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Rosemary Powers

Welcome everyone. June as you know is Pride Month and There will be celebrations both meaningful, deeply meaningful and broadly commercial with rainbow colors and affirmations of the right to be who we want to be and to love whom we want to love. These celebrations though take place in a polarized political environment where the expectation of equity around difference in gender identity and sexualities cannot be assured. And today I invite us to honor the experience of LGBTQ youth and especially youth experiencing homelessness. I also offer a special thanks to the adult mentors and homeless services providers who walked with these young people as they take on daunting challenges both of survival and a following of dreams. Just a couple of statistics. The national advocacy organization True Colors United reports that in the United States 4.2 million US experience homelessness each year with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and questioning us 120% more likely to experience homelessness than their non LGBTQ peers. Further, while these youth are estimated to be about 7% of the US population, they make up nearly 40% of homeless youth with transgender youth nearly 20% more at risk of homelessness. LGBTQ youth of color are also over represented among homeless youth, with native indigenous youth having doubled the odds of their white peers. True Colors United along with the National Coalition sees me the national homeless loss



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center presents an annual state by state report of responses on youth homelessness that's worth reviewing if you haven't seen it before. In the 2021 report wash. Kington ranks as number two among the states scoring 85 out of a possible 100 points on the metrics the groups used. For LGBTQ youth Washington is acknowledged for state plans to end homelessness that require youth and LGBTQ specific strategies for banning conversion therapy for minors on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and for requiring training about issues specific to LGBTQ youth for staff working in systems serving runaway and homeless youth. So we should celebrate these official commitments and hold the state accountable for what they've said. We should listen to the voices and experiences of young people and show up to help reduce the barriers that make it difficult for them to become all they can be. I invite us to be however we can show up. But Langston Hughes calls dream keepers and he writes these few words. Bring me all your dreams your dreamer bring me all your heart melodies that I may wrap them in a blue cloud cloth away from the two rough fingers of the world. So welcome to all of you today to our Open Table and to the work of keeping dreams. Let me tell you a bit about how we do our meeting if you haven't been here before, we ask that you keep yourself on mute if you're not speaking and if you're doing other things to stop your video too. So we're not distracted. We asked you to use the hand raise hand function if that's possible for you when you would want to make a comment. And if you're calling from a phone and aren't able to show us anything but that that will help Rob keep track of who is wishing to speak. We also use the chat function as a way to network among ourselves. So feel free to use that as your conversation during the time if you're new and want to have asked a question someone will respond to it. They're very, very usually that happens a lot and we'd like to also hear what organization you might be representing. And in fact, I think rob us he puts these norms in the in the chat. So if you're if you're new, you can also look and see what we count as our community norms for paying attention to racial equity when we speak or when we make plans or proposals to be aware of the power dynamics in the room and not speak too often or not speak at all, to listen to learn and to challenge ideas, not people. So more of those later. But that's that for now. And I'd like to invite anyone who's new today, just to say your name, let us know that you're here. And if you're part of an organization or representing some group here to let us know that we'll have more time to talk in small groups a little later. So I see Wendy ready to speak. Go ahead.

Wendy Morris

I am converting me. I'm Wendy Morris, with Lutheran Community Services Northwest. And we are in the process of getting a rapid rehousing grant that I will be managing. Hopefully we'll be getting it later this summer.

Rob Huff

You're muted rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

I was just saying Great. Wendy will look forward to hearing more about it.



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Rob Huff

All right, I'm not seeing anyone else raising their hand. You can raise your hand unmute yourself or use the raise hand function and let us know if you'd like to introduce yourself. Well, Melissa, I see you raised your hand and then levada. Hi, I'm

Melissa Schmidt

Melissa and I'm with Catholic Community Services. I work at the Nativity house shelter.

Rob Huff

Thank you for joining us, Melissa. And I'm thrilled to have you. Thank you.

Lavada Kent-Napier

Yes, good morning, I'm Aveda Kent Napier and I just want to say that I participated as a cook with the vets village off of 82nd and Pacific and it was a success. They love the cooking and I got three proposals for marriage. And they were just ecstatic that someone can cook jambalaya out on a black on I think it was a Blackstone grill. They were shocked

Rosemary Powers

that's great. Love it I thank you

Rob Huff

all right, so I'm not seeing any others. So let's go ahead and move on with our agenda. So VEDA you provide a perfect segue into our weekly segment to talking talking about what people are seeing happening on the streets this week. And I see that Monique Brown is on on screen right now. Monique, would you like to give us a quick update about what's happening at veteran's village and how things are going so far.

Monique Brown

Okay, so now you're saying quick update, but when you emailed me you wanted me to do more okay. All right. I got all these little notes. Okay. First, before I even begin, you know, it takes a village right. And I want to thank some of the people on this call because, man, they have stepped up in an amazing way to help us get started. So I just want to say a couple of names Jeffrey Boice, rosemary and Teresa. Richard Dorsett, Cheryl Hill, Paul Anderson. Special shout out to Srila who helped me out with some food at the last minute and the Veda. We had an event on Saturday where nine line veteran services came out and gave our vet some some items, you know, toiletries and socks and you know, just some goodies. And levator was out there making this jump Elia and let me tell you I should have proposed that jumble. I was amazing, okay. The guys and ladies loved it out there and they felt quite special. And then Monday we had a little barbecue out there for Memorial Day. And that was nice too. So I want to



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talk to you guys about some lessons learned just in case you're planning to do this thing. And there are way more lessons learned than I have to tell you today okay, but I'm just going to try to keep it a little shorter. I could be an hour talking about lessons learned. Okay, so the first thing I want to talk about is power. I would suggest if anyone is going to try to do this make sure your power and your water is connected before you even start setting up your site. Because it is a pain trying to do everything post. We still do not have Wi Fi we are trying to use our hotspots to do work. But it is just the slowest ever. The other thing, this is a temporary encampment so power to tents was not an option. However, there are so many phones to charge and laptops to be used that everybody is you know, fighting for space in the kitchen to plug things in. We also have a young man who has diabetes and his feet are extremely cold, so he needed some heat. So maybe next time we talk a little more about power for the tents. Okay, now I want to talk shelters. It was so excited to have these ice fishing shelters. They're big you can stand up in them. They're advertised as waterproof and insulated. And they are insulated. Waterproof. No. So we learned that the hard way. Then we purchased some rain flies for them. They're a little too small need to be tight tighter. So if you're going to do this, maybe looking into some pitched roof something to cover entire areas so that you don't get all the water in the tent. Now with the water in the tent in the moister. You got to make sure you have something to remove moisture out of tents. I saw some mold. We had our first fire because someone did not listen to me about open flames. And then they decided to go to the store after they lit their candle. So when I lifted the carpet though, I saw some little spots of mold so we've got to replace every floor piece of flooring in every tent. And so just make sure you do something for moisture before. The icing shelters were a lot of work for the platforms and everything and I thought they were going to just be amazing. It cost about \$1,000 to do each tent, that's what the tent, the platform, everything that goes inside and the rain fly. Probably next time I would go for the palette homes instead of trying to work with this. There's just too many things to take care of with this ice fishing shelter. The kitchen tent, many of you know we had that wind and our tent was destroyed. So ensuring that you have a sturdy enough tent one of the things we did not do when the first tent was put it in the ground because this is a temporary shelter. Unfortunately we had to put this the new shelter in the in the ground the new kitchen tin in the ground. So we got carports that are sturdier than party tents. We connected the two together and then put them in the ground. They seem to be holding great. The other issue inside of the tent is more options. For cooking. So we did purchase a grill and we did get donated. Teresa bought brought a I think it was you Teresa the

Theresa Power-Drutis

confession Rosemary it's a convection convection cooker.

