



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – July 29, 2022

00:16:17 - Info PCHomeless: - EOC is in the house!

00:16:50 - Info PCHomeless: - 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.

00:16:56 - Anna Baker - IPPC: - Woot! Woot!

00:17:13 - Info PCHomeless: - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:19:57 - Rebekah Cantrell: - Hi Arianna, Ally, Dorothy and Jesse! WELCOME

00:20:10 - Rebekah Cantrell: - Good Morning Bob

00:20:39 - Melissa Schmidt: - Hello everyone, I am wanting to start a transitional home for people coming out of incarceration and don't know where to even begin. If anyone can point me in the right direction I would appreciate it. Thank you

00:21:10 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Melissa! Great to see you here :)

00:22:07 - Melissa Schmidt: - Hi Theresa Nice to see you as well

00:22:09 - Rosemary Powers: - "I tell you this

to break your heart,

by which I mean only

that it break open and never close again

to the rest of the world." Mary Oliver

00:22:45 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - greetings

00:22:49 - Richard Dorsett: - These are the sweeps I have witnessed since homelessness came into my life.

Everyone in them was displaced. And on it goes.

8th & Yakima

11th & Yakima

TESC (10/21/21)

705 (November 2021)

25th & Puyallup (December 2021) Sound Transit

East 26th (Rail line)

10th & J

2nd & G

1st & G

10th & L/M (June 1, 2022)

TESC (again)

40th & South Fife; private property

11th & Marine View Drive



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Milwaukee Ave. (June 2022)

11th & Murray Morgan Bridge (July 2022)

7th & Tacoma Ave (July 2022)

00:24:37 - Rebekah Cantrell: - Good Morning Jeffery!

00:26:01 - Melissa Schmidt: - Rob, I cant hardly hear you

00:26:03 - Richard Dorsett: - It's a mess. Displace people and then a heatwave comes along. Makes me cranky.

00:26:03 - Jay Worley: - what cross streets and puyallup ave?

00:26:34 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - What is the EOC?

00:26:41 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Good Morning Rebecca!

00:26:53 - Valeri Almony: - Emergency Operations Center

00:26:58 - Info PCHomeless: - EOC is the Emergency Operations Center, run by Pierce County

00:27:02 - Sally Perkins: - Emergency Operations Center

00:27:03 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Thank you!

00:29:01 - Rebekah Cantrell: - I have to say- I went out 2 days this week for water and treatment outreach. I ran into multiple members of this coalition on both days serving our community. So proud to be apart of such an incredible group of people . THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

00:29:07 - Stacey Soltoff: - maybe because this time it wasn't put on the backs solely of volunteers to care & do anything ... 😞 </snark>

00:30:29 - Wyatt Godfrey: - Jan will be the contact for water over the weekend. Her number is 225.370.3988.

00:30:30 - Lisa Kleiner: - how do we get in touch with Jan?

00:30:37 - Lisa Kleiner: - thanks

00:30:38 - Arianna Tunstall - CLR: - The stability site in Tacoma will allow agencies to pick up water as soon as it hits 85 degrees out!

00:31:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sorry Jan - I didn't mean to present you as the Pierce county goddess of all problem solving (though that isn't too far from the truth)

00:31:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We have a public spigot on our block, so New Connections is distributing reusable water containers and ice at our G street Mural campsite. Thanks to Mike and Jan and St. VDP for providing almost 20 water containers. Still need more, so save 'em if you've got 'em.

00:31:53 - Rebekah Cantrell: - GOOD POINT!

00:31:54 - Verna Lilly: - T-Shirt idea: "I can't hear you - you're on mute" - multiple layers of how you can interpret that!

00:32:00 - Rebekah Cantrell: - I hadn't thought about that

00:32:07 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - You can bring reusable water containers (up to 1 gallon containers

00:32:53 - Sally Perkins: - theresa, how did your block get a public spigot?

