQedm2LY
- 01:45:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - wait, are we wrapping up EARLY?!! 😊 lol
- 01:45:24 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is the plan!
- 01:45:38 - Cynthia Stewart: - Love the early end time!
- 01:45:52 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Here are some resources from me: Testing: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/testing-information> Vaccines: <https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture> Flu resources: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/flu> Regarding monkeypox: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0518-monkeypox-case.html>. If you have concerns that a client may have monkeypox, please refer them to a health care provider OR call us: 253-649-1412.
- 01:45:59 - Rob Huff (he/him): - No presentations today, so we can end early!
- 01:46:04 - Jennie Schoeppe: - I love the name "Dignity City"
- 01:46:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - It is a holiday weekend after all!
- 01:46:37 - Stacey Soltoff: - lol. oh - I missed last week. are we taking a break from safe sites on Monday?
- 01:46:41 - Timothy Harris: - director@dignitycity.org
- 01:48:49 - Stacey Soltoff: - Donald, which org is that again?
- 01:50:22 - Rob Huff (he/him): - 82nd and Pacific Avenue!
- 01:51:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Monique rocks!
- 01:54:40 - Rob Huff (he/him): - rhuff@pchomeless.org
- 01:55:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - LOVE CHICAGO!
- 01:56:00 - Jennie Schoeppe: - OOPS. Stevie! MY BAD> those horns.
- 01:56:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The horns threw you!
- 01:56:15 - Jennie Schoeppe: - EXACTLY. thanks. *face palm*
- 02:06:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Christina - will you be in touch with Rob about getting on the agenda?
- 02:06:31 - Christina Qiao: - Yes! Thank you everyone!
- 02:07:43 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I am happy to put 5 minutes on an agenda for an upcoming meeting to let you talk about the idea, Chistina. Just let me know when! Next week?



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02:08:23 - Gerald Daniels: - gerald@risecenterofhilltop.org

02:08:26 - Christina Qiao: - Sounds great! Thank you so much everyone!

02:09:07 - Christina Qiao: - I can ask to gather names and organizations open to taking in interns/volunteers!