Monique Brown

Right so convection cooker. Which is helping and the grill is helping. I think pastor pinnae brought us a smoker. I don't know what we're gonna do with that but it sounds fun. But then you have to think about how we're going to wash all these dishes. We have no water going into the kitchen tent. We do have a hose now that we can run you know, but gotta think about all these things before Okay, laundry. We're still figuring out Paula Anderson is sending her trailer twice per month, which is going to help a great



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deal but we still need to figure ways to get people to wash clothes. We have transportation. However, a lot of them don't have the funding to do it. So we've got to figure that out. Speaking on transportation, we have a van and I was like great. We're going to take them everywhere they need to go and then we realize there's so much to do with the camp that we're having a hard time breaking away to take someone so if you have a van hire a driver, we're working on getting up a driver for just 24 hours a week. We'll do Monday, Wednesday, Friday, eight hours and we'll have them you know drop people off at the American Lake and take them to get IDs and all that kind of stuff. But we need a driver for that. Okay, now let's talk about the villagers. They get a little comfortable quickly. So and they like to invite their friends over now. They've got a spot right. So we had a whole bunch of people hanging out in front. We had a whole bunch of folks working on cars out front it just looked terrible. So I nipped that in the bud but that's something to think about that you should probably put out to the villagers first that you know you can't have visitors but all these cars lined up and working on cars out front does not look good. So now the new rule is on the weekend. You can work on your car, you pull it inside of the encampment in our open space, work on your car there and then pull it back out to the street storage. I had no idea how many people were going to step up to donate to us. And so now we have no storage options. We have three storage sheds, but it's not enough. So working on getting maybe another carport gentleman across the street from the camp that is going to he will allow us to rent hit the back of his truck for \$200 a month but we just don't have anywhere to put the truck. So storage is an issue. mental health and drug detox. I didn't think about I mean I thought about mental health. But that crisis right here right now trying to get someone to talk people down was an issue. So we're tapping into providers that could come like immediately or we could call I've just been using my safe talk and my assist skills to try to talk to folks and then just the the skills that I know from having PTSD and working with folks you know, grounding exercises and things like that, but it'd be nice to have someone on speed dial, take care of those who are in immediate need. The other thing I did not know is that when people have a safe space, some of them decide to detox right there. So we had a couple of folks say hey, I'm going to go clean one of them. He's done it before. He did it. A couple of days he was done. Heroin, not as hard to come down off from what I understand. We had another young lady though that had never done it herself and decided she was going to do it Fortunately, the PA came we have a PA that comes every Wednesday. So he showed up right when we were like Oh God, what do we do so he was able to take care of the issue and we now have him on speed dial I'm a little torn about marijuana. We are we're a come as you are encampment. Many veterans utilize marijuana to for sleeping for their anxiety because the VA pushes just mid after mid after mid and they're tearing us up. So many people use marijuana. However, just as I don't let anybody drink on the site, how do I allow someone to smoke their marijuana on this site? My thought is to get everyone who is a user of marijuana a medical card. I still am concerned about having it on the camp. So if anybody has any suggestions, ideas, thoughts on that, please reach out to me because I know how much it helps vets but I'm a little torn on how we should handle that. And then the last part of this I want to know two parts, consultants. So I'm a small nonprofit. I am the Executive Director. I am the human resources manager. I do payroll. I am the grant writer. I am the tax consultant. I am all things administrative, find some consultants I did not know all the things I needed to know about human resources. And when you hire folks, what you have to do so



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now I'm struggling to create all these training programs and rules and regulations and what I gotta do for overtime, big mess. So hire consultants or at least tap into someone who can help you consult and then I would say if we could do that in the community provide some consultants to the smaller nonprofits who don't have the information to get some assistance. Human resources is killing me. I will tell you right now. Okay. And the last thing I want to talk about is the Department of Veterans Affairs has been amazing. So we set up with them where they come out, and they sat down and talked with many of our veterans to see if they qualify for HUD VASH so that we can get them in the program. We have two folks who have their vouchers already. One is a couple is shopping for their housing and one just went to look at his housing yesterday. So this process moves fast when we have HUD VASH but let me not say fast, but it moves faster when you connect them with HUD VASH. So we're working we're getting people housed or ready which is much faster than I thought we were going to do it so yeah, more lessons learned. And just working my butt off. We'll try to get it right.

Rob Huff

Sounds like a very heavy lift and I think you have a lot of lessons that will be useful for folks is a look at standing up additional shelters. So we've got a few questions I saw Cheryl had wanted to raise her hand so why don't we go to you first and then I see Theresa has her hand up.

Cheryl Hill

Hi, I'm Cheryl. I'm an individual that seeks on auction things for nonprofits. So I just want to remind you if there's particular things that you need for your organization, my thrill in life is finding it. And right now I have a lot of adult wipes good quality adult wipes, so if anybody is you know, we'd like some got quite a few boxes. Almost my whole garage for either. Email me Cheryl Hill one@comcast.net or call me at 253-565-7250 and for any other thing that you're looking for, just let me know and because like I say my thrill is in finding it. Thank you.

Monique Brown

Cheryl has been a godsend to fob hope she has brought us many things that we need hard to find stuff. Cheryl I need some bicycle helmets. Can you help me with that? I have four bikes at the camp that they are using to ride to the store and stuff. But I have no helmets and one of my 72 year old veterans decided to ride down the street and fell off. So um, helmets would be important. And thank you for all your support.

Rob Huff

Yeah, thanks Cheryl. And Teresa, your hands up and then Patricia.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Maybe a tricycle to Monique for those older folks would be good. So I want to say that I'm I'm going out to pick up some things from Cheryl sometimes soon. So if there are other people who are interested in



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the wives, but I could bring them back to my porch here in the hilltop, if that's helpful, so let me know or let Cheryl know first and she can let me know. But what I raised my hand about was to say what Monique just did. I think it deserves more airing than this little group. So I don't know Monique, if you would be game for making a little short video that we could put up someplace or if we can just slice and dice this out to put it up. But I think the things that you're talking about are just precious, precious lessons that you've spent your time learning. And I feel the very same way when you're a small nonprofit, and you need help with things. There's no place to go. And we need to fix that for all of us. So thank you for what you did. And what you're doing. You're great.

Monique Brown

Thank you, Teresa. My goal is to make a document of lessons learned with pricing out everything that we've had to purchase on the at the village and just talking about, you know, the things that we're finding and the lessons we're learning from the people who live at the village. So it will be a document but you're more than welcome to slice and dice which you need to hear to use right away.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Well, your delivery is, is on top of having it in writing. I think your delivery is really great.

Monique Brown

Okay, thank you. Yeah, I think I have no problem sharing. Honestly. If it's going to help somebody because my god if I had this help before.

Rob Huff

Okay, so a number of hands up. I did want to call attention. I don't know if you're able to see the chat Monique. Valerie from the county asked if you are connected to the SSVF program yet.

Monique Brown

Yes, I am and I missed it this week, but I do sit I go to the meeting for the veterans master list. I'm also connected to V hog which I had lost a veteran. And then he went to V hog and they call me and said hey, this gentleman says he's connected to you. And so they sent him right. I said Yes, send them right over. And so he came over and now he's in the village. So those two entities are really helping us a lot.

