



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Provider Meeting Chat – 2022-07-01

00:22:23 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks so much, Rosemary

00:24:05 - Stacey Soltoff: - if Langston Hughes inspires you, reach out to the Poor People's Campaign, who are calling for Rev William Barber's Third Reconstruction

00:24:19 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

00:24:37 - Leanne Blanks: - Hi Jan! Thanks

00:24:49 - Timothy Harris: - "I am so tired of waiting.

Aren't you,

for the world to become good

and beautiful and kind?

Let us take a knife

and cut the world in two—

and see what worms are eating

at the rind." — Langston Hughes

00:25:17 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:25:19 - Stacey Soltoff: - I'm part of a local chapter of the PPC here in Tacoma. we're looking for dedicated folks like you to build the power of the movement

00:25:39 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - worms indeed, SCOTUS

00:25:57 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Stacy, add me to PPC

00:26:02 - Stacey Soltoff: - there are some fat worms gnawing

00:26:26 - Paula Anderson: - Hi VIKI!!!!

00:30:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Good to have you join us, Po!

00:30:25 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - Glad to be here! ^^

00:30:28 - Rian Booker: - PPC?

00:31:01 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Poor Peoples Campaign

00:33:37 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Another sweep on the 7th?

00:35:18 - Stacey Soltoff: - PPC = Poor People's Campaign <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june18/>

00:35:28 - Christine Lindquist: - Are there any other possible safe camping sites that the city and St. Leo's might agree to invest in?

00:36:09 - Stacey Soltoff: - is there contact info for us to reach out to St Leo's to encourage planter boxes instead of boulders?

00:36:35 - Christine Lindquist: - This is reall heartbreaking.

00:36:39 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - tpdrutis@nctacoma.org



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- 00:36:44 - Stacey Soltoff: - could they work with Food Is Free Tacoma to make those planter boxes feed ppl instead?
- 00:37:25 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I'll put St Leo contact info in the chat in a sec
- 00:38:21 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Christine what we need are more tent encampments modeled after Monique's FOB Hope. but I don't know of any orgs looking to run one or any sites that look promising
- 00:38:29 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks Theresa
- 00:42:35 - Richard Dorsett: - City and county have had a year to be more prepared.
- 00:42:39 - Sally Perkins: - Plus the humidity was very low and the wind was blowing, all dehydrating impacts.
- 00:46:52 - Paula Anderson: - We notified a couple of the encampments prior to the day of water delivery to let them know we would be there in the morning...that worked, but just the random drive bys were not as successful in the morning.
- 00:49:10 - Nick Turner: - then how are we going to midigate the trash from all the bottled water?
- 00:49:52 - Janet Runbeck: - Hand out garbage bags. The City has the Purple Bag program in place still
- 00:50:40 - Paula Anderson: - We also used some cheap/promotional water bottles, filled them with ice and handed them out to folks as well. We are collecting those from various resources as we can, but might be something we can ask companies that utilize those as give aways....
- 00:51:01 - Stacey Soltoff: - water sources is a great longterm solution. it's not something we have much control over this summer
- 00:51:16 - Jay Worley: - water sources would be nice it would be better to have filter straws and water sources.
- 00:51:18 - Ed Jacobs: - We have asked for gallon bottles of water that can be used for other things and refilled.
- 00:51:45 - Stacey Soltoff: - we need folks to advocate w the city & county for more public water fountains, particularly in at risk neighborhoods
- 00:52:17 - Sally Perkins: - No public water fountains in the Hilltop that I know of...but a lot of the unhoused people are here,
- 00:52:52 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Just because St. Leo's is now going to ask for a sweep does not mean it is going to happen. Even if it does happen - we can work together to find more creative, short-term "fixes" to the current unsustainable situation. St, Leo parish is not unreasonable in wanting change - neighbors (housed and unhoused) are experiencing abuse and chaos. I think they would consider other options if additional sweeps were not on the horizon and the city were in the conversation with other options (permit parking and permit camping; speed bumps; addressing crime without sweeping everyone; an active presence as we work this out; etc.)
- Anyone interested in helping G street find another path (as opposed to boulders) could contact Deputy Mayor Catherine Ushka and our city councilmember Keith Blocker to bring attention to what is happening to people on G Street and other communities that are absorbing the consequences of these sweeps without options for people being removed.
- 00:53:15 - Sunshine Harper, TCC CHAP Navigator: - Does anyone know of an organization that helps get furniture to people's houses? Just curious for my CHAP student.
- 00:53:24 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Jay like the sawyer life straw? LifeStraw Personal Water Filter for Hiking, Camping, Travel, and Emergency Preparedness <https://a.co/dnFyMaB>
- 00:54:04 - Caleb Carbone: - NW Furniture Bank
- 00:54:16 - Stacey Soltoff: - @ sunshine i would check w the furniture bank to see of they know anyone. otherwise try the local LDS ward. I've heard they do a lot of that kind of volunteering



