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Friday Coalition meeting Chat – October 21, 2022

00:11:51 - JEROME JOHNSON: - good morning

00:23:46 - 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.

00:23:59 - 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.

00:25:09 - Alan Brown: - Hi Maureen - Great to see you!

00:25:45 - Ryan Mello: - So great to see you Maureen!

00:25:57 - Paula Anderson: - We are so happy to see you Maureen!

00:26:37 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Great to see you Maureen 🙏❤️

00:26:46 - JEROME JOHNSON: - Jerome Johnson From Tacoma Wa CLR HOMELESS OUTREACH and YES For HYPE Center

00:27:04 - Jessica Hall: - Thank you for being here Maureen! It is so so good to see you again!

00:27:27 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for being here, Jerome!

00:27:46 - Dennis Townsend: - Good morning, I have no mic or camera right now, but I live out in Spanaway, involved in many community activities and have attended a few meetings. I was hoping to hear Heather this morning, but will listen in and appreciate your work.

00:29:56 - Jessica Hall: - If you don't know me- PATH homeless outreach and housing case manager. I do a little bit of everything. I outreach in all of Pierce County, but generally not in Tacoma. We are out of Lakewood.

00:30:12 - Rebecca Weatherby: - If possible can the individuals that spoke put their contact info and organization in the chat too 😊 I work for Pierce County District Court in the therapeutic programs as the Social Service Specialist.

00:30:54 - Crystal Lee: - If you don't know me- I work with Jessica Hall with the GLMHC Path team as well. :)

00:31:13 - Luis Rivera Zayas: - Hey there everyone. I have not been here for some time. Luis form TRM.

00:31:37 - Richard Dorsett: - Is Groundhog Day; another sweep this morning. At 21st & J.

00:31:43 - rosemary Powers: - welcome Rebecca. A good idea to encourage those who introduce themselves to also put contact information in the chat.

00:34:14 - Jessica Hall: - Good job TRM!!

00:34:18 - Richard Dorsett: - Lots of NIMBY boulders and blocks have been placed along Yakima between 15th & 20th and also south Yakima where RVs from the Tacoma Screw encampment parked after being swept.

00:34:31 - Sally Perkins: - Be right back.



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- 00:35:35 - Maureen Howard: - Please feel free to reach out to me if you thiink I might know something that could help you. Email is easiest for me. maureenhowardconsulting@gmail.com
- 00:35:51 - Jennifer Ammons: - Sounds a little illegal, too.
- 00:36:01 - Victor Somoza (Peace Community Center): - Hi everyone! I am Victor and I am a student and family resource coordinator for Peace Community Center. It is great to meet you all!
- 00:36:23 - Jessica Hall: - Richard I am also seeing a lot of that because people are spreading word about clean ups coming
- 00:39:14 - Jessica Hall: - I am creating a presentation for landlords related to what I do in outreach, but also relevant information to them. I am asking people what they would relay to landlords in relation to our homeless population. Shoot me an email- Jessica.hall@glmhc.org
- 00:41:52 - Ryan Mello: - At our November 1 Pierce County Human Services Committee, we will be considering adoption of our Housing Action Strategy, which include early actions. One early action we could be advocating for is adoption the 1/10 of 1% for housing and homelessness which would generate about \$20 M a year for affordable housing and homelessness interventions. There's a lot more in the Action Strategy draft that is worth getting excited about and that will make a difference, especially as we look to permanent, affordable housing.
- 00:42:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for your leadership, Council Member Mello!
- 00:47:33 - Richard Dorsett: - Any request to delay sweeps until 14th should also say that they should not be sweeping at all.
- 00:48:21 - Jay Worley: - I would love to help with that letter of I can
- 00:48:54 - Sally Perkins: - I'd like to help with the letter if possible.
- 00:49:04 - Ed Jacobs: - I will help.
- 00:49:26 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - @ Richard. Yes, it needs to be clear that the requests and recommendations are trying to make the bad decision (camping ban) less destructive for the community
- 00:49:43 - rachell sever: - i'd love to help!
- 00:49:51 - Tod Gunther: - Good job Zev and Maureen on your ideas!
- 00:50:08 - JEROME JOHNSON: - jejohnson@cmhshare.org
- 00:50:18 - JEROME JOHNSON: - 🍷
- 00:52:29 - Jay Worley: - two letters. one for legal observation and repercussion. one for stop sweep action. correct?
- 00:52:56 - Rob Huff (he/him): - rhuff@pchomeless.org
- 00:53:09 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thanks Maureen!
- 00:53:49 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you Maureen!
- 00:54:22 - Jennifer Ammons: - If anyone's getting cited or arrested who did not know they were in a banned location, I want to know about it. JenniferA@nwjustice.org
- 00:54:26 - rosemary Powers: - Thanks Maureen. I so much appreciate that you do all you do to keep this justice issue in focus. much gratitude
- 00:55:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Jennifer!
- 00:56:25 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Current sites that are being worked under this program include along Bay Street in the tideflats area and S. 84th and Hosmer
- 00:57:59 - jaime russell: - people on the streets that are apart of the sweeps are not feeling like the city is helping them. when the cops and workers come in they are laughing at the homeless ppl that their things are being tossed. not everyone is being contacted when they clear these camps. One lady had animals being stolen. one of the works stated she. couldnt take care of her cat and they were taking it..