Rob Huff

Cool. Patricia your hands up. First of all,

Patricia

I just want to say how proud I am that this initiative happens and it went into action and it's now existing I know it was a lot of work. I'm a lived experience ambassador and I've lived in multiple different places like tight encampments, tiny home villages. One of the things that you expressed was like about the



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marijuana. I'm not other saw. I don't have other said problem. But there was high barrier situations where it was not allowed to occur on site or within two blocks. That also helps assist those that are like detoxing or trying to stay away from it. You know as not being an encourager also want to make sure that you have Narcan on site. Okay, okay. Because sometimes when people do find their own spot of safety, their addiction actually blooms because they don't have to fight for their spot on the street. Or whatever. And then electricity wise in the building of like even in tent encampments, we had spider connectors that are a bit safer so that you can spider connect them through the tents. I know that there's a bunch of wires but that will become a problem because people will start to use one outlet and then do extenders and extenders for their phones, you'll see different things happening and then you'll blow out your power. So maybe to try to MIT because there is a lot of like the phone, you know those type of things. That's just my best stuff right now Monique and I hope to support you in the future.

Monique Brown

All right. So please come see me.

Patricia

I got I was about to say I was just about to say that I do. I could try to do the video for you. Because sort of like that program but we could take like clips of that. And just to promote like this is something my banner in life right now is aspiration must meet action. There's been a lot of talk about what to do, but not fully and that's why I'm so proud of you minute, so I will

Monique Brown

All right, thank you. The the villagers have mentioned the spider connectors and I have no knowledge of what they are. So I was like huh sounds dangerous. So okay, that's good. Good to know,

Patricia

the measure and you can talk to the electricity company, the electricity people and they'll show it. I'll try to take some pictures of them and send them they're part of also like the Lehigh models with like, the tiny home villages and things like that. So that that it takes like the power from like the center so you won't, you won't snap your grid, you know, like your electricity if you overpower so thank you.

Monique Brown

Thank you so much, Patricia

Rob Huff

and Jay you have your hand up.

Jay Warley



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Likewise, I have experience, camping and otherwise and actually with a veteran, a few and I was hoping to connect with you and give you some low cost solutions to some of your issues. And I was going to see if you're going to be there on Monday if that was possible.

Monique Brown

I will be there Monday. Yes. I'm there most days. I'm just not there right now. But when we get off here, I'll be over there. So yes, I will be there Monday and I appreciate you coming out and give me any assistance you can.

Jay Warley

There's also some solar solutions that you could possibly utilize that are pretty cheap that will take you off your dependence of the grid. Thank you.

Rob Huff

And Jenny, you have your hand up as well.

Jenny Lorton

Yeah, I just wanted to say Monique, I am available and more than happy to support you with your HR challenges. So I've been an HR director for 20 years. So I will be more than happy to support you. So I actually sent you an email, so you and I can connect later this afternoon. So thank you,

Monique Brown

Jenny, I'm going to propose to you right now.

Jenny Lorton

Thank you. You are more than welcome. Oh

Monique Brown

my god. I am struggling with this. Thank you so much.

Jenny Lorton

No problem that it is very complex, very complicated. And if you have never done employment and payroll before, totally understand that it can melt your brain so no problem.

Monique Brown

I will respond to your email immediately.

Jenny Lorton



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I'm I'm here for it. No problem. And I've done tons of small business consulting, and so consulting in that arena. All day long. No problem. Happy.

Monique Brown

Okay. All right. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Well, Monique, I am glad that you could come here today and we could hear what you've learned and maybe fill in some gaps. So this is fantastic.

Monique Brown

I didn't expect that when I shared this that I would get some response. So this is awesome. This is amazing. Amazing. Thank you so much.

Rob Huff

All right. So let's shift a little bit and talk what we traditionally talk about during this week on the streets, any updates from folks who are doing outreach? Who would like to share I see Richard put something in the chat about our political candidate that decided to shoot almost a homeless individual earlier this week. Anybody else who would like to share something regarding what's they've seen on the streets this week? Yeah, Jeffrey. Morning, everyone. It's been a pleasure going out to the Veterans Village and meeting up with veterans. I'm a veteran myself. So this really touches my heart. 34th and Pacific kicked out all the people who are creating the problems and now they're doing pretty well. They put up a no vacancy sign prior to the two sweeps this week. And then we're going to hold tight to that. Same with the mound up on the upper part of the 705. They've got eight campers there. And they just want to be left alone and nobody else moving in. They're tired of problem, people coming in and plopping themselves in their encampments and creating problems for them. And I think that this is going to be become a louder and louder part is the campers don't want the bad people in there. They don't want the criminals in there. And so I think it's imperative to us that we try to tell that story that we tried to make sure that we tried to tell everybody that not everybody in an encampment is a criminal, that there are criminals who are preying on the homeless and trying to take over camps. And I have seen it and it's not pretty. So until we get some more camps like Veterans Village, those who are doing outreach please pay attention to this. This is very important. I did drive around evergreen yesterday and there were two tents left. And I'm not going to tell you how many are at 34th and Pacific but there's a fair number. And they're doing well. Thank you. Thank you Jeffrey. Patricia and then I CCC has her hand up.

Patricia



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Due to the climbing temperatures. I know it might not seem like that today. I think one of the best things that people can do is give water, right bottled water and so forth. I just want to make that very clear. I'll just leave it at that. But that's the necessity despite everything Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Patricia. CC.

CC Mendoza

Yeah, I just wanted to let people know that there's about six or seven vehicles. People that probably need some outreach behind the Kaiser Permanente building off of steel street on 95th and steel Street. And I hadn't been over there for a while. And the last time I was there, there was nobody there and now there's like six or seven vehicles right behind the building. Okay.

Rob Huff

And Richard, can you I know you are tracking what was happening at 11th and Hi, Lobos waterway update from there.

Rian Booker

Oh, no update. I'm gonna hit out there shortly but some of the vehicles had moved in. And I'll go check. And again with as Jeffrey said, I saw one or 210 still remaining at Evergreen. And I know where some of those folks have gone. And we'll do some more follow up there today just checking on things but no don't have anything specifically the the curious thing with the Evergreen sweep was that they got the notice was not a whole lot of heel activity. These people have already been swept three or four times. And so with the notice, they've been through this rodeo before. And so we're sort of just self moving last Wednesday in the last couple of days, and didn't have a whole lot of heel team activity that people just sort of, Okay, it's time to go and they and they moved so that there were about 17 tents there. And pretty much all of them have gone on to other places now.

Rob Huff

Thank you for that, Richard. And I'm sure Caleb can maybe fill us in on outreach from the city when we get to that portion of the meeting. So anyone else was a last last second item for this week on the streets. I know we extended this beyond our normal session because we wanted to hear from Monique about the veteran village so anybody else have anything to add? All right, so let's shift to our community spotlight. And I think I saw Christina on the call. Yeah, Christina, do you want to talk a little bit about the idea that you mentioned to the planning group last Friday, and we thought we'd give you a little bit of time to talk about what you're interested in organizing?

