## **Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness**

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Friday Coalition Meeting chat – June 3, 2022

- 00:15:24 Jay Worley: Morning
- 00:15:36 Rob Huff (he/him): Good morning!
- 00:15:41 Jay Worley: usually we avoid critical mass
- 00:15:56 Rob Huff (he/him): Maybe not the best term...
- 00:17:09 Lavada Kent-Napier: morning I hope to network to find funding to pay for temp housing for two homeless people starting job up coming week. 2020napier1950@gmail.com contact info
- 00:19:25 Rob Huff (he/him): Good morning, Lavada! I hope folks can help you find some resources.
- 00:19:54 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.
- 00:20:06 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.
- 00:21:45 CC Mendoza: Welcome Wendy!
- 00:22:05 Wendy Morris (she/her): Wendy Morris wmorris@lcsnw.org
- 00:23:43 Stacey Soltoff: lol I bet your jambalaya is worth some proposals!
- 00:27:22 PATRICIA .: what about Spider Connectors?
- 00:27:29 Stacey Soltoff: "temporary" tent encampments could plan for charging stations as an alternative to running electric to tents
- 00:28:29 Rob Huff (he/him): How much do the pallet homes cost as an alternative?
- 00:29:22 Rian Booker: https://palletshelter.com/build-a-village/#div\_block-6-185
- 00:30:13 PATRICIA .: do you have a Grey water collection tank?
- 00:30:46 Jennie Schoeppe: I believe that Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective has done laundry \$ support in the past. Does someone in this group have a contact? If not, I can try to find one.
- 00:31:13 Rob Huff (he/him): Thanks, Rian! About \$7k for a two-bed shelter.
- 00:31:23 Caleb Carbone: I think pallet is about \$7000-8000 and Micro-shelter is about \$6000-8000 per unit
- 00:31:50 Stacey Soltoff: would something like this help w laundry? Lavario Portable Clothes Washer (Manual Non-Electric Portable Washing Machine for Camping, Apartments, RV's, Delicates) (Blue & White) (Made in the USA)

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- 00:33:15 Rob Huff (he/him): You can refer folks to MDC for Detox as well. Inpatient.
- 00:34:36 PATRICIA .: > just not allowed to do it on site >
- 00:34:40 Laurie Davenport: tacomamutualaidcollective@gmail.com
- 00:35:41 Valeri Almony: Are you connected to SSVF?
- 00:35:53 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Thanks for all you're doing, Monique!



- 00:36:25 CC Mendoza: Monique you ROCK!
- 00:36:40 Anna Ramsdell TRM Outreach: We have a client with our TRM outreach with a TBI. He was once a great guitarist. We believe a guitar would help him with regaining certain brain function. We are looking to find somewhere donating instruments. If anyone has knowledge in this area please message me. Thank You!
- 00:36:47 Jennie Schoeppe: thanks, Laurie!
- 00:37:18 Lisa Kleiner: Cheryl can you post your info?
- 00:37:53 cheryl hill: my info is cherylhill1@comcast.net
- 00:38:07 cheryl hill: my phone 253 565 7250
- 00:38:30 Melissa Schmidt: I agree, you are amazing!! Theresa you are as well!! love you both
- 00:38:35 Lisa Kleiner: Thank you Cheryl!! 🔒
- 00:39:02 Laurie Davenport: Monique, this is so inspiring. I so relate to being the person who has all the jobs great to hear all the lessons learned!
- 00:39:04 Stacey Soltoff: I think a separate webinar for folks considering starting their own site would be amazing
- 00:39:09 CC Mendoza: Cheryl helps MDC as well, you ROCK Cheryl!!!
- 00:39:38 Valeri Almony: Great! :) Because they can help with deposits for Vash Vouchers
- 00:40:37 Courtney Love LEC she/her: the use, risk, impact, etc of cannabis is vastly different than alcohol and I strongly recommend not comparing them, partnering them, etc
- 00:42:44 Lavada Kent-Napier: jambalaya recipe generate income for low income females for the pass 5 years, since shutdown we have Barriers to starting up at a secured location. we have all equipment but no funding for annual fees to open to public.
- 00:42:57 Theresa Power-Drutis: Monique I have an even smaller staff than you do but happy to talk with you about the most useful book-keeping tool I've found: QuickBooks on-line, It's available to 501c3 orgs at a deep discount via Tech Soup. Note: I don't get a kick back for this promotion : )
- 00:43:05 Stacey Soltoff: agreed Courtney. also, if you're not limiting cigarettes, which have no therapeutic benefits, then I wouldn't limit marijuana
- 00:43:59 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Jenny to the rescue!
- 00:44:18 Jeffrey Boyce: Awesome Jenny!
- 00:44:28 Sally Perkins: Jenny, fabulous!
- 00:44:53 Richard Dorsett: A chowderhead vigilante went into an encampment this week to recover stolen property and ended up shooting a homeless person; horrible approach to interacting with people. The man is a candidate for Pierce County council.
- 00:45:57 Stacey Soltoff: 😳 I heard about the shooting. didn't realize the target was unhoused. I'll need to share more widely in my community
- 00:46:11 Jenny Lorton: Richard is there a link to an article about this? I hadn't heard!?!
- 00:46:40 Rob Huff (he/him): The target was homeless, but also appears to be a car thief. It is a bizarre story...
- 00:46:44 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Echoing Jenny-I am very interested in learning more about this. That is absolutely horrible
- 00:46:46 Stacey Soltoff: TNT has had a few but I only looked at the headlines
- 00:47:33 Rob Huff (he/him): This is the latest story from this morning, although I haven't had a chance to read it yet: https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article262101677.html
- 00:48:10 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Much appreciate, Rob
- 00:48:35 Stacey Soltoff: thanks Rob

