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Rob Huff

Welcome everyone. To this morning's meeting of the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness. It's great to see so many familiar faces on the screen. And good to see I see del Marrs here. Welcome Del Mar. We have roughly 30 folks in the room so why don't we go ahead and get started with this morning's meeting. And Rosemary, would you like to kick us off?

Rosemary Powers

Thank you, Rob. And Teresa said you might be showing that so I'll let her know. Anyway, welcome everybody to another opportunity to gather at our open table where we invite everyone to join the effort to end homelessness in Pierce County. Our table is set on the traditional homelands of a QL Tribe of Indians. We acknowledge our debt to their stewardship of this region and seek respectful, respectful partnerships that honor their culture, history and current realities. And today as I'm here with you, I'm reminded of the importance of this weekly opportunity to experience and grow the beloved community. This term, beloved community was coined by Josiah Royce, the American philosopher who founded the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the early 20th century. Martin Luther King, Jr, a member of the fellowship popularized determine invested it with deeper meaning, describing this as the birthright of every human



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being and a recognition that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Congressman John Lewis use the term as a beacon of hope he said about his work for civil rights. I discovered that you have to have this sense of faith that what you're moving toward is already done. And what about the coalition? A couple of weeks ago, Bob Albrecht, I'm glad to see you here today, Bob. He's with the Gig Harbor coalition and with our coalition as well reminded me of a presentation in March of 2021. The Maureen Howard had made that he thought would offer a good reminder for us as a power of the work we do together. It would certainly be better to have Maureen here with us today, but with Bob's request and Maureen's willingness to have me select something she said, Pick something about community. I saw I've selected a few of your thoughts to just get us going this morning. Maureen had been invited to share her perspective during the religious season of Lent. At the time, the pandemic was raging vaccines were just becoming widely available. And there was heightened action and reaction in response to the continuing reality of systemic racism. Maureen acknowledged the suffering and the violence but gave examples from her own life and the work of the coalition of the central call and experience of community she said, quote, I believe we have to start with how we make community because I don't know any other way to end the violence. I don't know any other way to stop the racism. She honored those who are no longer with us. Shattered those who are no longer with us, some of us had met and who had died on the streets of Tacoma. She spoke for those whose sorrow and need breaks our hearts, especially when as outreach workers and neighbors we have little tangible to offer. She leaned into discomfort in acknowledging the courage of those who take action in response to injustice, even when it makes the rest of us nervous. And she recognized all of us who stay the course no matter what the odds. Most importantly, she emphasized the reality and the call of community. I think she said that it's important that ordinary people remember our communities. It's what most of us are ordinary people, and we're sometimes called to do extraordinary things. If Maureen were here this morning, she would be challenging us to take on the next most impossible thing. Something related to heat probably but also something related to the situation we saw in little video. She continues to send out reminders about these opportunities even as she focuses on her healing. For now, when each day offers multiple reasons to conclude that we humans are toast. I'll side with Maureen. Community. The Beloved Community is the best antidote to despair. So welcome. And because it's my job to do this in the morning, when we get together, some of you are new and haven't participated. But everybody's probably a pretty much a zoom. Veteran of some kind, but here's just a couple of things. We request. One is that we keep ourselves muted when we're not speaking. Second that we turn off our video if we're doing other things even talking on the telephone to someone muted. With your hand gestures, we can sometimes be distracting. And then to use the raise hand function when we want to be recognized if you're on the phone, and it's hard to do that. We do try to find some way to get in we do want to hear from you. But at least start with that as the as the thing that we would like you to try to do. And in contrast to some other groups you may be in. We encourage use of the chat for conversation during the meeting, to share things that you may not be needing to share with the whole group to help some new person understand something or to ask the question as a new person, or to announce things that may take up time in the meeting if we did let people know through the chat. That will be helpful too. And usually Rob, you put things that sing in the chat. I didn't look to see if it's there, but the Zoom norms and



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then in terms of our community norms, values that we want to emphasize as we converse with each other are listed there as well so that we're aware of the time don't speak more often than, you know, 30 people or 40 people take up a little bit of time. And so be aware of that and put additional questions and things in the chat if you have more to say whenever that's possible. So I'll leave those there for now and ask anybody who's new, who could just let us know that you're here and if you're with a group that would be useful for us to know your association. To use the raise hand function and either robber I will recognize you to introduce yourself I should say that we'll have an opportunity to meet a few of us if you're new. We'll have a little breakout session before too long. So April, we'll start with you.

April Sanderson

I'm April Sanderson. I recently started at insight passages Pierce County. So I'm new to the call today and happy to join.

Cathy Pick

Wonderful to have you inside passages is a really important partner so I'm glad you're here Katie Oh, I'm sorry. I was just clapping. Oh, you're clapping Well, I see. Well, can I say that? No. Thank you. Anyway, that's great.

Rob Huff

Yeah, for yes, you have your hand up.

Cathy Pick

Well, good morning. All I've missed you. I have been substituting in the Tacoma Public School District for the last few months. I know talk I've been on I've been on the frontlines, just a different frontline. But I'm glad to be back with you all and I have missed you every Friday morning. It's like a lament. I'm welcoming students but I'm not able to sign in to our meetings. So I'm here I'm eager to get the lay of the land today. Thanks, Kathy. And welcome back. And thanks for all your work of agitation. Very good work. Yes, good trouble. Well, Rob, I think that's the new folks stay if anyone else is new today and hadn't and speaking in this forum isn't the kind of the right thing to do right now or you can't get through and you want to let us know something about you or how to contact you can use the chat for that as well.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Rosemary. You do a great job introducing the meeting every week. So really appreciate you and I know you need to run to another meeting. But I'm glad you could carve out the time to be here now.

Cathy Pick

Well, thank you all stay a little bit but I'll go a little while. So thanks. Great.



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Rob Huff

All right. So let's jump right into it with our regular weekly segment on what's happening on the streets this week. I know like many. We will want to talk and we'll talk again later in the agenda about the upcoming warm weather this weekend. And the planning for that but if you have information that you'd like to share about needs, or changes on the street this week, this is a segment that's open to anyone who's doing direct outreach, or who has made observations about needs to share so I open the floor anybody have anything to share this week? And Bob, I see you did a clap icon. I don't know if you all raise your hand. It was a hand raised. Sorry. Okay, good. I guessed right.