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- 00:54:19 - Jay Worley: - Sally they used to have water fountain at the ?peoples park? on MLK and 9th. but Covid sut down alot of water fountains
- 00:54:22 - PATRICIA .: - @Rob... can she send you the presentation? and you can share it?
- 00:54:54 - Sally Perkins: - No fountain currently at Peoples Park or Peoples Center, acc to Metro Parks.
- 00:54:56 - Jay Worley: - @ stacey yes that is one type of te straws
- 00:55:15 - Jay Worley: - they work well with rain water catch and fresh water
- 00:59:39 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - Amazing work, you're all doing. As someone with lived experience, I Thank You! 🍪 ❤️
- 00:59:41 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Verna and Jan and their crew are always upbeat and engaging - that question, "do you know where to go if you need medical care" is great
- 01:00:09 - Verna Lilly: - Verna - vlilly@tpchd.org
- 01:00:14 - Sunshine Harper, TCC CHAP Navigator: - @Stacey, thank you. He was trying to do the NWFB but didn't have the money for it so now he is going through The House of Mathew for furniture and he asked if someone could pick it up because he doesn't have a car.
- 01:00:30 - Janet Runbeck: - Jan Runbeck 253-370-3988; janetrunbeck@gmail.com
- 01:00:49 - Christine Lindquist: - Does this program have any needs right now?
- 01:00:59 - Sunshine Harper, TCC CHAP Navigator: - Oh interesting about Lakeside Landing. If I had a truck I would do that too!
- 01:01:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - what about palliative care? a medically fragile person living on the street can so easily slide into a worse state
- 01:01:28 - Sally Perkins: - Are there groups who assist unhoused people with pets to get food, vet care, etc.?
- 01:02:01 - Rob Huff (he/him): - There is a nonprofit that does pop ups around the city and county with pet food. Others may have the name.
- 01:02:24 - Stacey Soltoff: - there are some limited services Sally. it'll take me some time to dig up those resources. can I email you?
- 01:03:37 - Verna Lilly: - Those were marvelous volunteers!!!
- 01:03:44 - Jay Worley: - salvation army also has pet help as well as the pet food food bank
<https://www.pugetsoundpetfoodbank.org/>
- 01:03:58 - Laurie Davenport: - PHC was really well organized and the volunteers were awesome.
- 01:04:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - It is so good that these in person events are back!
- 01:04:44 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Jay!
- 01:04:55 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - Awesome!!!
- 01:05:36 - Christine Lindquist: - So great!
- 01:05:41 - Stacey Soltoff: - <https://www.thehumanesociety.org/>
- 01:05:56 - Stacey Soltoff: - humane society has several programs
- 01:06:40 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Fife is often overlooked - thank you for reaching out to the community!
BTW: Fife has the most diverse, most young, population and lowest voter turnout in Pierce County
- 01:07:30 - Michael Yoder: - Fife city officials were amazingly supportive of this effort!
- 01:08:07 - Jay Worley: - @Stacey does the humane society still have the cinderella fund for spay/nuter
- 01:08:33 - Stacey Soltoff: - not sure. I'd have to check out their site
- 01:09:09 - Shannon Ice: - Shannon Ice: Comprehensive Live Resources, sice@cmhshare.org, 253-355-5803...
- 01:10:55 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Washington Counties by Population <https://www.washington-demographics.com> › counties_...
Rank - County - Population