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I feel the approach of these sweep should be really looked at. I lived at the Burlington st camp. how they handled that camp was horrible. I know most of the ppl around 56 and Tyler.

- 00:59:38 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for sharing that information, Jaime. We need to watch the sweeps to ensure these kinds of things do not happen. We may need to have trained advocates to be effective doing this...
- 00:59:55 - Josh Castle: - Thank you for this helpful presentation Gerrit! Tiny correction though, it's Low Income Housing Institute 😊
- 01:00:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Good catch, Josh.
- 01:00:41 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - 4000-500=3500
- 01:01:14 - Tod Gunther: - Yes Rob, trained advocates
- 01:01:39 - Maureen Howard: - I need to leave. Be well everyone
- 01:02:41 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - what's the new count unsheltered for 4th quarter 2022?
- 01:03:05 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Good point, Lavada. This funding will help, but it doesn't fill the gap. There are 4,300 people homeless in Pierce County, roughly 1,300 shelter spaces, so this intervention could help another 500 or so people out of the 3,000 who do not have shelter.
- 01:05:15 - Joe Perva: - Lihi is here!
- 01:05:17 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - how many hotels are participating in room rentals and funding to repair their hotel
- 01:05:20 - Keith Helmka, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health: - Joe Perva is here
- 01:05:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Joe is invisible!
- 01:06:03 - Janet Runbeck: - Joe, raise your hand..
- 01:06:20 - Betty Beer: - i am going to be picking up "small" new refrigerators this coming week. as new coffee pots please email me if your agency could use some
- 01:06:29 - Betty Beer: - betty@lasawa.org
- 01:07:23 - jaime russell: - one thing that I didnt like was one of the works came out to do a count of tents and people that are homeless. they never connected with the people in these camps. it they saw a 10 man tent they counted it as 10 people staying in that tent. when I asked they stayed it was for funding. to me that was fraud on the city. one ten man tent maybe had 2 people in that tent not 10 people. I was very taken back from it.
- 01:08:44 - Kenneth King: - Are there official referral partnerships that will block referrals from outside of those partnerships?
- 01:09:06 - JEROME JOHNSON: - if they are stay there and on the list they get housing
- 01:09:25 - Jessica Hall: - Jaime I believe that is to determine cost of clean up.
- 01:09:28 - Gerrit Nyland: - Just uploaded the presentation.
- 01:09:30 - Janet Runbeck: - Should we advise folks ahead of the camp ban to move to DOT land?
- 01:09:43 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Jan, you said the quiet part out loud.
- 01:09:54 - Jessica Hall: - Janet hahaha
- 01:10:26 - Ryan Mello: - Amazing work Gerrit putting our Pierce County proposal together. Strategic and thoughtful and effective as always.
- 01:11:05 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - 4300 counted, so the other 4300 in cars , couches, ?
- 01:11:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Let's get everyone on the "right side"of the fence!
- 01:11:40 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The 4,300 count is an estimate of the total. Much higher than the Point in Time Count.
- 01:12:03 - Jay Worley: - Lavada they can be at state parks or rural areas or couches or RV on friends property