Bob Vollbracht

You're You're good at that. Yeah, thank you. In line with part of the video we just saw. We found in the in the last seven days three new elderly I'll say them older women living in their cars. One came down from Port orchard area to over from Tacoma. And actually a fourth one who has come back to Gig Harbor area. The two from Tacoma indicated that they were looking for a new community to live in. We do not have safe parking yet. We've updated them on what few services we do have locally. And both of them I think chose to move on. We haven't seen them for the last couple of days, but we know who they are and we've got them hooked up at least with the Food Bank and some resources. Paula continues to work diligently on potential new safe parking, operation and location and Gig Harbor and hopefully that will come to fruition where Cushman trail a lot of activity we're getting overnights on there but they're transient so nobody's staying more than two or three days. Conversely, down on the KP we're we're seeing growth in some of the what used to be one and two to three people encampments are now fours and fives and three locations. That's a good thing and that there's some safety there for them but we'll extend ourselves certainly to provide inclement weather services but also outreach and I think the best part of all of this is that TRM is now full days in Gig Harbor NKP on alternative Wednesdays they are meeting the homeless community they're working with the food banks been very well received here and we're having some really good results. So that's that's the quick update for about the last month.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Bob. Appreciate that perspective and it backs up what we have been hearing with folks being scattered by sweeps in Tacoma, that that they would move to areas outside of the city limits so appreciate that perspective. Others with information to share about what they're seeing on the streets this week. You want to say anything, Richard,

Richard Dorsett

I'm just reflecting on what Bob just said is pretty consistent with what we've been seeing over here. The doubling of small encampments. Surprising Teresa's talked about this before but Alzheimer, which is continuation of G had originally like two tents and five or six tents and now it is just a whole slew of



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tents that are in there much, much larger than I realized. And it happens very quickly. The sweep down at Milwaukee began on Tuesday. Sounds like there's a few vehicles still there. The situation is the port talking about spending upwards of \$300,000 on barricades, but in the meantime, they're putting unsafe vehicles out on the street is and where the heck they're gonna go. When they do a sweep of a tent encampment tents can scatter. And we'll see the people around and about that these 40 foot 30 foot Winnebagos I don't know where they're gonna go. They don't have the means to necessarily relocate. They don't have the means they may not have the fuel, even to get up to Auburn to the Green River wherever they might go. I hear some rumor that summer or parking on the Puopolo river outside of Tacoma. I haven't checked that out yet. And then again, as you mentioned, it's the ones and twos that are been scattered all over town this what that looks like now. We're seeing them I live over by six and division, but a short trip to Home Depot over on the west side. We'll see 10 1215 solos out there. And so I'm talking Sixth Avenue pot holder pine Alder Center Street, just random people out there all over the place, man of course in downtown Tacoma but that's the consequence of the sweeps and we're seeing it all over the place. So as what I'm seeing out there this week.

Rob Huff

Appreciate that Richard, and shifting gears a little bit to talk about the upcoming hot weather. Why don't we kind of provide a brief overview of what we understand is going to be available this weekend. And let me put it a little bit in context. So the weather that we're looking at this weekend is not to the same level of severity is what we saw last year with the heat dome. However, the forecast does include a heat advisory for this weekend. And, and the latest forecasts do look like we could see potentially one day that gets over 90 degrees, which as I mentioned to somebody yesterday, online in another forum, you know 85 To 90 Something might not be that critical if you're able to stay in your house or you have an air conditioned space or you can be in a shade somewhere but if your existence by the circumstances that you're currently find yourself in are living outdoors, and especially if you're living anywhere near the street where the temperatures can rise even more than the official temperature. 90 degrees can be pretty, pretty rough. So with that in mind. We will talk a little more about this later in the agenda. But I wondered if folks wanted to share what preparations they're making for handing out water helping folks this weekend. Paula okay.

Paula Anderson

Okay, yeah, training just went by I had to wait just a second there. So I didn't drown everybody out. Um, so new hall received some water Jan and her husband, those stellar, wonderful saints that help us out bringing and, and, you know, making it possible for us to have water available we have about a case or a pallet of water, and we have almost a pallet of propel. But most of that propel is up that South Hill Baptists so they are willing to let people come in and pick that up if you're in this area because Tacoma has the stability side of course. We do intend on having two teams tomorrow. Go out and deliver water to all the places that we know of and that will include up in some parking lots up in Bonney, Lake Sumner, wherever we can find people in their vehicles. Just try to get some water out to them last last year when it hit really hard. We also had things like granola bars and socks and different things like that



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that we brought. This is going to be bare bones just going to be water with us this time. So we'll probably go out for a total of about four or five hours on Saturday and then Monday or actually today at New Hope anybody that comes down to New hope for the meal or services is going to get four bottles of water to take with them. And my question would be I don't know if there's anybody on here. That is going to be at or that is running the Project Homeless Connect today. But I'm wondering if they've got extra water that they're going to be handing out to folks too. So that would be something that I would say but if you all want to come and pick up some water if you're in this area in the East Pierce County area, we are open till 4pm at New Hope. I'm meeting my team here at 9am Tomorrow morning, so if you have to come out tomorrow morning, that's the time to come here because we'll be loading up and heading out very quickly. And I'll put that address of New Hope in the chat.

Mike Yoder

EFM delivered an entire truckload of water and beverages to the Homeless Connect site yesterday so we'd be loading everybody down to comes through today.

Rob Huff

That is awesome news. Alright, so just a brief overview. I wanted to share that I have pulled together and we'll be updating throughout the weekend a very bare bones page that's offering information about hot weather resources through the weekend. The link is in the chat. And we'll talk about this a little bit later. I'll show the page on screen but but what I have been told so far we do do have water that has been the City of Tacoma has opened the stability site. And if you are an outreach worker, and you need to pick up water in order to help distribute it to folks who are living outdoors this weekend. They're limiting folks to four cases per outreach worker. But the information to go down and stability sites sign in and pick that up is on this on the website. I linked the information I'll update the information that Paula just shared with us for the water that's available in Puyallup and then there's also water available at St. Vincent DePaul with the contact information on the webpage in terms of cooling I did got an update today from from Caleb at the city regarding cooling opportunities. Brotherhood hood rise is going to be open Sunday and Monday with a place to escape the heat if it's needed. That's on the hilltop and the addresses listed on the page. Pierce County Libraries and coma public libraries are open on Saturday as options for folks if you need to refer folks to cooling and then if temperatures hit 90 degrees or above on Monday, the lighthouse activity center will open for seniors and families with children. So that information is on the page as well as a link to the excessive heat resources. document that our partners that did come up Pierce County Health Department pulled together last year. So so there are some resources for folks again, the context is that there's not this is not quite as critical as the heat that we experienced last year, Del Mar anything you want to add before I get to the other questions, a few other hands that are um,

Delmar Algee

you know, Rob, I just wanted to thank everyone on the call here today really for being who you are in the community and always keeping our unhoused brothers and sisters in mind. Obviously this is going