Christina Qiao



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Yes, thank you. And I also wanted to preface that I am with the rescue mission but this will be like off off my time. And the hope is to so I kind of wrote some stuff down that I'll just read off of and that's what I'm looking at. But the hope is to create like a general platform through the coalition that could connect providers with interns, because I know we have a lot of providers on here and it would just be great. I think to get that addition. And then so this could be simply through providing contact information of your cork, or your intern coordinator if you already have one or its equivalent, so usually within HR so that I could direct candidates to them or whatever else you may need that I could assist with. Much of the time I will be spending talking with you about things to consider if you're interested and may need to establish an internship program. And research I reference was accrued through U DUB and they're kind of a crash course since I pitched this idea last week. And apologize for any missed topics. Overall, I really appreciate the feedback resources and what everyone in this community does and would like to volunteer some time to assist with mediating internship programs that could be mutually beneficial for students and organizations through their investments where they would be able to where students would be able to take their experiential learning to integrate their academic understandings into firsthand experience. Learn transferable skills, explore career fields, while providers would be able to get another perspective of potential hiring candidates or however you would like to establish it. Some general information is that usually these experiences are marked by periods and are points designed for evaluation of student experiences efficacy that they have learned and a time for feedback from both parties that can be used to develop future endeavors as a mean of future development. Organizations can take these opportunities to review onboarding, training and other procedural aspects from a fresh perspective. Oh, I lost where I was, and have someone focused on a particular program that meant that you may not have had the capacity to dedicate staff to in the past, just as additional options for internships. As a large group base of potential interns or students those timeframes may be taken into consideration and establishing your structure, usually through the quarter academic year. Something else to keep in mind is that students will usually be searching a considerable time prior to the beginning of each quarter. Other things to consider as the provider is the structure, what eligibility will look like who would manage them, how frequently they're going to meet the intern if there's common expectations. Or if it will differ per department. How performance will be evaluated, evaluated if you are able to set aside the time for recruiting selection, onboarding weekly check ins midpoint performance meetings. Again, I would like to offer assistance where I'm able so that you would be able to create internships. Other things to consider is allowing the students for skill development involving interaction, considering their level of experience and maybe having them onboard into a more entry level space for them if it's gonna need additional equipment or supplies, likely number of hours needed, minimum and maximum what scheduling looks like prospects for future about potential or lack of potential to hire so like, letting them know they could potentially be hired or that it is just for the internship. And that if it is an unpaid internship to ensure that they have that they will be the primary beneficiary to the experience as required by law and things to be open about regarding the target audience is their major that they might be different but still relate to the field so if it's like regarding legal they might still major in social work but are interested in legal aspects, things like that. Marketing to diverse populations to bring in experiences that can add to cultural understanding. And this could be what I bring to explain to



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demographically based organizations when like pitching the idea with how their unique perspectives would impact the work you do. So students within certain demographics could better understand the barriers of their culture, race, ethnicity, something to consider because of a large population of students now as Generation Z, they have research has shown that they are more conscientious and wanting to know how organizations or how they are giving back to the community so now's a good time. I'm writing about the post position. So selling your your selling point values what it is you do, describing the role and purpose of the intern why the position exists requirements should be kept to what would essentially be needed. Richard research has shown that the more requirements listed the less students apply particularly women students of color and first generation college students approximate start and end dates number of hours per week, the location if it is paid or unpaid, if there is a potential for social work, licensure or any other form of licensing, which could should wouldn't require supervisors that would be able to fit required criteria, but also ensure commitment for longer periods. Like I believe the licensed clinical social worker requires like 3000 hours within three years or something. What I can assist with is attempting to fill in any gaps that you may need to assist to gain internships, developing templates for student goals, evaluations, performance, connecting students, to your intern coordinator, research what you would like whether it's related to the target group, retention, whatever, whatever really reach out to schools and communities present brief synopsis of what you would like regarding your organization to potential entities and then assisting with creating your profiles like I know for U DUB, we have a handshake profile where they post employers post internship programs. And then And then finally, I just wanted to thank those who provided me contact information regarding this prior to this meeting and apologize for the delay in response. I did want to get a better understanding of how I could assist. And I do intend to get back questions and ideas I have for the group is if this is something you guys are interested in, would you please let me know in the chat to provide a way of contact and or the contact of your intern coordinator or email me at Christina q 2020 two@gmail.com. So I could funnel all of this project in one email. If this is something we could do, would we be able to provide a meeting space so they as colleagues can openly report on their experiences share what they have learned about their organizations? Who they've partnered with and build relationships with each other. What would you like for me to assist with you guys? Yeah, and that's, that's everything.

Rob Huff

That is a lot. So I see Theresa has her hand up and I know there's a lot of interest in your contact information. So yeah, I've seen a call put your email in in the chat tree. So you had a question.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Yeah, basically, I just want to say that for small organizations like Monique's and mine and several other people here, we don't actually have an intern coordinator kind of you're looking at the intern coordinators. So I also want to say to people who have not small small organizations who have not had interns before, new connections has relied on interns for decades. They've been a lifeblood. They sometimes you have an intern who needs more help. But when that happens, I encourage you to look at it as one of the responsibilities of nonprofits in this world is to help prepare the next set of people who



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are going to do this work and it's a way that you can help somebody to get over some rough spots, but more often than not, the intern really brings gifts and I love Christina's idea and welcome her coordinating this. I also want you to not to worry too much about how many hoops she's described. They are there but every organization that every educational organization that we've worked with, comes complete with that form that the student is going to work with you to fill out and it's not as onerous as it might sound. So it's I would just promote it. And I also want to ask Christina, you considered having a way that those of us who are such small organizations that we don't really have positions to hire people into could do something else to help the intern such as putting posting our experience with them someplace where other agencies can look and say, yes, they this or agency had a really good experience with this person. Or some other way that we could promote the people who have worked really hard for us for nothing.

Christina Qiao

Okay, so promoting like your past interns experience.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So if so, we have interns they, they have to make a living at some point, right. So to give us a way to present to the other people in this group, here's somebody who worked with us who worked with people who are experiencing homelessness in a really positive way you might want to consider them in your pool of potential hires. So I don't know exactly what that looks like, but just about

Christina Qiao

Yeah, no, definitely, um, when Monique was talking, I mean, I was already thinking like, wow, that would be amazing to intern there like even paid or not paid. I've never been paid for internships, just because like, you know, the mission and the goal was that people have here. I feel like it is a selling point in itself. I don't know if I'm getting at what you're asking.

Rob Huff

Well, I do see in the chat, you know, Ashley mentioned, you know, one of the common values is that resume reference LinkedIn support for the person who has been an intern, so that helps boost their applications for employment following internship.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Yeah, we actually, that is a good avenue, but I was thinking more about this group of people. How can we let people in this group know that we have a great intern? So I don't know if that's possible, but that's more what I was saying.

Christina Qiao



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That would be great. Um, I was thinking with the if the interns had their own little group, and meeting spot there could be like the mid and then a final like for ones that wanted to present kind of like to spotlight certain experiences if they would like that. And then so that could just everybody can join if they would like to look at what they've what they've learned or what they've done with these different organizations, even if they won't be able to have a continued career with the organization that they partnered with at the time. But that's a that's a really good point.

Rob Huff

Well, I really appreciate you bringing this idea up. Christina and obviously you can see there's a lot of interests so so what do you need from us to move this forward? I know you asked people to reach out to you.

Christina Qiao

Yeah, just email. Yeah, if you want to put your email in the chat and then I can just take those but also, like with Teresa, mentioning and like her organization and Monique's things smaller if there's, if there's additional stuff that I can help you with i i would love to assist where I can like creating general templates if it's because this is this is prior to me re entering school but like I already wanted to just do internships just to learn more about the the organizations so just like a general template if they're not coming from that background, that they can still follow and have more structure. And then I did reach out to you dubs internship manager, but they are on paternal

Jay Warley

leave so

Christina Qiao

I will follow up with someone else.

Rob Huff

Great. All right. Well, thank you for bringing this to us. And I'm sure we're going to talk more about this upcoming meeting. So

Christina Qiao

thank you guys so much. All right.

Rob Huff

Well, not surprisingly, we are running late on our agenda. And to think how I want to do this, why don't we go ahead and move to the next item on the agenda about the brief review of the new coalition mission statement. So rosemary, would you like to start that and then we will shuffle some other things around before government updates and we'll do our breakouts in the second hour of our meeting today.