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- 00:51:09 Jay Worley: i have to step away for a minute
- 00:51:17 Richard Dorsett: Even though no weather event it does seem to be a time for water. May be good to stock up.
- 00:52:09 Rob Huff (he/him): I bet Monique could use an intern or two!
- 00:52:34 Valeri Almony: have to leave to pick up a kid from school. hope to be back for update
- 00:52:48 Rob Huff (he/him): Thanks, Valeri!
- 00:52:52 Monique Brown: YES! Intern's welcome!!!!
- 00:55:01 Monique Brown: Christina, where do I sign up?
- 00:58:27 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: christinaq2022@gmail.com is that correct?
- 00:58:48 Christina Qiao: Yes!
- 00:58:59 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Thanks Christina!
- 01:00:53 Ashley Blackwell: Resume reference/LinkedIn comment etc.
- 01:02:46 Stacey Soltoff: does the Coalition have a blog?
- 01:02:59 Rob Huff (he/him): We don't currently.
- 01:02:59 Theresa Power-Drutis: Or an occasional "spotlight" on interns
- 01:03:25 Lavada Kent-Napier: zydeco Queen Cajun Foods commissary kitchen may be able to help with meeting spot 2020napier1950@gmail.com
- 01:03:41 Monique Brown: Christina, please email me: mbrown@fobhope.org
- 01:04:01 Stacey Soltoff: spotlight sounds good
- 01:04:10 Theresa Power-Drutis: Christina: here is my email tpdrutis@nctacoma.org
- 01:04:15 Jay Worley: Back
- 01:04:36 Paula Anderson: Christine, we have worked with interns before and have loved it at New Hope.
  - We have a definite interest in this! Please contact me at andepaa12@msn.com Paula Anderson
- 01:05:36 Stacey Soltoff: @lavada does your org do catering?
- 01:05:48 Lavada Kent-Napier: yes
- 01:06:00 Richard Dorsett: I'm loose.
- 01:06:54 Christine Lindquist: 😂
- 01:07:03 Lavada Kent-Napier: provide your contact info and we can provide information
- 01:07:22 Verna Lilly: Richard, you're loose like a world class surfer!
- 01:08:32 Rob Huff (he/him): This will be carved in stone.
- 01:08:45 Christine Lindquist: I like it.
- 01:08:54 Theresa Power-Drutis: Thanks to the governance crew for working on this

01:09:15 - Dionne SVdP: - Water/camp item requests- St. Vincent's was able to partner with an independent outreach worker to get 10 cases of water into a camp last week. If you have any requests for ITEMS to address emergency basic needs, or items to be distributed into camps please do not hesitate to reach out and see if it is possible- djacobson@svdptacoma.org

- 01:09:19 Timothy Harris: I love how dynamic it is. All about doing.
- 01:10:25 Monique Brown: Please put on screen
- 01:12:24 Melissa Schmidt: I have to leave, have a meeting at 10, im hoping to come back and reconnect. Monique, you are a Rockstar!! If I can help in anyway please let me know. mschmidt@ccsww.org.
- 01:13:18 Stacey Soltoff: thanks to the governing committee for working on this!
- 01:18:13 Courtney Love LEC she/her: Storing RVs!?! Taking people's homes and putting them aside while forcing people onto the streets!?!
- 01:19:06 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: I hear a lot of dead batteries as well as running out of gas
- 01:19:21 Theresa Power-Drutis: We could "store" RVs in an RV safe lot that is a 24 hour operation