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1 - King County - 2,225,064

2 - Pierce County - 891,862

3 - Snohomish County - 811,572

01:12:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Laurie and Tacoma Pro Bono!

01:17:40 - Laurie Davenport: - Thx for that population info!

01:18:48 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - I have to run to another meeting. Thank you for this space and for all the work you're doing in Pierce Tacoma! See you next week.

01:18:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - What about Fife?

01:19:44 - Sally Perkins: - Jeff, are you also consulting people who have lived unhoused during severe/inclement weather?

01:22:05 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I am confused about how much water went out. It sounds like Ed is the only Coalition person who picked up water at the Stability Site last weekend, so I am not sure about where 5 pallets went.

01:22:29 - Jay Worley: - Jaff on the first notice of funding do you know when that will be on the site?

01:22:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I picked up water from the stability site too

01:22:47 - Janet Runbeck: - Food Not Bombs picked up water. Also.

01:23:26 - Nora Hacker: - First Church picked up a few, too.

01:25:12 - Richard Dorsett: - We have no coordination for distribution. Totally random.

01:25:15 - Sunshine Harper, TCC CHAP Navigator: - Sunshine Harper, CHAP (College Housing Assistance Program) Navigator. Sharper@tacomacc.edu

01:26:45 - Nora Hacker: - ? We did sign a sheet when we picked up.

01:27:11 - Zev Cook: - when I went down to pick up water for serve the people we did sign a sheet

01:29:34 - Stacey Soltoff: - where is this site again?

01:29:42 - Rob Huff (he/him): - S. 35th and Pacific

01:29:55 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks!

01:29:58 - Jennie Schoeppe: - same question as Stacey. I was multitasking and missed the basics. Is this at RISE?

01:30:07 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Thx. ROB.

01:30:20 - Gerald Daniels: - It has been resolved :)

01:30:33 - Sally Perkins: - RISE Center is looking SHARP!!

01:30:49 - Stacey Soltoff: - right? 🍌🍌🍌

01:30:50 - Gerald Daniels: - Thank you Sally

01:32:59 - Gerald Daniels: - @Stacy and @JennieRISE is located at 2136 MLK

01:35:07 - Rob Huff (he/him): - It is sad that water has become a commodity

01:35:16 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - yes - Patricia! The city needs to drill public wells.

01:35:22 - Stacey Soltoff: - agreed Rob

01:35:56 - Joe Perva: - I can help with keeping some water at Aspen Court. We held inclement weather supplies here last year. We were happy to connect with outreach teams and get them the supplies they needed. Please feel free to reach out to me joe.perva@lihi.org.

01:35:58 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - they had to close the well at 74th & Oak Tree Park for toxic chemicals found in the water

01:37:19 - Stacey Soltoff: - @ courtney, were they chemicals that can be filtered by a personal camping filter?