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Rosemary Powers

Thank you, Rob. And thank you, everybody, for this wonderful conversation so far. today. I'm wanting to present to you what the governance work group has come up with as a proposed mission statement. You know how if you've ever worked on them, every word in it means something to somebody. And if you haven't been working on it, the words may not have that same kind of poll but at the top of our PC homeless webpage, we have a description of the coalition that's a paragraph long that says what we do. And I don't know how often you read that. But when the first time you come here to think about joining the meeting, you probably read it. And in fact, one of the renditions of that said that we were a loose coalition or a loose and loose network, and I person came to a meeting I was in and said, Well, I hadn't ever heard anyone described itself as a loose network. But anyway, we took out the word loose somewhere in there, and we made a few changes to it. We realized it include the word faith communities, and so in the template for a flyer that we created in the race and equity committee we added faith communities who are a really essential part of our work. So you see here, the thing that's at the top of the PC homeless webpage that Rob's sharing the screen for and then just to tell you how we got to where we're at. In April, you might remember that I came and presented to you what the governance workgroup had been doing, how we created a document that describes our roles and how we've structured ourselves as we've grown into being what we are. And then I presented this proposed mission statement as a draft, and we got some positive comments from people at that meeting, though we didn't hear from too many. I said, we can take it back to the steering committee and have more conversation that people were still wondering about some of the words, but as we talked about it this week, people are either very happy with this statement or they're excited it's acceptable. There might be a few fewer words or maybe a different word. But this is what we have. And so what we'd like to do today, and there may be some comments before we take the poll, Rob, I know we don't have much time, but I would like to give people a chance to say anything if they would like but we're proposing that our mission statement be this short sentence that says what we find ourselves called to do, and that is to connect. You've told us this oftentimes when we discuss this in small groups that you like the connections, the networking, the opportunities to learn about resources, so that we connect is the big word verb there and mobilize that has to do with our advocacy for when he take action. And then we reinforced that in the statement by saying, the Pierce County coma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness connects and mobilizes people to take action to end homelessness. So we even re emphasize the action part call ourselves to that, whenever we may get to, I don't know if we call it satisfied or unable to know what to do that we figure out ways to take action and mobilize ourselves to do it. So we're going to do a poll shortly. And I rob, I'll let you describe what the choices are. But before we do that, I'd like people to have a few minutes to respond to how you see this. And of course, mission statements can be revised. This is not for the ages. It's what seems to be what we have heard everyone here. Describe it's what we're about now. So comments or questions.

Rob Huff

Yeah, feel free to use the raised hand function if you have something you'd like to say I'm Breanne



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Rian Booker

Ryan, right. Sorry. Yeah. No, I think the the mission statements a big improvement over the paragraph. One thing about mission statements is they need to be portable in that you can keep them in your head. And the other thing is that it's a blanket that covers everything we do. And from what I see, that statement basically covers all the stuff that we do. And if somebody has something that we do that's not covered by it, that'd be something to bring up. But otherwise I'd say that it was sufficient.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you, Ryan.

Rob Huff

I also see Timothy's comment in the chat about liking how dynamic it is that it's all about doing. Anyone else? So let me bring up the poll that we thought we would do. And this poll asks a simple question about whether whether we like this this revised mission statement, and I could put it back on screen if you would like me to do that before we do the poll, but the poll itself is very simple. I have three choices. You can let us know you like the new version. You can tell us that. It's okay. And I can live with it. Or you can tell us this still needs more work. So that's we just want to get a sense of the folks who are in the room today. Whether they whether they like this and I will put it back on screen. I don't think I can share screen and do the poll at the same time. So we'll have this on the screen for a moment and then I can flip back over to if I can get my Alright, so is that enough time to see the new the proposed revision? Okay. Great. So I'm going to stop the share and we will spend a couple of seconds here doing this poll. And make sure I got the right one. Is everyone able to see the poll? All right. We'll give this a few moments so people can weigh in all right, I'm gonna give this about 30 more seconds. It looks like we've had about 44 folks participate. Just want to give a chance for everybody. All right, so we've kind of stalled out. So let me end the poll and share the results with folks. So 83% of those who have voted as 39 folks who participated in the poll said yes, they like it and eight folks, or 17% said they can live with it. So I think I think we have a winner All right, rosemary, anything else we need to work with on this?

Rosemary Powers

I don't think so. I think we'll put this at the top of the webpage. Soon as we can do that. And as as Ryan said, it's portable. You can probably member remember it. And of course there's lots of redundancies in it because connecting gets to mobilizing and if you're mobilizing, you're taking action so you can kind of remember them all as as repeating each other and working with each other. So thank you all for participating.

Rob Huff



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Yeah, thank thank you for the work that the governance group did on pulling this together. So we're up couple minutes early, but I think we may just move to our government updates, which I originally had on the agenda at 10. So Caleb, do you have any updates this week from the city of Tacoma.

Caleb Carbone

Good morning, everyone. Yes, I do. It's good to see everyone and I know you guys have some questions about the encampment removal so I will leave a little bit of time for those kinds of questions. But I just want to be able to let you guys know we did open up our RFP and start doing trainings for our mental health, substance use disorder, tax. Funding Availability. We had a training yesterday where we had I think about 90 folks attend to talk about, you know how they can do the proposals and what this is for and some of the things that they want to do. Some of you are actually there and talking about transitional housing, shelter options and things like that. So exciting. The next one will be on the eighth and I will put that in the chat just that information. as well. So that you guys have that. I think I sent out everybody that we are hiring some heal team members, something that, you know, was brought up just just a second ago by Richard not having the capacity to be able to provide outreach as much as we would like, is something that we're trying to address. We are down to one person on family leave. And as you all know, Javon took over the manager role, and so he is out in the field quite a bit, but also has other duties that do take them so they have two full time he'll team members providing outreach and and a lot of things going on with that too as well. So feel free if you know someone that would be interested in helping and providing those outreaches to folks those jobs are available through the Neal.gov website. Those are the two big those are the three big updates that I have. But I did say I want to leave a little bit of time if if anybody has any questions, specifically about 11 and Hyla posts or the Evergreen.

Rob Huff

Appreciate that. So anybody with questions or if you want to come off mute or raise your hand so that we can no you can also use the chat.

Caleb Carbone

There I believe the the question that you're asking is how many positions we have opening and I think it's three Yeah, Jeff Jeffrey, yeah. Hello, Caleb.

Rob Huff

Hi, I have the people that were at Evergreen. Where did they end up going? Do we know?

Caleb Carbone

That's a good question. I do not know. That would be a question for Javon that I can reach out to if we know where those folks ended



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Rob Huff

up at. Okay, and I've seen a couple of stray Arby's in my neighborhood. I'm assuming they all came from the 11th and hi Lobos. So what we have is real scattering of individuals and Arby's. How's that cleanup coming down at high Lobos?

Caleb Carbone

Yeah, so this is definitely a learning opportunity for the city. As I think Richard mentioned, there's still several vehicles down there. I think last count was about 15. So we are working with them with their individual needs. It is a very complex way to ask people to move an RV, especially if they're not mobile. And we have been in conversations a little bit about how to have maybe even set up and thinking about safe parking or storage of RVs for folks. So that has been part of the solution or how we can respond better in the future and having things more set up so that we can help folks move it a lot easier and like just for instance, fuel being just a very simple one. So we were able to, as you probably know, with bureaucracy and government, there's a lot of things to make sure that we need to make sure we're providing the right services and doing it in the correct way with taxpayer money. And so we've been working on that with the fuel component because it's just a little bit of a unique way but also thinking about a mobile mechanic in the future to help folks to be able to allow them to be able to move to have places maybe for safe parking for them. Also or to store or even even considering maybe having places where it is similar to maybe a shelter location where they can park and have similar services. It is a unique way that when you have an RV compared to a shelter, and so we're talking through some of those things as well. But those are things we're setting up that we're seeing right now experiencing in this in this camp removal. Thank you, Caleb. Yep.

Rob Huff

Anyone else with questions for Caleb this morning? J.