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to be a tough weekend. As Rob has mentioned several times it definitely doesn't meet the threshold of last summer or even vice versa the cold weather that we encountered in December but in all the knowledge still in a very critical weekend for everyone. And I just wanted to thank you all I don't know that there's much that I can add. Besides all that's been said today, I really want to thank brotherhood rise for always stepping up and doing great work in the community. And then of course the libraries as well. And just all of the advocates here today for just simply caring. Every time I get an opportunity to speak to the community. I always want to mention how important it is simply to care. When you see someone in the end it seems as though they're homeless and struggling and it's hot outside give them a bottle of water where you know, if you have some extra gloves and it's cold and you see someone that's struggling, give them those gloves and I just know that this particular group always carries that message with them. I'm always grateful for you. And even in my capacity as the homeless services supervisor with the county. I love that you challenge me as well and then get me to think when you know I did want to if you can give me two seconds or so Rob provide an update as to where we are with the county. I know that back in December I promised that we would step up and do some formal things when it comes to inclement weather. That is all in progress. And in fact, you'll see some changes here really, really soon. In the month of June or July I'm sorry, I will say that there are some things that we will be putting out as far as a NOFA you know, to support these different times and you know, some some some direct policy around. What it is that we want to do. And I know that also we've you know, we've got some different contracts that are out with providers right now that really address these these critical moments. So there are a lot of things that we're doing, of course, government bodies of government workflow, but I do want you all to know that we certainly haven't forgotten you all as advocates and we haven't forgotten those folks that are in house. So just thank you all. If there is anything that you need for me as far as questions being answered, feel free. My phone number is 253-281-3944 and I can put that in the chat.

Rob Huff

Thank you Del Mar. So we have a couple of folks with hands up. First we have the phone number ending in 5552

Sarah Mitchell

Hi, this is Sarah from the rescue mission. I just wanted to update everyone that we will be having cold waters and we have an industrial fan in our day tank that will be turned on and then if weather gets too bad we will be doing letting people in the building early. I just wanted to put that out there as well.

Rob Huff

Bye. Yeah, I think thank you for that update. And for all that you're doing. Bob your hands up as well.

Bob Vollbracht



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Just just a quick update. We are challenged to try to get water and supplies to all those spread out people on the KP. But about three months ago the Gig Harbor rotary included us in a discussion they had five little food pantries constructed and asked us for recommendations on where to put them. There are now four of those little food pantries on the KP like Bay Community Church just outside of food backpacks for kids lot. KP Lutheran and waypoint North Church which are all very very close to where the homeless residents are living whether their vehicle or attempts so this weekend we'll get water to those little food pantry locations. Were a little little more strapped or it's a little more difficult in Gig Harbor because we will not have shelter this weekend in Gig Harbor according to what I'm told. And just KP Civic Center is open every day anyway. But we'll have a volunteer there if temperatures go over 85

Rob Huff

Oh, great. Thank you for that update, Bob. And yeah, I know it things are much more spread out in your neck of the woods so it's more difficult to get out to people so appreciate everything you're able to do. Let's see any anyone else who would like to make a comment about the cold or hot weather outreach this weekend? All right, so let's move on with our agenda. I appreciate everyone's input and Del Mar I appreciate you making the time to be here. All right.

Richard Dorsett

Quick, quick ahead. Is the hot weather still on the agenda or was that discussion?

Rob Huff

So we're going to have a conversation later in the breakout and actually just a few minutes. That will be about hot weather and I'll show the page with the resources at that point as well. But essentially, if you have something to add on hot weather now it'd be a great time to do it.

Richard Dorsett

Okay, let me turn on the video. What I'm recommending is I'm people were bringing water to my porch. Anybody on this call needs to have a couple of cases in their car. If you see people especially the singles out there, be prepared to distribute. We're going to touch however many people we touch but there are so many there are hundreds of people that are singles that have been displaced by the sweeps. encampments are easy, is getting it to the solos, the ones and twos that are out there. And that's what collectively we can make a difference on. Because organizationally it's almost impossible to reach all these people. And so these are the flag way the sign waivers, the panhandlers the people pushing carts down the street. Those are the people organizationally it's very, very difficult to reach. And so I'm encouraging people to stock up on water. Better yet is freeze some of them so that they're in the form of ice when you hand them out those are always welcome. And just and I'll bring this up in the chat but tell me if I'm wrong Rob But fundamentally we have a hot weather threshold at the city that is different than the hot weather threshold at the county. They've had a year to prepare for this and we



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have two different triggers for hot weather. And to my eye. That's just unacceptable. So I'll be bringing that up in chat. So anyway, thank you.

Rob Huff

Yeah, and you're you're correct right now the so the safe sites for all committee has been encouraging the City of Tacoma and the county to use a threshold of 85 degrees or when we have advisories issued by the National Weather Service as being a point at which some sort of response takes place. And the city of Tacoma has it has more or less adopted that they have I haven't heard them officially say 85 degrees is the threshold for them. But they clearly have opened up water they access to water resources for use within the Tacoma City Limits. So we do still have a situation where different levels of the government union are setting thresholds at different levels and it'd be really helpful to have a more regional standard so that even even when you look at weather forecasts, the temperatures are going to be different in Tacoma than they are in pure love than they are in Bonney Lake. And if we all just had a similar threshold, it would be a lot easier to know everyone for everyone to know how we're going to respond. cooling centers open and what point all those things so we've still got work to do.

Richard Dorsett

So both of the governments have been meeting unfortunately, they have not been meeting with one another, nor have they been in advocates in those meetings. And so those are a couple of things. It would be nice to see change as they go for. A year ago. The county council sent a letter to its staff and to the mayor, asking them to do exactly this kind of coordination and this does not seem to have transpired yet. So anyway, I'll bring that up in chat or the breakout. Thanks.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Richard. And I know folks are like you said meeting it's just it hasn't gotten there yet. And I think that's part of what Del Mar was referring to earlier. But yeah, I wish we could be more nimble and and we can do better definitely as a as a community as a region. Okay, so I think we've covered this topic for now, like I said, in a few moments, we'll, I'll I'll again, show you the website and then we'll have a breakout conversation about resources. But the next thing on our agenda is first of all, we did have a community spotlight today I don't see currently Jerrel from the Darrelle Morris from Pierce County Gates Foundation with us today. Terrell Are you here with a phone or something and I'm not seeing you in the listing. I'll pause for a moment. Okay, so I'm not seeing you here. So we'll reach back out to Jerome and see if we can confirm a time for that conversation. What I wanted to shift into is something that's related to the on the streets segment, just to raise awareness with the coalition is an issue around a rights of way. proposal that's come out of the governor's office. And Richard and I and a number of advocates from across the state have been involved with in meetings with the depart Washington State Department of Commerce, that is administering funds from a budget proviso that was included in the budget this year at the state level, to set up a program to prioritize essentially encampment cleanups in the rights of way on state roadways. So this would be an issue that is related to the work that Colin DeForest does in his contract with wash dot down and Fife and encampment clearings. And sweeps