00:32:54 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - just a message about an environmental issue with food bank mgmt off McKinley site. the spoiled food left outside from 34th up to the vfw location causing pest control for about 8 businesses in the community. I am a customer at Fergie and the stink from the food bank build is in the air. dairy, raw foods and paper scales the 4 blocks, mgmt has been communicated but her beliefs is its personal. she is at the site sometimes during volunteer leaving the upkeep property however behavior of food bank client has a large hand in spending raw food on the street. communicating this concern is needed 311 was called however action to clean up everyday

00:33:18 - Nicole - WFS: - I asked the same question. I want to contribute as I am not able to do outreach.

00:33:26 - Richard Dorsett: - Distribute Tacoma Tent News on your Facebook site. It's focus is on heat.



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- 00:33:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Cathy That is a very kind question, I recommend Brotherhood Rise as a great agency to donate to
- 00:34:43 - Rebekah Cantrell: - If you're stuck at home- the crisis line might be a good way to serve. I'm not sure how it works but it's an idea.
- 00:34:49 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Thank you, Richard. I hadn't thought of that. I am happy to post the Tacoma Tent news on our TTU page!
- 00:35:13 - Jay Worley: - Cathy you can always use your social media and other connections to help spread word and recute helpers.
- 00:35:18 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We are doing that
- 00:35:32 - Jay Worley: - Posting those flyers and asking to pass word of mouth.
- 00:35:40 - Richard Dorsett: - To say we are doing better than last year is not to say we are doing well. It's a chaotic mess and press, press, press to see a more coordinated effort to support homeless people.
- 00:35:54 - Sally Perkins: - We need high volume refrigeration and freezer options.
- 00:36:01 - Richard Dorsett: - Frozen water bottles are always popular.
- 00:36:03 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - I offer my freezer for water bottles 1902mlkjr way
- 00:36:52 - Jay Worley: - If your willing post the bus flyers at the bus stops you ride from if you ride transit
- 00:36:56 - Info PCHomeless: - Thank you for that offer, Lavada!
- 00:36:59 - Valeri Almony: - asking JBLM and the Coast Guard if you could borrow their rapid freeze might work for you. My brother on the East Coast and in Guam uses their flash freeze to freeze thousands of water bottles at the same time and then local nonprofits hand out the water. saves HOURS
- 00:37:59 - Richard Dorsett: - Fences, like NIMBY boulders, are such a waste of money. Most sweeps stay swept and fencing just reflects a lack of imagination.
- 00:38:53 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - DONATION IDEAS: Also the Lived Experience Coalition is very engaged. AND there are a few VERY small groups doing this work who do not have a 501c3 status where a small amount of funds could go a long way. If you represent one of these agencies, please add you contact info in the chat in case anyone is able to support your work.
- 00:39:16 - Wyatt Godfrey: - Great point on the trash bags. We talked about this on Tuesday. I will be asking that we add this to the After Action Report AAR.
- 00:40:08 - Rosemary Powers: - Yes Courtney. there is so much more that needs to happen...Our broken hearts must lead to more actions...thank you for all you do.
- 00:40:24 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Zoe's group is exactly the type of agency I was referring to in my post above
- 00:40:42 - Richard Dorsett: - Sometimes I see unaffiliated individuals out distributing water. They don't know about the coalition, but know it is hot and stock up on water and distribute it. Very nice to see.
- 00:41:01 - Rebekah Cantrell: - I love Food Not Bombs! Such incredible work!
- 00:42:38 - Rosemary Powers: - For those who can't participate in this water distribution type work, we can use our voices in multiple forums to call for public and private commitment to ending homelessness.
- 00:43:57 - Sally Perkins: - Temps in mid Hilltop are 5 degrees hotter than the official temps.
- 00:44:54 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Valeri - do you have a contact regarding the "fast freeze"
- 00:45:44 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Caleb - thank you for being such a good ambassador :)
- 00:46:09 - Jennifer Ammons: - Northwest Justice Project
CLEAR intake line: 1-888-201-1014, weekdays, 9:15 am - 12:15 pm; or apply online at
<https://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help>
Washington Law Help: <https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/>
Jennifer Ammons, 253-272-7879, jennifera@nwjustice.org
- 00:46:20 - Jeffrey Boyce: - thank you Caleb!