- 01:19:50 Theresa Power-Drutis: Including repair assistance and beautification
- 01:20:31 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Great question, Jay!
- 01:21:12 Theresa Power-Drutis: Jay would be great at running a safe RV park (just a gentle nomination/nudge)
- 01:21:31 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: I second that, Theresa!
- 01:22:20 Courtney Love LEC she/her: lived experience peer navigation has proven to be the most effective hear hear Jay
- 01:22:26 Lavada Kent-Napier: what's the position
- 01:22:35 Valeri Almony: im back
- 01:24:25 Caleb Carbone: Competitive Funding 2023-2024: The Neighborhood & Community Services Department

released a Notice of Funding Availability for 2023-2024 contract funding on June 1, 2022. The solicitation may be accessed at www.cityoftacoma.org/bids. Funding is limited to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder funds and programs will need to demonstrate an alignment to that funding source as part of the application process. NCS plans to conduct a similar process for General Funds later in the year as the 2023-2024 budget is finalized. NCS and Purchasing staff will host two pre-proposal trainings for interested applicants on June 2, 2022, and June 8, 2022.

01:25:10 - Caleb Carbone: - jcarlisle@cityoftacoma.org for HEAL Position Inquiries

- 01:25:43 Laurie Davenport: Outreach schedule for rental assistance/Housing Justice Project for June/July:
- 01:25:53 Laurie Davenport: www.tacomaprobono.org/hjp
- 01:26:05 Theresa Power-Drutis: Regarding consultant assistance: need to offer grants to agencies that can help people who want to do this work as they face the challenges of becoming and maintaining 501c3 orgs. Also need more agencies to step up and provide mentoring and fiscal sponsorships so people can try it out for a year or two without all of the paperwork. Good way to get more resources up and running quickly
- 01:26:13 Jay Worley: Theresa. thank you for the vote of confidence.
- 01:29:43 Stacey Soltoff: I second (third?) Theresa's vote 😁
- 01:30:25 Stacey Soltoff: if you're not careful you're gonna have a job running RV encampments! lol
- 01:31:00 Jennie Schoeppe: TPCHD COVID data dashboard: https://www.tpchd.org/healthypeople/diseases/covid-19/pierce-county-cases
- 01:31:01 Caleb Carbone: I did forgot to mention that we moved dirt at Brotherhood RISE starting Tuesday and will hopefully be in operation by Mid Summer
- 01:31:29 Sally Perkins: Saw the dirt being moved, Caleb and Gerald, that's GREAT!
- 01:31:35 Rob Huff (he/him): That is great news, Caleb!
- 01:31:39 Jeffrey Boyce: That is great Caleb!
- 01:31:50 Jennie Schoeppe: WA Dept of Health (DOH) data dashboard (you can filter by county and see some nice graphs!): https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/state-dashboard
- 01:32:53 Wendy Morris (she/her): Good to see everyone but need to jump off for another meeting.
- 01:33:03 Rob Huff (he/him): Thanks for being here, Wendy
- 01:33:03 Jennie Schoeppe: This CDC page walks through what to do if you're exposed to or have symptoms of COVID (or test positive!): https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html



- 01:35:02 Jennie Schoeppe: Out COVID testing page has updated info on testing: https://www.tpchd.org/gettested You can also reach out directly to Katelyn Huynh: 253-722-4004, khuynh@tpchd.org, if you are an organization/agency/shelter who has testing questions or needs support.
- 01:35:37 Rob Huff (he/him): Regarding Safe Sites, I imagine Monique has a lot of thoughts that could help inform the establishment of that kind of site.
- 01:36:09 Jennie Schoeppe: Finally, monkeypox, here are a few links to learn more: LOCAL: https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/notifiable-conditions/rare-disease-publichealth-significance/monkeypox CDC/National: https://www.ede.gov/powiews/monkeypox/secondes/allocal/index.html
  - https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/response/2022/index.html
- 01:36:25 Jennie Schoeppe: As always, please reach out to me w/ any questions you have and I'll try to connect you with the right resources.
- 01:36:32 Jennie Schoeppe: JSchoeppe@tpchd.org
- 01:49:27 Christine Lindquist: Room 8

Community seems to have a lot less patience around encampments than even a year ago.

Many taxpayers probably feel like public funds aren't being used efficiently - such as with sweeps.

Conflating crime and homelessness is an issue.

There's much blaming of homeless people for being homeless.

Need consistent messaging across all levels in government.