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that take place in that area, but also any rights of way that that the state has control over across the entire state and the funds. There's actually a proposal out now to the counties and to local governments to on a very quick timeline, make proposals to the Department of Commerce about means that they could use and prioritize creating shelter space and access to permanent housing for those who are living in the rights of way currently. And what this is what this is going to mean at least as proposed right now is that here in Pierce County, which as I understand it, Pierce County officials have not been very involved in the conversation outside of I believe Colin mentioned that he has been involved in those in the conversations around this rights of way issue. But what it can mean in Pierce County is that proposals potentially could set aside shelter space within the county specifically for moving people out of the rights of way and could essentially lock other folks out of shelter space if they're not living in the rights away, so essentially prioritize sweeping people out of the rights of way in to set aside shelters, opportunities, and potentially proqr preclude others who are say in a sweep area that the city of Tacoma is going after from being able to use a shelter spaces. So that's one one challenge with what's with what's been proposed at the state level. There's also nothing in the proposal from the governor's office at this time, that would preclude criminalizing those who are living within the rights of way, which is a major issue, and one that we've been opposed to. And then the only other update I would offer is that it's my understanding that the city of City of Tacoma officials are meeting with the Department of Commerce related to this budget proviso today, so there is an interest on the part of at least the city I don't know about the county and putting a proposal together to address this issue along the state roadway rights of way. So I just wanted to raise the issue so that folks were aware of it. In my work with the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, we have submitted comments to commerce and and some of those comments were included in the in the proposal that's out now for funding, but we still have concerns and I wanted to raise those concerns here and see if folks had any particular questions. I don't know that I'll have all the answers, but I'm certainly willing to hear the questions. So open the floor folks want to ask. And Richard, anything you would add in terms of from your understanding of where things stand?

Richard Dorsett

No, I think that's accurate. You will start you should start seeing that there have been press reports of this money in the last few days. So I think a \$5 million contract with Thurston County. But it was initially the order the magnitude of the money. There's five counties that they're preparing to spend up \$144 million to remove people from Department of Transportation structures. The allocation for Pierce County is \$30 million for 318 people and so that's of interest, and then kind of a larger thing that, again, maybe different coalition conversation, we get pretty good notices with what's going on with the sweeps in the city of Tacoma. We hear nothing about the Department of Transportation suite, nor really Pierce County sweeps. I get nothing on those two areas. And to really have an understanding of what's going out on out there in the encampments, and people that are being displaced. We need to figure out some method of getting better information from both of those two systems. And I think that would be helpful.

Rob Huff



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Thank you. Yeah. Thank you for that. Richard. I did attend the outreach meeting that Pierce County hosts in the earlier this week and I brought up the Ask Del Mar, who's still with us. So thank you Domar asked Del Mar about getting notification on Pierce County sweeps. I can reach out to Colin to see if we can get further heads up from from the work he's doing with wash.so that we hear about sweeps happening related to wash dot properties. This is an issue not just in Pierce County, but clearly statewide. The money that in this budget proviso is actually only for four counties. So it's only for Snohomish, King Pierce and Spokane counties. And because Spokane County is included. This also potentially could impact the camp that Richard talked about a couple of weeks ago at the coalition meeting, where there were 400 plus people living in a camp in Spokane that's on watchdog property. So so it's an issue that's has a lot of impact here in the i Five corridor and then over in Spokane.

Richard Dorsett

I'm struggling with it. I mean, it's a lot of money and all else being equal. It is positive money going to working on homelessness issues. On the other hand, and some of the advocates were raising this a sweep as a sweep as a sweep that if they're sweeping the OT structures today or they're going to be doing sidewalks and parks tomorrow, so you know, it's it's it's a paradox of where one falls on it. I don't have clear guidance on it. And just because of the magnitude of money, I think it's important to continue to pay attention to the how it's being spent. And then what's being done in real terms on the ground.
Garret

Gerrit Nyland

Well, I would say it's a mischaracterization to say the county isn't interested in this funding. So we definitely are interested in this funding. This is really good funding. Yeah, there's some limits to it. But almost all of our funders put limits on how we spend our money. And if you're talking about 362 beds or 300 a 318 beds of of well funded shelter. You know, that's nothing to shake a fist at and we have a lot of people living on D O T land in Pierce County. And so I you know, and I, I don't know what to say, like Richard, where you say like, well, concerned about building shelter and moving people from public spaces into that shelter. You know, I don't that's hard for me to kind of process a little bit but I think the opportunity to build that shelter and build shelter that's attractive enough that people will be willing to live there, you know, as has an opportunity, we're not going to sort of pass up.

Rob Huff

One thing I would add, Garrett, it's my understanding this these funds need to be in the shelter needs to be available essentially next month. So it are these funds really didn't seem to me that they were really going to be appropriate for creating budge new shelter or new housing although I suppose it could be used for the for like purchasing a hotel and trance transferring the use of that hotel into

Gerrit Nyland



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so all I have is the current draft of the proposed spending plan. And that does have a crazy July 2022 But it's only 82 of the beds, right? So if you've died in 318 beds, so they want 82 And phase one that's by July, they want another 82. In phase two, that would be by September. Again, those are aggressive timelines, and the third 153 By January of 2023. Right, so that's aggressive but not undoable. And so like how that plays out how the money actually becomes available from the state. I don't know, like I've not been part of that. I've only only seen the internal you know, distribution of that initial plan. And so you know, and to your point, Rob, like, I don't know how the money is going to thirst and already like, you know, like, are we sure that this funding stream because I'm not even sure they've got done arguing over, you know, the restrictions on the funding and the budget proviso is very different than the plan. The draft plan that's been circulating out of commerce right draft plan is much more shelter focused. And that draft proviso, you know, is much more permanent housing focused, and I don't know how that you know, and how it's not the aggressive like, I don't I don't get a lot of the parts to it, but you know, if there's funding available, I mean, I think that we do it, right. Yeah. And if they're going to offer it and yeah. I strictly be about where you want public, washed up public property or not. Like Well, of course we care about the spirit behind the funding, but shelter beds or shelter beds. Yeah.