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- 00:47:50 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Washington Law Help is a treasure. I send people there all the time
- 00:47:54 - Zoe Grieder: - Another piece with trash bags: someone has to be able to pick them up and take them to the dump or recycling center, which costs. If there is something we can work out to cover the costs for outreach workers, that would significantly raise our ability to assist with trash
- 00:48:15 - Zoe Grieder: - especially while the purple bag program is down
- 00:49:24 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Zoe - if you get the purple bags, the city contracts pick-up teams to retrieve them - no need to pay and no confusion over if the bag is trash or personal belongings.
- 00:50:35 - Tyjana Campbell: - What agency are you with?
- 00:50:56 - Richard Dorsett: - How is it possible to coordinate with Northwest Justice Center to get before a federal judge to put an end to sweeps that violate Martin v Boise and provisions of the United States and State constitutions? If you can provide the legal support, we can provide the clients.
- 00:52:02 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Richard - let's talk more about this without city employees present...
- 00:52:28 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Yes we should Courtney
- 00:52:39 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Tacoma does a great job of picking up trash in larger camps, but it would be great to have more people with time and capacity to work with campers to collect trash in bags that are easy to collect. Typically the garbage pick-up crew does not deal with piles of stuff that may or may not belong to someone. Something that looks like trash to someone may be survival gear to someone else.
- 00:53:10 - Jay Worley: - I would be interested Jennifer.
- 00:53:33 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - ❤️
- 00:53:34 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - seriously , in noway is my concern even suggesting the food bank to move. my concern is the organization use their labor to properly handle the products the are distributing. they are owners of property from my understanding.
- 00:54:14 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - please don't place understanding you have to my statements.
- 00:56:35 - Melissa Schmidt CCS: - I have a call I have to take, I'll be right back.
- 00:57:06 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - thank how comprehensive is a skill and I do believe we should train for those who communication skills are needed. we are hoping to achieve more housing for the less able individuals
- 00:58:01 - Gerrit Nyland: - <https://pchomeless.org/>
- 00:58:41 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thanks to Gerrit and Rob and Laurie for the great website!
- 01:01:06 - Zoe Grieder: - 911 is NOT a good option for this community, they are at very high risk for violence from the police
- 01:01:14 - Laurie Davenport: - We now have 'extreme weather resources' business cards with the pchomeless website to hand out so people know where to go for current info anytime we have extreme weather. Let me know if you want some.
- 01:01:16 - Jennifer Ammons: - Richard, Martin v. Boise is a fantastic case but doesn't provide as much protection as people think. Tristia Bauman, Maureen and I were often in communication about local sweeps and whether they complied. I think there may be more we can do and would be happy to talk further about that outside the Friday morning meeting, after I get back from vacation in a week. Please e-mail me (jennifera@nwjustice.org). Thanks!
- 01:01:44 - Laurie Davenport: - Thanks Jennifer!
- 01:03:15 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Lets do that Jennifer, for us advocates having a better understanding of the latest court decisions.



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01:03:40 - Info PCHomeless: - I appreciate that distinction, Zoe. I only use 911 if acute physical violence or danger are present in a situation. Police are not the best way to respond to people living in crisis, and can put those people at risk.

01:04:07 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - I'm interested in being in any meeting re: legal action.

courtney@wearelec.org

01:05:28 - Stacey Soltoff: - I'm so sad I had to step out for an appt because this is exactly the convo I've been waiting for in this space!