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- 01:12:26 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - that move to dot land will bring others from Portland
- 01:13:09 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Are you a second chance employer? If so. I have some folks I can refer to you
- 01:13:19 - Jay Worley: - we could always use peer lived experience as hire for these programs
- 01:13:19 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - what is a liveable wage
- 01:13:35 - Jay Worley: - two for one. take people off the street and help them work
- 01:14:13 - Janet Runbeck: - Where is Richard?
- 01:14:24 - Jay Worley: - or homeless usually had jobs that fit positions we need life just happened
- 01:14:38 - Monique Brown: - Good Question Janet
- 01:14:48 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - I generated 5000 in self-employed and still unsheltered and not eligible for low income this quarter
- 01:15:16 - JEROME JOHNSON: - CLR has been on hosmer out there getting names on the list with Coordinated Entry that are on the RIGHT side of the fence.
- 01:16:08 - Luis Rivera Zayas: - That is up to your organization
- 01:16:10 - jaime russell: - there are a lot of homeless people that have applied for jobs. they are turned down for being homeless. is there a list of jobs available that the people without a home address can apply for?
- 01:16:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We can spend 3 more minutes on this topic, and then need to move on
- 01:16:38 - Kenneth King: - Please don't forget that associate level social service students are blocked from internships due to "bachelor level" limiting language
- 01:16:38 - Jessica Hall: - Jaime have you worked with Valeo Vocation in Tacoma?
- 01:17:04 - Leo Gruba: - I can help with that TRM has an extensive network we can get you connected with. leog@trm.org
- 01:17:12 - jaime russell: - no I have not. haven't heard of them
- 01:17:53 - Jessica Hall: - They are amazing and work with the homeless population! 253-301-2134 1224 Tacoma Ave S Tacoma WA 98402
- 01:19:25 - Jay Worley: - peer support and hire would be helpful.
- 01:19:47 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - I would love to bring impacted stories to our upcoming Legislative Session 2023. I am the Advocacy Organizer at the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. I am tasked with bringing lived experience stories, to the attention of our state lawmakers. Please reach out, if you or someone you know would like to share their impacted story in hopes of influencing policy geared towards homelessness prevention, and tenants rights. There is power in our stories. My email is pol@wliha.org. Thanks for all your work, everyone!
- 01:20:12 - Kenneth King: - Peers need more entry level access, that does not take advantage by placing them in dangerous or triggering positions. And with a comparable living wage
- 01:20:46 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - And we often see these young people continuing on in the good work. Kevin GC came to Tacoma as a JVC :)
- 01:21:06 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - setting up food preparation to assist poor working citizens is one spearheaded for families and individuals to manage food intake to health wellness applications in achieving healthy life style to wealth building.
- 01:21:13 - Josh Castle: - Thank you Theresa!
- 01:21:50 - Carolyn Weisz: - Regarding internships, I can also provide referral information to the Office of Experiential Learning at the University of Puget Sound. cweisz@pugetsound.edu
- 01:22:08 - Po Leapai, he/him, Housing Alliance: - I've gotta run. Sending an abundance of prayers and good energy to you all as you do the good work.
- 01:23:05 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - Pierce county hire unsheltered individuals?