Rob Huff

Yep. And those can those differences between the proviso and what actually is in the proposal are part of what folks who I work with have been pressing on. So yeah, I appreciate this conversation. I really wanted to just raise it so that folks on the coalition were aware of the budget of this proposal and then also where the timing, because, as we know, at least in terms of the City of Tacoma, there's been a real acceleration in sweeps. And there's the possibility of even more folks being displaced from where they're currently at, and more scattering of people that that will impact our whole county. So now, you know what I know. As comforting or not, that all is so let me should I

Gerrit Nyland

take a quick second just to respond to Jenny's question. So her question was does the comp plan address for this lack of, I guess you're perceiving a lack of inter government communication? I would say this is not our worst lat inter government communication. So as far as I know, there is not funding on the table from the state. Right. So we we you know, they put a proposal out, people have responded with input. And at some point, they'll decide how the funding is going to go, right. That's the state of funder. And then we'll we'll be applying for that funding with whatever constraints it has in the community and then deploying it, according to the comprehensive plan to end homelessness with the understanding that there's constraints on all of our funding, about how it gets you. So I guess that would be it. But yeah, I mean, the goal is to have a more centralized decision making body on funding so the hope would be that that money comes in we figure out how it belongs in our plan, what our next priorities are that we have laid out, and we deploy it again within the constraints of the funding.

Jennie Schoeppe



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Thanks, Garrett, just to be clear, I wasn't. And as as part of the government, get the government agency folks here, you know, I'm sensitive to this too, but I think my comment wasn't responding to the this conversation about this funding thing, but more to some comments made about the heat the extreme weather response and how the city and county are not talking to each other or not meeting together or that that that that statement, as well as sweeps and stuff like that. And so I was just thinking about the unified structure that the comp plan calls for and and how, you know, that's not going to address our someone's complaints or concerns at this moment, but that I'm hopeful that that that unified approach will will be helping us in the future to all come together to coordinate better

Gerrit Nyland

yeah, and Rob's staring at me for taking more time than we should have.

Jennie Schoeppe

And then I and then I'm making the problem worse so I will see myself out now.

Rob Huff

No, I'm not staring at you. Here it is. I'm not even watching you at all. Alright, so I appreciate the conversation. And again, all I really wanted to do was to let folks know on this coalition, about the potential impacts of this proposal and these actions here in Pierce County. So our next item on the agenda is review of last week's breakout conversations. And Timothy, would you like to take the floor?

Tim Harris

I certainly would. So last week, we talked about how our community can make Coordinated Entry work better. And there was a lot of feedback on that and I'll do my best to quickly walk us through it. I started with a lead quote that was basically just a reminder, the Coordinated Entry is always evolving and what somebody thinks might be the status of Coordinated Entry. Might not be quite as bad as you think it is. To try to continue to have belief in the system and know that it's always improving and give the better chance moving from there. Overwhelm is the dysfunctional norm and lots of people spoke to that 211 line being overwhelmed people having a hard time getting through clients routinely reporting that nobody's calling them back service providers. Overwhelmed by the gap between the need and the available resources. Most individuals not getting prioritized others knowing kind of what to say to get bumped up and and and how to kind of work the system, case managers having much too high of a caseload not being able to deliver the services to their clients that they would like to a recognition that the lack of housing fundamentally is the problem here. That's the bottleneck that we're dealing with. And finally, that there's more than 2000 households on the coordinated entry list and that means that the ones that are breaking through to get the help are up and the ones who are being the squeaky wheels. And, you know, the other side of that, which is you know, those who don't have the wherewithal to Be the squeaky wheel are the ones that get left behind and that sort of equity issues behind that. ideas for improving Coordinated Entry quite a bit. Their timeliness came up calling people back



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regularly to keep them informed. Better content contact with folks is something that came up quite a bit really, really great concrete suggestion of adding a call back feature so that people don't have to stay on hold forever. The importance of building and keeping trust under promising over delivering try not to undermine faith in the system by making promises that we can keep lead in with programs that are working really well and you know, sort of focusing on what works there's a suggestion that there needs to be more training and cultural competency. There are more suggestions about training. observation that more case managers having access to coordinate Coordinated Entry might be a good thing that there needs to be more funding to help case managers get the training that they need. And a recognition that prevention is cheaper than then treatment, that prevention is that hit getting to people before they become homeless is always a good thing and that it's unfortunate that you have to be in crisis and homeless to be able to access this system. There are some solid suggestions about good advice for clients. The suggestion that people recommending that they see see their emails to multiple points of contact, keep it in front of multiple eyes, getting into the system as early as possible and being prepared with the right materials so that there's no delay around that and then a observation that a lot of applicants are just afraid to tell the truth about their situation. And that that's not helpful and that people need to be encouraged that telling the truth is the best way to get help. And finally, kind of good news, bad news thing and recent developments that community homeless resolution partnership recently got funding to expand their services and Tacoma pro bono is telling us that the eviction tsunami that they've been warning about is happening. So that's the roundup.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Timothy. There was a lot in that Roundup. So appreciate everyone's

Tim Harris

sharing. Drop it in the chat too. So people want to download the document. It's easy.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. And again, as a reminder for folks if you want to see those documents before the following Friday meeting Garrett's been staying on top of posting the link to the document in on the PC homeless.org site. So thank you for that Garrett. And again, thank you for your work doing this, Timothy. Sure. So, to set up our breakout conversation for today we've talked a lot about the hot weather that's coming and I thought that it would might make sense to take a brief, real quick look at the webpage that I've put together with hot weather resources. Let me bring that up on screen here. All right, so I'm sharing my screen just for a brief moment. This page is just, it's gonna be here. For the hot weather spell and then disappear afterward. But what I'm doing is as in for information is emailed to me or I gather information from other resources I'm updating. There's a link at the top of the page asking if you're doing outreach. I can give you access to a spreadsheet where we're trying to track where folks are doing outreach and different to different sites across the county. We're limiting access to that page just because of the sensitivity of not wanting to identify where publicly where the different sites are. But we know it's important that we try to make sure that the the access to water is being spread across the



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county and we're not just all hitting the same sites. I am going to as the forecast is updated updating the forecast section of the page. And then there's information about where folks can go to get water. The thing I would call attention to here is that in most cases you should call ahead before going to get water just to confirm that there is water available and also to let the provider who's doing this work, know that you're coming. I also would note that there is access to pick up water at the stability site but it's just for water that's going to be distributed within the Tacoma City Limits. The water the Add New Hope resource center that Paula mentioned earlier. Again, call ahead but the understanding there is that water is going to essentially be available until four o'clock today. And follow up correct me if I'm wrong on that. I don't know if you're still on the call. And then St. Vincent DePaul I've seen Dion post in the chat, confirming this phone number to call and the hours that they're open for Friday and Saturday. In turn. I already did the overview of the cooling center information and then the link to the excessive heat resources document. What I wanted to do and I'll stop sharing now, what I wanted to do is Yeah, Gerald, if you can send me information about how folks can get water at but brotherhood rise. I will add that to the document. And I wanted to ask in in this short breakout session. what other information do we want to share on this webpage? I'd like to come out of this morning with with some additions that can be made to the document that will be updated over the weekend. So let's see Jan's asking a question in the chat about whether the water from Rhys can be used in any geographic area across the county. I don't know if you want to address that Gerald or just do it in the chat. But what I wanted to do is to send us two breakouts and see what other ideas folks have. We can just spend 10 minutes on this this morning.