01:05:53 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Tacoma Tenants Union is interested in a Tacoma/PC Stop the Sweeps Campaign

01:08:15 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Cathy - the Lived Experience Coalition is also working of fleshing out a comprehensive Anti-Sweeps strategy - the conversation is happening in our statewide meeting space

01:09:16 - Rian Booker: - I wasn't here last week, but if someone has a truck and the time, couldn't we help a camp scout a new location and move prior to being swept? a) to minimize the impact of the sweep on the swept, and b) to minimize the effectiveness of sweeps as an enforcement measure.

01:10:43 - Verna Lilly: - I have to leave for another meeting. Verna

01:24:00 - April Sanderson: - April Sanderson

Teresa Powers-Drutis

Jesse Torres

Alfred Kirk

Guest speakers/Topics for Future Meetings

- Homeless individual's Rights
- Resources for foot care
- Mobile Hygiene units (showers, hygiene kits)
- Mobile waste disposal (bulk/grey water)
- Reaching out to other communities
- Service providers (partner/agency spotlight)
- Panel of neighbors of campsites to provide info on what may help campsites from being "swept"
- Low income housing (what, where, how) & information on more permanent low income housing. Rescue Mission for plan at Pacific Ave (?). Clarify more about what barriers are there

01:25:06 - Timothy Harris: - Group 1: Would like to hear more from policy makers.

01:25:07 - Adam Reichenberger: - Room 4 (I think...): Speaker spotlight: Peer-led spotlight, highlighting peer navigation, peer-kent, peer-seattle, peer-washington, etc. Mobilizing to assist those with lived experience to have someone to walk along side them who have gone through the same course. Through the library system, for example. Supporting folks experiencing homelessness without the crisis mentality. Relationship building and support.

01:25:13 - Julie Hoffman: - I cant get my doc to copy - I will email my notes

01:25:37 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Room 7, we talked about Tacoma Tenants Union making a presentation to this Coalition, in the future when we have a specific actionable event or campaign to discuss.

01:26:29 - Jay Worley: - Back sorry i had to walk away

01:27:18 - Sally Perkins: - Some stuff from Group 5, others please add. housing for folks with felonies, newer City Council members invited tp attend and learn, how to evaluate the actual effectiveness of outreach and "connection to resources", TACID to talk about the challenges faced by folks with



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disabilities, more tangible ideas for churches to carry out, don't oversimplify, urge people to dig deep and do their homework on these topics.

01:27:26 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Caleb carbore information

01:28:16 - Caleb Carbone: - ccarbone@cityoftacoma.org, 253-591-5015

01:28:44 - Leah Ford: - Room 2: Community spotlight needed for SVDP 😊

C. spotlights are so helpful and a great way to learn about resources in the community.

Would be nice to see repeat presentations for some of the larger agencies since there are new faces

Would be great to hear more from the lived exp coalition. Would be great to hear about some gaps that folks are seeing. Case mgmt. for example – who is doing what? Who has housing for those with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs?

There are a number of orgs serving community but aren't prepared to respond and support community crises. Would be great to hear about ways to support mental health interventions

01:29:21 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Room #11, One request was for Monique Brown talking about the process of setting up Veterans Village. Attorney's working with the 9th Circuit on the Rights of individuals who are homeless. More info on the Housing Authorities and their work. And people from other areas of the country who are working with homelessness.

01:29:54 - Timothy Harris: - More room 1: Also, like to hear from “enforcers,” at least annually, cops, mayors office, etc. What's missing from our system? where are the biggest gaps and can we have people that are positioned to speak to those? For example, huge housing gap for felons. Are there model campaigns elsewhere? Can we hear from communities that are getting it right? Is anyone getting it right?. How do we hear more from communities and businesses impacted by encampments and move response toward system solutions? CLR has the Positive Interactions line for concerned citizens and impacted businesses at 253-396-5065. Can we hear more about that?

01:30:08 - Caleb Carbone: - MA II Position Posting:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/3583920/management-analyst-ii-neighborhood-community-services-ncs?page=3&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

01:30:35 - Diana Aragon: - We spoke about sanctioned campsites, legal help, shared living/tenant rights, our individual projects, and a recap from last week's topic of coordinated entry.