Jay Warley

Two things, Courtney made a very valid point in the chat that needs to be addressed. When you say you're going to store those Arby's you're not saying that you're kicking them out and storing the RV for them. You're saying you're looking for like a safe sights solution where they can stay in the RV. Correct.

Caleb Carbone

Kind of a little bit of both, right? Yeah. So if somebody wants to have shelter, the there's a couple of things that we always have to consider. One is, is that there's not a lot of companies that actually want to physically move the RVs. So that is part of the solution is finding contracts and providers that will help actually tow vehicles, mostly because with vehicles there's a lot to consider in terms of leakage, where they can go size of space, stuff like that too as well. But if they did want to go into shelter, instead of being in their RVs, we wanted to be able to have that option as well, or vehicles that might be abandoned, that we want to be able to keep people you know, have those be able to be safe so some



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folks could come back and get those vehicles if they wanted to. So there is that option, but safe parking. As well as the option if they want to sit with their vehicle and it can't be moved. So yeah, both a little bit. Yeah.

Jay Warley

Yeah, but you weren't providing a space for them to go to while their vehicles being stored. Not Oh, well, we'll store your vehicle but back on the streets as yet. Correct. Okay, that's correct.

Caleb Carbone

Yeah, not we're not trying to keep people out of their homes and be on the streets is basically what you're asking. Yeah.

Jay Warley

And then the second part is actually about the heel team application. I looked at that application, and it looks like you have to have a certain amount of education and otherwise, Have you guys looked at the option of pure they're pure experience and lived experience as an option to replace some of those criteria, like my lived experience and me working with the people that I have and work with people on restoring their chance of success and things like that, would that be experience in the to qualify instead of X amount of years education and experience in social field?

Caleb Carbone

Jay, that's that's a great question. And I think that, from my perspective, having people with lived experiences would be a lot more impactful and helpful for the team. Absolutely. i If you want to know about specific requirements and how that sets up, we can always reach out to Javon and ask that so he can follow up with the HR team.

Jay Warley

That would be great, because that really would improve your chance of getting people that are more successful, that don't have that education. It really closes off a door to so many opportunities, not only for people that have lived experience that needed job that could be doing that job, but also for the people that you're working with that there's more empathy and compassion, and you'll get a higher success rate that way.

Caleb Carbone

Yeah, I think you're you're we're on the same team. And I think the heal team is also in agreeance. With that, too, and everybody that had a hand in that and was considered as something that was really important to consider and that's why I sent it to the coalition team as well. being very mindful of folks that may have lived experience or may know people that have lived experience to be able to do that. The one of the you know, there are things that are barriers and working with vulnerable populations that



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we are always aware of, as well and I'm I'm not suggesting that everybody with the lived experience has has these barriers. But some it's very common. And so that's why sometimes it can be a turnoff to apply to those positions because of some of those barriers, not like education, but sometimes criminal background and stuff like that too as well. Which is just people that when you're dealing with a vulnerable population, but again, I would encourage you always to apply to those positions and consider that too, as well, when you're writing in about your lived experience and how that will be really helpful for the team. Thank you. Yeah, thanks, Jim. And I'll put it I'll put Giovanni's email in the chat too.

Rob Huff

Yeah, that would be great. And levada asked just what the positions are, that are available with the heel team.

Caleb Carbone

Yeah. So they are their program development specialists with the heel team. So those those are the folks that are providing outreach for individuals who are unsheltered and encampments, and providing resources and connected to them to shelters, and providing other resources to help a vulnerable population such as such as those folks. So that's that's what the gist of the job is. Great.

Rob Huff

All right. So let's shift to a thank you for those updates. Caleb, and I was looking through the folks who are on the meeting. I don't see Jeff Rogers here. Do we have anybody from Pierce County Human Services that wanted to offer an update today?

Valeri Knight

Don't feel homeless but I'm back from my kids school.

Rob Huff

Okay. Yeah. Why Why don't we move to you, Valerie and you can let us know what's going on with Pierce County rental assistance.

Valeri Knight

That is that's a quick trip right? I drove to school Snyder kid is coughing because that's a policy now and drove back. So Valerie with rental assistance for Pierce County, thanks for having me. It's my favorite meeting. I've been out for last couple of weeks. self care is important, folks. self care is important. So for rental assistance, as of yesterday, we have spent \$115,487,000 for rent and utilities. So just over 75% of our budget. We do speculate we'll have the rest of the funds out between September and October of this year are nine amazing nonprofits are just doing such great work and that includes a lawsuit who has city of Tacoma funding. We anticipate their funding to be gone by that time as well. We did just get 5 million more dollars from the state. So that does include that projection.



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So that's wonderful news. And we're just working through everybody in the portal. We will have a permanent rental assistance program starting January one, they will have their own requirements. set by the state and with Pierce County making a little more restrictive. And then we will let y'all know what those are and how folks can apply it will not have a COVID requirements. So it will be for long term stability and getting folks stable it keeping folks stably housed. Lots of case management working with local landlords to come up pro bono, all of that awesome stuff. So more to come on that between now in January. But otherwise, just a huge shout out to the nine amazing nonprofits and really to the landlords who have just been super patient through this entire process. So still working every day.

Rob Huff

Awesome. Thank you, Valerie. It's good to have you back. Thank you. And let's shift over to Jenny from the Tacoma Pierce County Health

Jennie Schoeppe

Department. Good morning Good morning. Happy Friday. Um, I wanted to just let's see, I'm just going to share about a couple of things here. Um, COVID Surprise, surprise. COVID is still with us but it looks like things. Things are looking relatively good the last than this most recent batch of data that our analysts have looked at. In the last seven day period we do. We have seen cases rise by 15% still at a relatively low level compared to our winter. Peak. But hospitalizations are down by about 20% Since the last batch of data the last the last seven days data period. I really encourage folks, especially those of you who like to look at data to look at the TPC HD dashboard, which has recently been changed to be a little bit more user friendly, I think and then the state dashboard where you can go in and you can select any county in Washington State, and you can see the graphs and they always help me feel a little bit better about where where we're where we're at compared to where we've been in terms of seeing that graphical representation. You know, every case every hospitalization every death is is important. But I think it is is really good to also think about the positive in terms of what things are looking like right now, comparatively, so I will share links to those dashboards which are pretty cool. Um, we had an outbreak end of last week but we have no new outbreaks as far as shelters this week. So that is is great, great news. I'm going to share in the chat and reminder about quarantine and isolation guidance for community guidance, general guidance from the CDC because I was asked a question on a meeting. I can't remember if it was this meeting last week, but I can't keep these things straight in my head. So I have to look at these references all the time. So I'm going to share that with folks. I'm encouraging folks to get tested if you have symptoms or have been exposed. That's really you know, the best way to sort of be aware and keep from spreading COVID to others. So I'll share testing resources. And then lastly just wanted to I'm sure folks have heard about monkey pox has been in the news. We are holding steady with only one case in Washington state and that is in King County. There are 20 suspected cases across the US and I think that studying the last few days, but I'm just checking back with the CDC information every couple days. To see. We haven't had a new advisory from our local health jurisdiction, which is great. It means things are kind of steady. But I'm going to share some general information about monkey pox. It's a viral infection. It has a rash of really deep sores that can



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sometimes be mistaken for other other conditions like herpes, syphilis, etc. And they, the CDC is just recommending anybody who suspects a case to get someone to healthcare provider right away. You can always reach out to me if you have questions, I'll share our TPC HD phone number that you can call to get help if you have questions or suspect someone might be dealing with this. So are there any great end on end on a great note about monkeypox. Any questions, comments, concerns?

Rob Huff

For me? I'm not seeing any hands go up.