Gerald Daniels

So sorry Rob. I totally missed what you just asked me. Yeah,

Rob Huff

so the question from Jan is whether the water that you have at brotherhood rise can go out to anywhere in the county or if it's restricted to within the city limits.

Gerald Daniels

Great question. Great question. I will get that information back to you. Let me awesome, reach out. Okay, that sounds great. Okay. All right.

Rob Huff

So I'm going to send us off into breakout rooms. Please have somebody take notes and share the information in the chat and we'll just do this for 10 minutes this morning. Again, this is really about what information, what additional information would be good to share on the hot weather page. And what other resources do we need for the next hot weather spell? So Away we go and we'll spend 10 minutes we'll be back here at 1011.

<Breakout Rooms>



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Rob Huff

All right, folks who are returning to the room. We've got about 15 seconds before everybody's back. So hopefully that was a good opportunity to talk with each other. Well, welcome back, everyone. Again, our hope in these conversations is that we get to know each other a little bit more have a chance to network, but also share information about the topic and hopefully somebody took notes in your room and wants to drop them into the chat. So that Timothy can do his magic later that day. So thank you, and hopefully that was fruitful. So our next item on our agenda is our government updates. I do not let's see Jeff Rogers is not here from the county. And Caleb from the city of Tacoma is not here. I know Valerie dropped an update into the chat earlier before she had to depart at 10. And so that leaves us with Jenny Jenny Do you have anything to share from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department? Nope. Just don't do that. To me. Just

Jennie Schoeppe

bringing a little just bring a little levity today. Um, hi everybody. Happy to be here as always, to be included in this conversation and get to know you all. Um, let's see. What can I share? I know I just feel like the heat is so important and it's on everyone's mind. I appreciate the time that was dedicated to that this morning. We still have COVID Obviously, around data are all over the place. I just I'm starting to feel uncomfortable sharing weekly like the cases are this the hospitalization of this? It just looks like it's it's messy. I can tell you that the good news is we are still well below where we were in January. We continue to be there. You know, I mean, the peak is way, way, way crazier than we are now. So I think that that's good news, but I think we're just gonna see these little ups and downs. going on, especially with the unreliability of case data because of testing tests, home tests not being reported. Things like that. The Yeah, the CDC and Washington doh Department of Health still recommend masking in congregate settings. I was talking with Sally in our in our group and she and I were both agreeing that it just kind of feels like all bets are off and there are no rules and I think people need to do what they need to do to protect themselves and to be to be cautious if you're in a position to encourage mask wearing vaccinations. You know, we need to continue to do all that stuff. I know we're all we're all tired. We are going to we've got two new contracts in place with vaccine providers. And we're going to start I'm going to start working with the congregate settings especially our medium and large congregate settings to do more vaccine clinics. As well as entertaining the idea again about encampment, bringing vaccines to encampment areas in conjunction with outreach teams if there is desire there. So I'm working on that. The most important thing I have to share and I'm not looking forward to sharing this but it is about isolation and quarantine. Some updates to that. I will send this email I will send this information in detail out an email, as I've been doing every Friday afternoon. So if you don't catch the details here, please don't don't worry about that. But as of last Friday the 17th we no longer have isolation quarantine phone line and placement coverage on Saturdays. This decision was made because isolation Quarantine is incredibly costly, and there were very rare. There was very rare usage. On weekends. That's just that's the message and so we're having to make some tough decisions. I know I'm not thrilled about it, others are not thrilled about it. But current hours of operation are Sunday, Friday, Sunday to Friday eight to five. The process remains the same I will share the phone number in the chat. The line is staffed during



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the stated hours. If no one answers leave a message. The expectation is that calls will be returned within one business day. If you need help on a Saturday, please still call we need that those data points to know that folks that this need is there. In order to make decisions moving forward. So like I said, I don't like to deliver news like that. But that is the situation that we are in right now. I want folks to send me feedback, comments, questions, complaints. I do take those seriously and I bring them back to our to my leadership. And I do care deeply about the needs out there and continue to advocate for us to find a more sustainable cost effective strategy for this. That's what I have to say I shared. Again, I will share this in email. And if you have questions, please let me know. Stay safe.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you. Thank you Jenny and appreciate you being here and the levity that you offer as part of your updates. Thank you very much. Any questions for Jenny before we move on? All right, so next on our agenda is I was going to offer a brief advocacy update. And there actually is some information to share this week so the from the Tacoma City Council. The city council is going to hear a homelessness update during the June 28 study. Session. That's a meeting that happens at noon. The information you can follow the meeting on Zoom, believe they're doing hybrid now so you can actually go attend the meeting as well. However, this is not a meeting where there is an opportunity for public comment. That noon study session also includes the discussion, a presentation about therapeutic courts. So for those who have the time to listen in, this might be a good opportunity. There's nothing related to directly related to homelessness on the Tuesday night, regular meeting agenda for the Tacoma City Council. So that's that when it comes to the Pierce County Council. We won't see their agenda for next week until later. today. So nothing new to update there. Courtney, you have a question.

Courtney Love

I have an addition. On Tuesday. There is going to be public comment for city council and there will be quite a crowd there advocating for an alternate emergency crisis response team and unarmed Crisis Response Team, which while not addressing homelessness, will greatly impact the homeless and the broader house community as well. So I I encourage people to show up and you know, speak up for that.

Rob Huff

Great that is great information to share and coordinate is that going to mostly be in person or also via zoom?

Courtney Love

I believe it's a hybrid meeting, so come as you

Rob Huff



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Great, thank you for that context. That's good to know what our community is reaching out to, to push the council to do any other questions or comments for the advocacy content. All right, not seeing any let me shift back to my agenda document and I don't really have much to share in terms of the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness update today. The the advisory board for the comp plan, we'll meet again during the first Friday of July. And you know I apologize last week I was out so I haven't if there have been new developments related to the comp plan. I didn't hear them. And of course Garrett actually stepped away so he can't add anything in this arena. Right now. He is headed off to Project Homeless Connect. So, next in our agenda is an update regarding the work of the safe sites for all committee,

Janet Runbeck

Jan. Well, we've been busy. Okay, of the three areas that we cover the first one being the coal should be coalition and what is the coalition's response to government prior to sweeps or removals. Knowing knowing what we know that people have a right to exist. So I would like to thank our own Pierce County, Helen Mirren otherwise known as Teresa power, Judas for doing that public statement on King five that that basically, she said that an interview, she mentioned the Coalition to End Homelessness, it was edited out. So at least at least that kind of exposure, that kind of a media use to get the full story out about souls on the streets who belong somewhere, and the impact that has on existing neighborhoods that then take in what seems to be a burden from other neighborhoods. So that was that was a great example of what we can do. individually. And then rob did you come up with a newly edited more powerfully to language letter to government, you and Edie?