- 01:49:46 Ashley Blackwell: Notes:
- 01:50:00 Ashley Blackwell: -Reaching out to those interested
- 01:50:16 Christine Lindquist: It's always good networking!
- 01:50:28 Stacey Soltoff: room 5 (?) obstacles: no elevator speech when it comes up one-on-one w folks who have misperceptions
- 01:50:35 Ashley Blackwell: -CTI model not working, not interested in resources but simply housing, going where the money is...
- 01:50:40 Stacey Soltoff: - need a PR campaign
- 01:51:22 Ashley Blackwell: -reality of not being able to reach priority pool; sweeps to where? (system needs to be re-evaluated)
- 01:51:42 Stacey Soltoff: - folks who aren't supportive don't understand trauma & Trauma Informed Careb giving people info about trauma is a safe platform
- 01:52:29 Stacey Soltoff: - House of Prayer has had success w community mtgs w the local neighborhood watch when they open a new site or start a new program
- 01:52:36 Ashley Blackwell: -curious to see what the 80 tiny homes being built on city land in Olympia (quincy street) looks like and mean to the homeless population? is this a permanent solution or temporary?
- 01:52:43 Theresa Power-Drutis: Good idea about an elevator speech we should have an elevator speech competition winner gets 2 cases of water and 5 gently used tents that they can distribute as they like : )
- 01:53:26 Lavada Kent-Napier: data history census numbers on how many homeless prevention, longterm homeless Ness, demographic data on protected groups



- 01:53:33 Courtney Love LEC she/her: can't remember our room number: Patricia, Nicole, Courtney... Those with contracts like SeaMar aren't maximizing their outreach; broader outreach will likely take money; utilizing agencies that already have broad household access, like the Health Dept to disseminate information - and it is a health related issue. Messages of compassion, pathways to houselessness, challenges to secure housing, history of housing in the US, solutions found across the globe.
- 01:53:58 Rob Huff (he/him): Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness can be found here: https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness
- 01:54:00 Timothy Harris: Room 11: We need better messaging around MH and SUD that builds empathy and understanding without feeding into stigmatization and victim blaming. Important to include equity messaging and the many routes into homelessness. Need to be better at storytelling because people relate to individual struggles and are empathetic. Need stories on how the limited resources available get in the way of people's struggles to succeed.
- 01:54:37 Stacey Soltoff: lol I'd write one for free. but I think a seminar where ppl can practice would be helpful (& fun). when it happens in our daily lives we sometimes freeze or deflect rather than addressing it because it is upsetting to hear from our friends & neighbors (or possibly colleagues)
- 01:54:50 Jeffrey Boyce: #2, Reaching out to the businesses that are affected by encampments and give them the tools to help. Look at zoning issues to preventing low income housing, senior centers, a larger group anticipated to add to more homelessness, faith communities including the smaller churches, many unsheltered live in vehicles and are working poor, hidden poor many of them have jobs.
- 01:55:05 Lavada Kent-Napier: there is no payment coming to lavada Kent-Napier nor my business for any services I've rendered
- 01:55:34 Jay Worley: Monique could i get you number one more time please
- 01:55:45 Dana Peregrine: Great networking and conversation, yes! The "big idea" and unanimous idea was using social media. It must be constant, "pushed out" information (can be automated). Information that counters all the negative, like (one example) homelessness is hopeless to solve b/c all want to stay on the streets. How about a Coalition social media workgroup? Could gather lots of success stories and information and data and writings from members of Coalition to then put out through social media.
- 01:55:45 Laurie Davenport: Group 6 (I think): We talked about why people aren't receptive to information about homelessness they feel helpless, futility, no progress is being made, don't have time to get involved, etc. We exist in echo chambers and to be effective in getting the message out we need to go outside our comfortable spaces and choose conversations where we might encounter different views and have an opportunity to ask questions, be curious, hopefully make some progress. The main thing standing in the way of communication is fear.
- 01:56:52 Jennie Schoeppe: Courtney -- can you say more about what your group thought health dept should do to "disseminate information" or what that would look like? THANKS!
- 01:58:41 Stacey Soltoff: I love the idea of a social media sub group. but it needs way more participation than just Theresa & Laurie who are pretty much the entire subcommitte for messaging for the Coalition
- 01:58:58 Lavada Kent-Napier: during the after hours more homeless people are coming to tacoma in groups of 15 to thirty people and with different styles of tents
- 01:59:04 Jennie Schoeppe: HI, who manages the Coalition's FB page?
- 01:59:08 Stacey Soltoff: is there anyone with PR experience willing to share that expertise w the Coaliton?