Jennie Schoeppe

Great. I just want to say this is one of my one of my someone someone else said, Oh, Valerie said this is one of her or her favorite meeting. This is definitely a highlight of my week. So I really just appreciate all of you. I love hearing about all your work and I like to be a small part of this work. So thanks for having me and welcoming me. Hi, Jeff. Thanks. So

Rob Huff

thank you. And let's see I don't see anyone on the call from the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. But Let's carve out a second here just in case. There's something for us all right. So since we're playing shuffled the agenda like we do every week. Timothy, would you like to talk about the summary from last week's break up conversation and then we'll go into a short break out for this week.

Tim Harris

Yeah, that sounds great. So there were basically two parts to last week's question. What are you doing in response to the increase in sweeps and what more should the coalition be doing? The majority of responses were to the second question. I'll break that down in a minute. But in answer to what are we doing as organizations and individuals, there were some shout outs to various organizations like the health department, comprehensive life resources to come and rescue mission MDC for the good work. That all those organizations are doing. And you know, there was some sort of some sense of the overwhelm that people are feeling as individuals and doing their best to engage as individuals outside of work. But, you know, we all have our limits. And the a lot of appreciation for the role that the coalition is playing to mobilize people moving into what more should the coalition be doing? There was a lot of rich discussion around that. I broke it out into four headings, stronger community organizing and outreach. Do more to articulate the damage that sweeps cause support for advocacy, protests and direct action to stop the sweeps and supporting alternative sites where people can have stability, safety and community to walk through each of those briefly. And the stronger community organizing and outreach. Again, there was a sense of, Well, frustration and urgency to the work that we're doing a lot of suggestions around increasing publication, doing more around political action and trying to do that more effectively. more support for outreach workers are some of the things that popped out of that



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section. In terms of articulating the damage that sweeps cause. You'll see what people wrote there. It's a fairly familiar litany. None of this is new to anybody who's been following these calls. Support for advocacy, protests and direct action to stop the sweeps. There was some recognition of the limits of the role of the coalition some concern about the coalition getting too directly political but a lot of energy for individuals within the coalition to support more of protest oriented direct action kind of strategy. And, and you know, one of the things that a couple of the things that popped out is, you know, the challenges of engaging and educating the larger community around the role of sweeps and the importance of the role of witness when sweeps are happening. And you know, calling out that there are really better solutions than nets, which leads us to support in alternatives cites a lot of energy around this. And you know, really a lot of recognition that we need to increase the scale of alternatives to street encampments that are being offered. We heard a lot from Monique this morning, about the complexities of running a sanctioned encampment and the learnings around that we heard some great stuff from the lived experience coalition people that expanded on that I think that there's a couple of points in here about needing to deal with the reality that unhoused people appreciate and desire both community and autonomy. This this recognizing what people who were living on the street really want and in need, and this perennial question of where do people go, when they're being swept and the importance of being able to build relationships and established trust and how being able to do this consistently, and to counter the damage being done by the ongoing sweeps that we need more of a focus on establishing alternatives and to work together toward that? And I think that's about it. I will drop this in the chat so it's easy for people to download.

Rob Huff

Thank you, as always Timothy, though, there was a lot this was a longer summary than we typically have seen. So a lot of robust conversation and ideas.

Tim Harris

Absolutely.

Rob Huff

So for today's meeting, we kind of wanted to build a little bit on this and some of the themes that that Timothy called out from our conversation last week. There's a recognition that that there's an opportunity for members of the coalition to help with the messaging around the plight of those who are currently homeless and around the need for safe sites. And, and so you know, we no mess we all well, maybe I shouldn't speak for everyone. I love the messaging and the graphics that Laurie has put together and the opportunity to share those with the community in an organic way. But we also recognize there's opportunities to talk to other parts of our community that we maybe are not reaching right now. So the question that we wanted to, to have everyone consider and we'll spend maybe 10 minutes on this today is what kinds of messaging should we be doing to reach out to those who are not currently hearing the message so we know there are folks in our community who are not reaching. And what we wanted to do is talk about ideas of how we can reach those folks, and whether the messaging



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that we've created so far, is going to be effective in reaching those other audiences. So without any more pretext, I'm going to set up small breakout rooms with about five folks in each room, and we'll spend the next 10 minutes discussing this topic and come back here and I urge someone to take notes, put them in the chat when you come back. And Timothy can do his magic with a summary for next week's meeting. So away we go.

<Breakout Rooms>

Rob Huff

So I see everybody's been able to rejoin us. I recognize that. Maybe that was that question was a bit of a struggle. Hopefully, it was still a good conversation for folks. And if you were able to get some notes, and can put those in the chat, that would be fantastic. And what can I say? Maybe I'll do better next week. Maybe?

Tim Harris

It was a perfectly good question.

Rob Huff

Well, sometimes we just have more struggle, getting to the heart of it, than other times. So appreciate everybody. Taking that time and hopefully it was good networking. So what do we have left on our agenda? Let me do a very quick advocacy update. This next week, the biggest opportunity with the Tacoma City Council to participate in in a meeting would be July or June, July, June night at 4:30pm. The community vitality and safety committee their agenda for this meeting, the official agenda has not yet posted it'll post later today, but preliminary agendas said that, that the topic that they would hear about this on June 9 would be a report on the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness. So, Sally, maybe you know if if you've seen something that confirms that or not, I wasn't seeing it yet. This morning.

Sally Perkins

Let me double check the city manager's report and I'll get back to you in a sec.

Rob Huff

Okay, great. In terms of the study session and regular meeting of the Tacoma City Council on Tuesday, the study session has an item related to the comprehensive plan and land use code which can impact housing and and thereby impact homelessness. There's no direct items that I see on that land use code update that directly impact homelessness, but but it still might be worth paying attention to that meetings at noon again on Tuesday. They also are going to hear about Vision Zero and potential speed limit reductions across the city for pedestrian and cyclist safety and also in an effort to reduce the number of traffic accidents to happen within the Tacoma City Limits and then financial projections for the next six years for the city. During the Tuesday night meeting, the only item that the lightly impacts



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homelessness in the work we do is around the comprehensive plan and land use code and that's a initial reading of the item during that meeting. Sally and I were both discussing before today's meeting happened to see whether either one of us had noticed if the Pierce County Executive had signed the safe parking ordinance yet. Neither one of us has seen confirmation of that yet, but we believe that will be coming so that information should be available later.

Sally Perkins

And Rob the CVS agenda still does have a presentation on the comprehensive plan to end homelessness. It's the second of two items on the agenda at this point. And the agenda probably won't be formally posted until about Wednesday. That's typically what happens at the city for that particular agenda.

Rob Huff

Yeah, yeah, I don't know. Why those committees post so late. But But anyway, that those are your opportunities for for advocacy in terms of the next item on the agenda is the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness update. You may have seen me glancing over to the left a little bit during today's meeting of the advisory board for the comprehensive plan, of which I'm a member Caleb is a member. A number of folks who are involved with coalition are members. They have their monthly meeting this afternoon from one to three. And that that meeting you can well let me put up the link to the plan. And on this same page. I believe you can find the link to participate as a member of the public and today's Advisory Board meeting. But there will be much more to say about the comprehensive plan after today's meeting. I've been trying to skim a document that Garrett sent to the advisory board members. While we've been holding this meeting today to see some updates on on progress, various RFPs that are going at request for proposals that are going out updates on the potential funding of hotel purchase and five those kinds of things but I'm not that good at multitasking to be able to summarize it after while we're also in this meeting. So more to come next week. So let's shift to safe sites for all update. Jan, do you have anything to share?