Rob Huff

So that that is work that is still in process? That will be done very soon. We got slowed down because that was out last week.

Janet Runbeck

And then once that letter is drafted, we will send it out to coalition it will represent the coalition and always we we encourage folks to individually petition local government or whatever jurisdiction is doing the removals. So that's on the response to the sweeps and the effect on neighbors who are losing the folks who are there and those neighbors who are gaining extra folks in their front yards. Safe parking network is just a true success story of this coalition. I had the pleasure of going to our first and largest site which is outside of pure oil up to deliver water and propel energy or electrolyte drink, met a woman there. Who this is this is one person's story. So six months ago, she got sick, ended up with septicemia ended up in the hospital. And ended up nearly dying, ended up losing her job. Ended up in her car ended up on the streets. Somebody got the word to her about safe parking network. She got to pul up and she says that that is a life saver. She feels safe. She went from being gainfully employed and living in a home to losing everything and is now taken in by safe parking network. And the only thing she asked of me was a hug. So it was the woman is in her I would say she's white in her mid 40s articulate and is grateful for absolutely anything that can be done on her behalf and the the level of respect that



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has shown is is noted by and appreciated by the folks who are able to access the program. So it is it is a real success story. Now the last issue that we talked about is our newest issue which is the emergency distribution network for inclement weather events. Because last summer was so awful and we responded to such a high level of of commitment amongst ourselves the partners that stepped up last summer, I agreed to step up again. So hats off to Deon Jacobson, Dion, are you still here it hats off to Dion Jacobson and the St. Vincent DePaul. They are in and her phone number is on Rob sheet and she put her phone number in there. They're available today and tomorrow. Okay, don't stick your phone number in there and also the or I don't know if you want your address in there, but that's where people would go so Dion's St. Vincent DePaul would help mainly those on the west side. Anybody can go Dion and St. Vincent DePaul has now put geographic restrictions. So anybody can go there. But we did not have a site for the west side. So liquid folks I don't know if If Jan is still here from Lhasa, but at any Lhasa or what Westside folks can go. And then we've got of course Paula Anderson. In has stepped up and when we lost the site that we originally used last year, we lost it due to Mother Nature. reaching her gnarly, ugly hand and ripping our life support away from us. But newhope stepped up and US South Hill Baptist stepped up for water and propel so propel electrolytes. I'm a public health nurse with heat we lose electrolytes, right? So water is one thing but electrolyte loss is another thing you we come down with with muscle disorders, kidney issue so if you want any of that touch bases with Paula and she will let you know the hours of availability for the propel and for the water. And then of course the city I got I got to thank Allison with the City of Tacoma. And Caleb, when when Rob first said on Monday's Zoom meeting that the weather was going to be bad. Ah, you know, I mean all the emotion of last year and how tough it was it was like okay, it's gonna be bad. We know it's gonna be bad. Do I have to make every single phone call to absolutely everybody together site for water? Well, we had found out that the city of Tacoma had already started stocking pallets of water at the stability site for folks in the stability site. The only sticking block and I apologize forever never to Richard Dorsett. The only sticking point was the city of Tacoma never came up with the policy upon which outreach workers all of us, all of us both paid agency outreach workers and those of us who are volunteers can access this stability site to get water because of Richard's experience of not being able to access water. The City of Tacoma stepped up with a policy saying 85 degrees 48 hours notice. So if the National Weather Service says it's going to be 85 degrees on Wednesday, backup two days to 9am on Monday for access to water and this I do believe is the policy going forward as the policy in place right now. So stability site if you go to stability site for and city encampments. You sign in there, you're going to get your name, your agency if you're working as a volunteer with us with the coalition, you just sign coalition and your contact. That's all we ask is your name, your your agency affiliation and your contact a cell number. Those of us who love data we would love to know where you're serving, which and countless you're serving. But I think that this particular way of retrieving information would be too cumbersome and so we'll we'll work on that. So kudos to the committee kudos to all of our partners. Brotherhood Rhys is stepping up yet again. I just cannot tell you and the end to come rescue mission and nativity house have all been responsive. So we show up at these meetings because we're supposed to if we want to be good people, we show up because we're supposed to. We stay because we work together well. So on behalf of all of you who show up at these meetings, thank you keep coming back. Together, we'll



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we'll I don't know what we're going to do but we're not going to be quiet. So with that I will wish everybody a safe weekend.

Rob Huff

We're not going to be quiet. That's the saying of the day. Thank you, Jen. So I have time set aside for coalition committee updates. This is usually a segment where Rosemary fills in. She's not here because she's attending a national conference. So let's shift over to any announcements that folks want to share. And maybe this would be an appropriate time, Jenny, if you would like to say a few words.

Jenny Lorton

Thanks, Rob. I appreciate you. Sorry, I'm being bombarded. Here very demanding of attention. Um, so I made the announcement last week that I'm leaving inside passages. My final day is this coming Tuesday? So for anyone who would like to get in touch before then feel free? I just wanted to say and y'all are going to meet me weepy. So I apologize for the emotions. It's a very emotional decision for me as I'm leaving social services. Each and every one of you are very, very special to me. The relationships that I have built while working with each and every one of you in this community are so special and so important to me and I value each and every one of you the work that you are doing is so incredibly important. I am so happy to have been part of this amazing group over the last almost three years. I cannot even begin to express my gratitude and for taking me in as part of this group for educating me on how this work is done and how we can do things better. And for allowing me to give back as well and work with each and every one of you I just cannot express the gratitude and the gratefulness and the humbleness that I have in being able to work with y'all. I will miss you all very very much. I will try to pop in every once in a while and show my face and say hello I am just so thankful for all of you and in keep doing great things. Making good trouble and and doing the work.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jenny. And appreciate the impact you've had and we know you're going to continue to have a positive impact on our community going forward to anytime you can stop by please do.

Jenny Lorton

I will definitely make it a priority.