- 01:59:28 Rob Huff (he/him): Gerrit and I post things there occassionally.
- 01:59:45 Rob Huff (he/him): The challenge is capacity to do more of that.
- 01:59:58 Lavada Kent-Napier: draft Itter give to each member to send
- 02:00:02 Jennie Schoeppe: Yes, I hear you Rob. for sure. Also, there is no IG page, correct?
- 02:00:22 Lavada Kent-Napier: yes
- 02:00:56 Theresa Power-Drutis: additional notes from room 2: homelessness is growing faster among elders than any other group. Outreach (including this info) to professional organizations, faith communities, and social clubs/senior centers. People mentioned many of the messages already developed by the coalition as important - and would be good to push out to new audiences.
- 02:01:11 Stacey Soltoff: @jennie what are the primary social media platforms that the health dept uses?
- 02:01:41 Courtney Love LEC she/her: Jennie the Health Dept sends out recurring, age appropriate info to new parents re: milestones, vaccination, etc they already have access to households that can be taken advantage of, preferably with fact and stat based information, the challenges faced by those attempting to secure housing, and solutions found elsewhere.
- 02:02:06 Lavada Kent-Napier: women over 40 black is the highest percentage un housed
- 02:02:36 Stacey Soltoff: the Homelessness 101 training that Theresa & Rosemary do is fantastic. but we need to bring that \*TO\* the community rather than expect ppl to come to them
- 02:02:50 Courtney Love LEC she/her: The city could do the same, but I doubt they'll amplify solutions found elsewhere that aren't embraced here already.
- 02:03:00 Jennie Schoeppe: great question! we use FB and IG. We put out blogs periodically.
- 02:03:13 Theresa Power-Drutis: Another vote from Theresa for ending these meetings at 10:45 or 10:50 to offer a break for those who have 11 am zoom meetings.
- 02:03:17 Stacey Soltoff: 👗 🍦 send Maureen our best
- 02:03:21 Christine Lindquist: When I reached out to Maureen about weather triggers, she was very responsive.
- 02:03:39 Lavada Kent-Napier: remember homeless do not have access to wifi
- 02:04:04 Stacey Soltoff: thanks Jennie!
- 02:04:12 Lavada Kent-Napier: well
- 02:04:13 Richard Dorsett: A new supply of supplies for first aid kits was given from Dave Purchase Project at Needle Exchange; we will prepare additional first aid kits for distribution.
- 02:04:34 Theresa Power-Drutis: Great news Richard thank you!
- 02:04:36 Lavada Kent-Napier: agenda base is great
- 02:05:10 Rob Huff (he/him): EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher?
- 02:06:05 Theresa Power-Drutis: Great work Jenny!
- 02:06:20 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Incredible, Jenny!
- 02:07:35 Theresa Power-Drutis: When there is not funding (or if you want to spend funds on things we can't supply)- contact New Connections for starter kits tpdrutis@nctacoma.org
- 02:08:06 Jenny Lorton: Thank you Theresa!
- 02:08:11 Christine Lindquist: Thank you for another well run meeting!
- 02:08:38 Jenny Lorton: We also connect with Lenny and the Dream Makers for starter kits shout out to them because they are amazing!!!
- 02:08:39 Nicole G. WFS Tacoma: Great info. Thanks all!
- 02:08:44 Laurie Davenport: Great Meeting.
- 02:08:45 Jennie Schoeppe: GREAT POINTS, Courtney. Many of us are working with PEH, service providers, and advocates but our Dept-wide response is limited, so writing blogs, generalized



communications, etc. hasn't been a priority. We do have an active policy lead working to support upstream issues and support the PC Comp Plan. There are several of us here internally trying to move to a more robust and coordinated response to homelessness from the TPCHD. Once our crossdivisional group gels together, I could see that group pushing internally for our blogs, social media to be use. I don't have the capacity at the moment to do this but once this group comes together, I believe this is something we can consider! THANK YOU.

- 02:11:30 Jeffrey Boyce: 360-8601711
- 02:12:49 PATRICIA .: @Rob > can you purposely email me the Advisory Board info. thx
- 02:16:34 PATRICIA .: are we started ?
- 02:22:19 Jennie Schoeppe: excellent idea Jenny. As new folks come to the meeting it's good to circle back and talk about the system. I myself would love that education. :)
- 02:26:09 PATRICIA .: > There has been shifting sources <
- 02:26:15 PATRICIA .: HMIS
- 02:26:21 Rob Huff (he/him): The County owns the data and HMIS
- 02:27:43 Janet Runbeck: Clinton Brink might be ready to report on what Master Builders of Pierce County is doing on prevention. Can I ask him to pick a Friday?
- 02:28:11 Rob Huff (he/him): I would like to know more about what would be presented ahead of scheduling that