Janet Runbeck

Yes, we did not meet last Monday since we were all at cemeteries honoring the passing of those who fought for our freedom. If you were not as Cemetery's I'm sure your spirits were just doing that. Okay, our work group is every Monday we zoom at noon. The you register on our website. We have now adopted maybe a third mission. The safe parking network is moving along we are a success. Paula Anderson is just an angel with the things that she does and she is getting tractions traction with the county budgeting people and so we are there to support her however we can and we get updates on the safe parking sites. The emergency distribution network that we're doing is has agreed that our triggers to move us into action ought to be based on data such as what comes from the National Weather Service. We should have a uniform threshold such as 85 degrees throughout the county, not just one city versus another city. So throughout the county 85 degrees and we're getting sites that are willing to act as storage places for supplies so that outreach teams can go to these sites, pick up



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supplies and head on out so that all is happening thanks to the wonderful skills of Christine Lindquist and at Jacobs and other people jumping in to say they can do this tell me other what we've been adding but we'll add on Monday and we'll see how it goes is should the coalition have a concentrated or a uniform approach to the city prior to sweeps happening? So when the city of Tacoma announces a sweep? Does the coalition have a role in doing something about that announcement about sweeps? And so when Timothy had in his incredible editing of compiling last week's discussion, he mentioned there was a bullet point that somebody said there should be no response for the coalition. So what we were and I'm I'm going to be asking about that. So what we will talk about is, there's a whole range of responses to the city when a sweep is announced because sweeps are happening more often. Those of you who do outreach work know that existing encampments are getting larger, the dynamics in those camps are changing. So that may or may not be an issue by the city, but perhaps this city should be aware that some of us are understanding that and feeling the change in the environment at existing encampments. So come on Monday, if you have an opinion about the coalition having a position in addressing the sweep action by the city we will talk about everything from having no action to encouraging folks to individually send letters to perhaps civil disobedience. I mean, we'll talk about all of the responses that are that are available. And you know, maybe next Friday we'll have a plan and maybe remote but why don't you come on Monday and add your opinion. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jan. and Alfred, I see I have your hand up

Alfred Kirk

okay, ah, one thing that I'm wondering is what all do we have? Or what all does the coil coalition do as a as an organization or is it a collective group or whatever? As opposed to say, what we do and I in virtual organizations?

Janet Runbeck

Rosemary can answer that. That's a governance question.

Rosemary Powers

Well, I think that I think I could just say that right now what we have as a position is that we have been sending consistently a letter we've deputized Jacobs to send a letter to the city every time a sweep is announced. But we just discussed at the steering committee this last week that that letter when it's sent, at least should be sent out to the coalition mailing list so everyone knows that we are taking that position. Other than that, we don't have an official actions taken about this. But we're certainly open to proposals and this group is the place that we approve such things. So any proposal would come back here if it were to be a white spread coalition action.

Rob Huff



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Thank you for that question, Alfred. And that's, that's actually part of a constant question about what what can the coalition do? We keep redoubling talks about how the how the coalition can can be organized to do things and what we should do so. I see labayda You posted in the chat about drafting a letter to give the gift Teachman member to send I'm presuming regarding sweeps to like the city council members. Is that what you're thinking? Well, we can double back to that, but I did want to mention one thing that is being done is that at Jacobs has been sending the city or the city. The coalition's statement on sweeps which is getting a bit dated, but he has been sending that to the mayor, the city manager and members of the city council when sweeps are announced. The conversation is about what more should we be doing? And and definitely there's an opportunity to update the statement and bring that back to the full Coalition for consideration. Part of the effort to have that conversation is what's gonna happen at safeststreets on Monday at noon. So, in the interest of time, we got about 14 minutes left in today's meeting. Let's shift over to see if we have any other coalition committee updates today. Rosemary, anything come to mind. I would

Rosemary Powers

just say that the race and equity committee will be meeting on the third Thursday at three o'clock. And we've had small attendance recently. So if there's anyone interested in ways that we can center ourselves on promoting issues of equity, we welcome you to come if you're it will be announced on the web page. In the coming few days. I just have to get the link in there to rob so we'd be happy to have more conversation and action Great.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Rosemary. Anything else from council committees? All right, not not seeing anyone raise their hand there. So let's move to good trouble announcements, and I thought I would share something I received an email from Maureen Howard during our meeting today, and she asked me to share an update on her health. So Maureen said asked the please let everyone know that my chemo doctor believes the two new chemo drugs are working. She offers her thanks to everyone for their hearing healing thoughts and prayers. And she is going to remain on medical leave. But it's fine to reach out to Maureen through email. she'll respond as she can. And she just thanks everybody in the Coalition for all that we're continuing to do. So I wanted to share that anybody have any other announcements or items that they wanted to share with the folks who are in the room? All right, I am not seeing anybody with good trouble announcements. The next item is just a reminder if you have information or if you have reflections on today's meeting about things that could have done better, that went well or things that we want to make sure we cover in upcoming meetings. Please share those in the chat. We do utilize this chat to help drive future meetings. as well. And so I'd love to hear feedback if things went well today. If things didn't go well please, please let me know. We want to make these meetings useful. A useful piece of everyone's time. I know that's a lot of time commitment. So the purpose of the coalition is to is to you know, share critical information and mobilize folks and to take that action to end homelessness and we want to make sure these meetings stay useful. So the last item on our agenda is



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an opportunity if anybody has any success stories that they would like to share. And I see Jenny's hand has gone up.

Jenny Lorton

Yeah, I just wanted to share a EHV success story, since we're supporting that program. So we have a individual last week I received an email from tha for someone who was porting in their EHV so they originally had me HP and King County. But these eh fees are portable so you can port anywhere so like we've had some HP folks port outside out of state, other counties, things like that, and we support that process. So my very first conversation with the individual was on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Tuesday, Wednesday, I'm just counting days Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Yeah, so five. So Wednesday, I had my very first conversation with the individual. While I was on the phone with her I reached out to a landlord who we have a great partnership and said hey, do you have any units? And he texted me right back and said yes, I have one available and I said you have an application coming your way. And then I let them know the name of the person. And by Friday, her application was approved and she signed her lease. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday was a holiday Tuesday Wednesday. She sent her lease on Wednesday, so five business days and we had her housed. So very, very exciting. And navigator from my team. Amazing. Awesome. She was just so great in supporting the individual I sent out an Amazon order today with pots and pans, cleaning supplies, some houseware items because EHV has funding to kind of get the person set up in their housing. She was very excited about that. So over the course of the next you know few days she's going to get just so many Amazon deliveries because you know how that goes. So it was really really amazing and I don't think I can tell you right now we have not housed anyone on an HP that fast. That was like lightning speed. And I was talking to the landlord and I was just thanking him for being so responsive and you know, quick about submitting the paperwork we needed and he said, This is how they should all go mindset. I agree. This is how they should all go. So it was really, really exciting and it was just amazing that we were able to get her house so quickly.

Rob Huff

That is an awesome success story.

Jenny Lorton

It was very much a team effort from from our team and inside passages. So we all work together to make it happen so fast.

Rob Huff

Great. Anyone else with success? story they would like to send us out with and you can always save one up for next week as well because we want to want to share those successes every week. So thank you for that Jenny, and keep looking out for the next success story. And I want to thank everybody for attending today. I know I think at the peak we had 70 Plus folks in the room. We're down to about 45



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now. I wish everyone a safe and happy weekend. And Jeffrey did you have your hand up? Did you want to say something before we wrap up?

Jeffrey Boyce

There is an important one that I think we should acknowledge. And they're breaking ground at Rice center for the new sanction encampment. We need to applaud this one.

Rob Huff

Yeah, I totally agree. And congratulations, Gerald. And the more the better. The better. And the sooner the better. So it's fantastic news. Thank you, Jeffrey, thank you. We're just following Monique and trying to keep going. Awesome. All right. Well, thanks everybody. You You've inspired me going into the weekend. And hopefully everybody has the good one.