Rob Huff

Awesome. So anyone else with items that they would like to share with the larger group? I can't believe it. Are we a silent group this morning? Yeah, yeah, I understand. So um, Jan, go ahead. Um,

Janet Runbeck

Del Mar left before I could ask him this question and so I texted him the question and he texted back. Human Services and I and Garrett left. Also humans Pierce County Human Services says that they will



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reimburse already existing contracted service providers. For extra supplies to cover these weather emergencies. I have asked what is the trigger by which agencies know that their expenses will be reimbursed? Apparently this is part of the bigger problem that since there is no county wide threshold recognized for a response. There is no policy in place by which existing contracted service providers know they can be reimbursed. He says that every individual service provider has to contract their contract person within the human services and negotiate this prior to incurring the expense. Well, that doesn't work really well when you're going on faith to buy pallets of water to save people on the streets. So there's more there's the the ripple effect of not having a unified agreed upon threshold is is confounding. If I were the manager of us of a contractor service provider, I would say to heck with it and not even do it. Right. I mean, isn't it easier to just not do it as opposed to doing the right thing and try to squabble about getting it paid later. So Del Mar, maybe knew I was gonna have to ask that question publicly, but I don't know. I don't know. I'll be quiet. Let Sally take over here.

Rob Huff

Yeah, so Sally, I see you have your hand up.

Sally Perkins

Yeah. One note from the county. There's a county council County Council's study sessions every Monday at 11 o'clock. And at this particular study session on Monday, they're going to be talking about ARPA funding. And while that may not seem connected it is actually because when the council did the budget, they set aside \$5 million dollars for homelessness of ARPA funds without specifying further what it would be used for. That \$5 million is now in a state of confusion because the executive finance people thought they could pull it back and allocate it to something else. But meanwhile, the Human Services Division had decided that they could allocate it for certain activities related to homelessness. And so there's confusion between the council and the executive branch about that 5 million bucks. And it's possible that that will be covered in that ARPA update on Monday. We need to be watching that like a hawk. Because if there's \$5 million floating around, it could be invested in effective responses. So homelessness, we need to make sure that happens. So I'll be watching that study session and I can get an update to y'all but that's the level at which we have to be paying attention when when budget decisions are being made because people make different assumptions about what happened and now there's confusion about where that money actually is. So I just wanted to mention that because that's going to be an ongoing conversation. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thanks, Sally. And Jan, I see your hand up. Are you do you have something more to add?

Janet Runbeck

I have a question for Sally. Okay, if I don't know if ARPA money has to be spent on COVID related issues, but if there's a part for public comment, I can tell you that this weekend's emergency response



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by the coalition was thwarted by COVID. So I got a very specific example of how COVID impacted our emergency distribution network. Emergency weather response for those living unsheltered. So. I don't know if ARPA is has to be traced back to COVID. A lot of the money that came through to us had to be tied into COVID specific kinds of activities. Prevention. I

Sally Perkins

think that was June. I think the Cares Act was was more tightly tied to specific COVID impacts I think the ARPA money has some more flexibility. But the point that I think is important to make is that we continue to have these unexpected things happen that require funding in order to be able to respond. That 5 million bucks some of that could go for this kind of emergency weather. response. And the study session does not take public comment. But every county council meeting at the end has an opportunity for people to testify on anything that's within the jurisdiction of the county. And so at the County Council meeting on Tuesday at three o'clock at the end of the meeting, there's always public testimony and people can come and testify at bat and that will be one opportunity to do that.

Rob Huff

Great, thank you. Thank you for that back and forth. So I am pasting some information from Caleb into the chat. Just I think just that one item at this time. Anyone else with other items of interest to share with the larger group? Alright,

Cathy Pick

so let's go question Rob. Yeah, go ahead. If anybody is familiar now I know Valerie said that she was leaving at 10. I sent out I've never sent out an email to the listserv and I didn't get a response. So I'm just wondering if we have anybody who we can contact rather than that, like info, email. I just don't want to throw that out into the ether. I would like to know if there's anybody other than Valerie that I can contact directly. On behalf of the the she's a single mom, she's a tenant, and she she got rental assistance in the past but there was there was just a gap there in communication. There was a miscommunication and a staffing change. not blaming anyone at all, but just adding context. So if there's anyone if you know anyone that I can contact, drop that in the chat for me, I would greatly appreciate that because I'm trying to follow up on that situation today. One Queen Yes, I still have been fielding questions. Wonder Woman with all my

Rob Huff

one question for you. Kathy. Have you reached out directly to Valerie because really, I do think she'd probably be the most likely to responsive.

Cathy Pick



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If I'm honest. I've been so focused on meeting the needs of these lovely elementary students that I forgot her name. So I was just reminded when I signed in today but I can reach out to her directly. She said she was like leaving leaving. Okay, I'll reach out to her.

Rob Huff

Perfect. All right,

Cathy Pick

so it's only so much RAM up here, you know?

Rob Huff

Yeah. Tell me about it. I have the same issue. So let's see. Let's move on any reflections on today's meeting? I always like to offer an opportunity for folks to share what worked well today. What didn't work well. What can I do better to facilitate next week's meeting and what kinds of things are missing? So please drop anything in the chat if you have any thoughts or you can send them to me my coalition email address as well. I wanted to make sure we carved out space here before we wrap up today's meeting for anyone to share any success stories that they would like to share. So I open the floor Yeah, go ahead. I've already shared a powerful ones.

Janet Runbeck

I did let's see if I can top out. Medical Reserve Corps goes out every Wednesday as a street outreach public health messenger to this time and we went went to 35th the Pacific and I think Jeffrey Boyce goes there quite a bit and he's on vacation. So we were there for our third time. We noticed a new array we noticed a new white van with an older male who disclosed that he was a veteran with age and suffering from Agent Orange exposure. That would be my generation. Right? We also noticed a young female who looked like she is very likely going to be targeted for trafficking. So these were new folks to this site. I called comprehensive life path team and they weren't able to make it that day but they they were able to go the very next morning so about you know, 20 hours later, they were able to go and they looked actively for both of those spokes, neither one of whom were still there. But I was so pleased to know that I could call a path team or I forgot what path is an acronym for if it's on that acronym list. And the response was, I mean, actually I got somebody called Call me back on the phone and I could talk to that person on the phone and then that person called me back the next day and and while we might have lost those two particular people, there will be cases that they can intercede and respond to and with the help of everybody here in this room. Have a softer bed for for folks that night. So I met the kudos is for CLR comprehensive life resources through path team. And it's just nice to have a phone number to call when you're in the middle of muck and mud and tents.

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Yeah, thank thank you for that perspective jam. So I would like to wrap up today's meeting a little bit early but I want to give a quick heads up. Next week's meeting is on July 1. It is the weekend right before the right before a long weekend. So I would anticipate we will have a little bit shorter coalition meeting next Friday. We typically when I'm trying to plan these meetings, I do give any presenters a heads up that there may be lower attendance at a meeting like this ahead of a holiday weekend. So that's just a heads up to you all that we will probably have a shorter meeting for next week. But I do hope that you can still join us and I do. Wish you all a happy and safe weekend. I hope you can stay cool if you have the ability to go out and hand out some cold water to folks I know you're gonna do it. I'm confident that we'll be doing that work this weekend. So with that, I say Have a great weekend everyone.