01:37:19 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - well/pump house is probably a better description



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- 01:38:03 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Stacey - I don't think so - fire fighting chemicals, I'll try to grab the link to the article.
- 01:38:58 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks. I think in the city(s) at least, we as a community deserve a more robust network of public water fountains
- 01:39:15 - Janet Runbeck: - Joe, LIHI's help in past weather events was crucial to our success. Your Hosmer location is on our list. Thank you!
- 01:39:54 - Nick Turner: - Jan could you also keep 69th and proctor on your lits?
- 01:39:55 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Agreed, Stacey. Water is a basic human need.
- 01:41:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Of course there is
- 01:41:39 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Fire and brimstone comes next... </end dark humor>
- 01:41:45 - Janet Runbeck: - Nick, thank you. Your site is ideal for lots of reasons. You are now added to the list.
- 01:42:34 - Stacey Soltoff: - lol rob
- 01:42:48 - Jay Worley: - Thank you
- 01:43:56 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Stacey, it seems like public water fountains have gone the way of public pay phones.
- 01:43:59 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - my favorite watering hole.

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/unfluoridated-well-in-tacoma-closed-after-higher-level-of-chemicals-detected/869365506/>

- 01:45:13 - Paula Anderson: - Love the hat Gerald!
- 01:45:48 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Jennie that's problematic for many reasons. *looks at unhoused client with no phone & mental health challenges* *looks at runners*
- 01:46:40 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - fluoride is a neurotoxin and we need to get it out of our water, but it was voted in by the people (before it was listed as a neurotoxin), TPU says they can't just stop. also, if it does help teeth, it helps when directly applies, not ingested.
- 01:46:41 - Stacey Soltoff: - is there not enough housing? or not enough affordable housing?
- 01:46:59 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - there's enough housing, it's not affordable
- 01:47:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Both, Stacey. But the biggest gap is housing for those at or below 30% Area Median Income
- 01:47:40 - Stacey Soltoff: - what's Tacoma's current AMI?
- 01:47:58 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - there are 23+ empty homes for every unhoused person, 18 of which are empty year round
- 01:48:32 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - #VacancyTax
- 01:48:57 - Gerald Daniels: - Thanks Paula :)
- 01:49:05 - Stacey Soltoff: - yes! is that in the Home In Tacoma For All platform? 🤔
- 01:49:46 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - No, but it should be. I mentioned it, but couldn't follow up with the research they wanted to justify it.
- 01:50:00 - Stacey Soltoff: - 👍
- 01:50:26 - PATRICIA .: - @Rob, can you put our point of discussion in the rooms, with a long time standing
- 01:55:20 - PATRICIA .: - @rob. can you throw me back Into room 2
- 01:56:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I sent you an invite to go to Room 2, Patricia
- 01:59:52 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 5



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Talk about how various solutions for unhoused each have its own silo, which makes for a very dysfunctional system. We need to push strategies that work together. This requires systems-level thinking.

Established policy for inclement weather response, ideally a heat threshold lower than 90 degrees, ideally the same for city and county and based on coalition recommendations. "One size fits all" doesn't work.

Continued sharing of resources which is of value to providers.

Continued collaboration.

Continued communication work to address stereotypes around unhoused people.

Keep pushing resources and housing. So difficult to track and they keep changing.

02:00:11 - Ed Jacobs: - Thank you Ana

02:00:30 - Julie Hoffman: - Room 4 (Theresa, Julie, Gerald, Joe)

- - Safe Sites for All by November 2022

- o - Something where people can start – an easy starting point.

- o - Hit the basics – a safe place to go every day.

- - There will be someplace for everyone to go

- - The Coalition solidifies its position with the gov (city and county)

- o - We have a voice, but how to do we get more influence and impact?

- o - Intent and impact are one thing... for example with the inclement weather policy – have not influenced county to ACT.

- o - Advocacy resulting in policy changed. Not sitting around waiting

- - Keep building supports between the coalition – getting more information out and how to leverage what we have.

02:00:41 - Jay Worley: - sorry

02:01:29 - Stacey Soltoff: - he'd yack w or without you lol

02:01:42 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 2 = we were all healthcare folks. We would like higher awareness of health issues of those living homeless. Hopefully that leads to better access to care.

02:01:58 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 3

02:02:06 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Housing IS healthcare

02:02:22 - Stacey Soltoff: - also, anyone on mobile devices can't access docs dropped in chat 😞 I'll snag it from the website

02:02:45 - Richard Dorsett: - No sweeps!