01:30:41 - Diana Aragon: - *Group 10

01:30:44 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - What is SVDP?

01:30:55 - Valeri Almony: - St Vincent de Paul

01:31:35 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Union: - Oh, sure...thanks!

01:31:46 - Valeri Almony: - very welcome.

01:33:26 - Adam Reichenberger: - Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department: AReichenberger@tpchd.org; to get on the box-fan wait list, please email me. Triple P (parenting and family support program): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9165>

01:34:11 - Rosemary Powers: - group 9 ideas for presentations: a “know your rights” segment to assist outreach folks when talking with folks on the streets; conversation with police depts re their response to people on street, with discussion of the training they have or may need; focus on who is not present (or at least not regularly) to include: police reps, reps of hospitals, higher education, American Leadership Forum, local experts (eg authors of new book Homelessness is a housing Problem by Colburn and Aldern); could invite people to zoom present who are in other cities/jurisdictions that have had some success in responding to homelessness/creating housing; presentation by someone from South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP); Presentation on current activities of new county group proposing land trust for home ownership possibilities (follow up with Ryan Mello); Need



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to invite general participation of communication leads for county and city (Tacoma as well as other cities with human services/housing staff).

01:34:17 - Rosemary Powers: - group 9 continued:

01:35:14 - Adam Reichenberger: - ROOM 4: Possible highlighted speakers: Ideal Options, Tacoma Public Library (in a couple months!), TPCHD (soon!)

01:35:25 - Rosemary Powers: - group 9 continued —consider presentation by affordable housing developers, such as Bridge Housing.

01:35:46 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We should add Mcert (sp?) to our future partner spotlight list

01:36:10 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I need a raise!

01:36:31 - Timothy Harris: - just got a \$150 monthly rent increase.

01:36:52 - Richard Dorsett: - There is not one county in the United States where an apartment can be afforded on minimum wage salary.

01:38:33 - Laurie Davenport: - Yesterday I spoke to the head of a family of 4 living on 2,500/month SSI, rent was raised from \$650 to \$1,300.

01:39:03 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Laurie - will you talk about the heat card?

01:41:01 - Jay Worley: - ill ave to email you the next time i come to town for some of those.

01:41:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yea!!!! Gerirr rocks

01:41:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Gerrit :)

01:41:51 - Gerald Daniels: - We will like to have some Laurie and Theresa. Thank you for getting that resource out to the community.

01:42:49 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Gerald - I'll get some today from Laurie so you can get some from me . How many should I get?

01:44:19 - Gerald Daniels: - About 25 to 50 would work for now.

01:44:45 - Gerald Daniels: - Well blessed and happy.

01:45:29 - Jesse Torres: - <https://cleantheworld.org>

01:45:34 - Nick Turner: - Does anyone have a vendor for free cell phones? a lot of my residents have asked to be signed up

01:46:25 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Nick - I just connected with someone who does free phones - I haven't followed up yet, but email me and we can do it together

courtney@wearelec.org

01:46:56 - Ryan Mello: - There is \$3.5 M in earmarks spearheaded by Senator Cantwell for the County to partner to acquire a site in Fife for homeless shelter/supports/PSH - similar to Aspen Court. Need to make its way through the federal appropriations process but this is one of the County's top requests in the federal budget process and we are pleased we made in in Sen. Cantwell's top priorities and is in the Senate Budget bill right now.

01:48:15 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for that update. Great news and fingers crossed!

01:50:13 - Wyatt Godfrey: - Jesse, please come on Monday, at noon, to the Safe Parking/Safe sites for All zoom

01:52:57 - Jay Worley: - Wyatt is Jan

01:53:32 - Jesse Torres: - Jesse Torres Clean the World Foundation - 206.698.5859

jtorres@cleantheworld.org

<https://cleantheworld.org>

01:54:36 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

01:55:56 - Jesse Torres: - Please contact also for Flyer/FAQ/Site Requirements