02:02:49 - Betty Beer: - LASA was recently offered blankets, pillows, linnens, we don't have the storage for them. They will deliver please email janne@lasawa.org if you are interested

02:03:08 - Anna Baker: - Thank you Ed Jacobs!

02:03:18 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 3 Water, toilets, sweeps, strong confrontive advocacy, Emergency Distribution Network completed and enacted.

02:03:57 - Stacey Soltoff: - wait, what?! what's up w Pierce & Pride?!

02:04:01 - Jay Worley: - Will do .

02:04:11 - Dana Peterson: - Rm 1 - advocate for rent control and expansion of low income housing; continue to work on emergency supplies distribution; keep doing the great work we're doing to help the homeless population



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02:04:21 - Stacey Soltoff: - *starts rounding up her posse*

02:04:32 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Check with House of Matthew for storage of linens.

02:05:13 - Rian Booker: - Room 8

We've have had breakthroughs on safe parking and sanctioned camp sites this year, so keep focusing on building that capacity.

One thing that it is missing is good data that can tell us if we are winning/losing the war. We need more, better quality counts than just the Point in Time and HMIS. Leveraging this community to enable quarterly or semi-annual count sweeps could be an avenue to make that possible.

02:05:19 - Jay Worley: - @stacy written support of Pride month decision from the city council.

02:09:15 - Jeffrey Boyce: - #6- many more small sanctioned camps, and advocacy about rent controls.

02:09:30 - Rosemary Powers: - group 6 priority activities to both work for long term housing for lowest income and mitigate immediate effects of lack of access to meet basic human needs: we need more small safe sites with awareness of complications around self management and low barrier need. Could develop more parts to the campaign to address basic human needs. Mobile water distribution possibilities. Mobile toilets—look at creative options for mobile hygiene. Need Continued support for social housing options to address outrageous rent hikes that may bring that tidal wave of evictions . It is important to lobby the legislature to address rental issues as well as long term housing support.

02:09:34 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Networking Social Hour

Thursday, July 7 4:00 – 6:00pm

Monthly on the first Thursday

02:11:00 - Rian Booker: - @theresa Where?

02:11:32 - Christine Lindquist: - @rian Seven Seas!

02:11:48 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Gerrit will share where in a moment

02:12:43 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - We need a Social Housing developer

02:13:12 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Agreed Courtney, we need more social housing

02:13:28 - Stacey Soltoff: - do we even want low income housing that happens that fast? permanent housing needs to be sustainable & an investment

02:14:01 - Stacey Soltoff: - rapid expansion of semi-permanent shelter is doable

02:14:33 - Christine Lindquist: - Just to reiterate - Please join us next Thursday for the in-person networking at Seven Seas from 4-6. It's so fun to meet folks IRL.

02:15:35 - PATRICIA .: - @ed... email me the Homeless memorial

02:15:50 - Stacey Soltoff: - If I come directly from work I can make it!

02:16:27 - Betty Beer: - great meeting thanks

02:16:28 - Gail Misner: - The neighborhood do a treat map for halloween. Maybe we can compile a water map for access to home spickets.

02:16:53 - Richard Dorsett: - I have a home visit for shared housing next week! Taking the next step.

02:16:59 - Rosemary Powers: - Just to update the social hour address will be at Gerrit's house not at the Seven seas. look at website for more info

02:17:07 - Gerrit Nyland: - Social hour next Thursday, July 7th 4pm till whenever folks leave. I'll provide hot dogs and veggie dogs, you bring something to share - or just show up - there is always enough to eat.

02:17:08 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Note in case someone save the chat - July 7th is not at the 7 Seas - at Gerrit's, see the website

02:17:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Gerrit beat me to it :)

02:17:33 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks!

02:21:04 - Rob Huff (he/him): - It is the emergency funding streams that go fast