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- 01:23:37 - Rob Huff (he/him): - NOFA = Notice of Funding Availability
- 01:23:46 - Rob Huff (he/him): - RFP = Request For Proposal
- 01:25:07 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - @ Matthew: Great news that those 2 sites are soon to be up and running. Thank you
- 01:25:14 - Rob Huff (he/him): - CoC = Continuum of Care
- 01:26:03 - Josh Castle: - Thank you Leo! Let's talk! Would love to hear about internship possibilities, and from anybody in this meeting employment programs for people with lived experience or coming from educational or pre-apprentice programs. Here's my contact info. Josh Castle, LIHI Community Engagement Director, josh.castle@lihi.org, 206-334-0508. Thank you for your interest, input, and all you do!
- 01:26:32 - Gerrit Nyland: - The new Shelter Notice of Funding Availability is available at <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/2779/Solicitations-and-Competitive-Bids>
- 01:27:23 - Rob Huff (he/him): - One acronym that is really another acronym?
- 01:27:39 - Cathy Pick: - Is the eviction prevention NOFA out yet?
- 01:29:11 - Cathy Pick: - OK. good to know.
- 01:31:26 - Kenneth King: - The NOAA put out a statement that our region is going to possibly be 30-40% colder than normal and heavier rains and snows
- 01:31:41 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Test to Treat is easy to remember this time of year. It sounds like Trick or Treat, just worse...
- 01:33:04 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I and Q = Isolation and Quarantine
- 01:33:37 - Stacey Soltoff: - sorry I'm late. where are we at in the agenda?
- 01:34:01 - Stacey Soltoff: - lol sorry to ask a stumper! 😊
- 01:34:01 - Richard Dorsett: - I am in need of 15-20 Narcan units for distribution this weekend at large, drug using encampment. Can pick up later this afternoon.
- 01:34:09 - Janet Runbeck: - Isolation & quarantine = 253-820-4684
- 01:34:34 - Kenneth King: - Thank you Jan
- 01:39:54 - Tod Gunther: - Good job, Timothy
- 01:40:21 - Laurie Davenport: - Thanks Timothy!
- 01:42:46 - Stacey Soltoff: - I'm at work. can't do break out, but I appreciate the running commentary Rob & Gerrit provide 😊
- 01:47:30 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1HLQ0C4URfW7xeTbjKd7Ybn-62qA8oaXT>
- 01:53:55 - rosemary Powers: - group 7 notes
- 01:54:44 - jennifer scott: - Our group had a good discussion and came up with three ideas for the county.
1. Set the standard for the county for inclement weather so that all organizations are on the same page.
 2. an access hub to share the information.
 3. Shelter flexibility for families, singles, couples, and pets.
- 01:55:20 - Sally Perkins: - Room 6 I think. When people are wwept, their tents are taken away, they lose their way to deal with cold weather. And people who use drugs are less safe because they are alone now or in smaller groups. the response for cold weather always seems too late, we are never really ahead of it. We want to hunker down and get ready.
- 01:55:30 - Janet Runbeck: - #3 = no solutions, but want to re-convene after this meeting to dig deeper. Ideas: churches who agree to respond in a "Freezing Nights" model.
- 01:58:17 - Sally Perkins: - Room 6 contd. The Coalition needs to take the lead, the City and County should buy the supplies and get them to key areas. WE need to distribute them. Do all weather planning



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ahead of time. People do not want to move, they want to hunker down and prepare for bad weather. You push us out, you don't have enough shelter, you expect us to travel to come to our services or sites for warming, etc. WE are always restarting and having to leave. OUR HUMAN IS EQUAL, please treat us as equal.

- 01:58:38 - Tod Gunther: - Group #9 talked about the fact that many of our population do not know their rights. Which makes it hard for them to advocate for themselves. Perhaps the Coalition could produce a bookmark, or something informing folks of what their rights are regarding belongings, sleeping, sweeps, etc.
- 01:59:10 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - project mgr is who
- 02:00:09 - Richard Dorsett: - My chat was truncated after breakout. Am in need of Narcan. Today. A dozen to twenty packs. Can pick up this afternoon. For distribution this weekend.
- 02:01:02 - Delmar Algee: - I'm very sorry everyone. I'm trying to get things working right so that I can rejoin you.
- 02:01:02 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You can get a view of The BLOCK Project on this web page:
<https://www.the-block-project.org>
- 02:01:09 - Timothy Harris: - Group 2 notes: Concern that \$20K cold weather contract from county has not yet been awarded. More timely action is required. Like the idea of Coalition having a standing cmte that allow sharing and coordination of actions by groups and individuals like zev, richard, Jeff, ed, etc. Maybe Jan could lead? If nothing else it could be a weekly information clearing house. We'd like to hear more about Tacoma Mutual Aid in an upcoming spotlight. We've noticed that a lot of people disappear during the group chat, and we should either encourage more people to not be shy and participate, or set up bigger groups.
- 02:02:17 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - If you go on a tour of the BLOCK shop- wear closed toed shoes (not Birkenstocks)
- 02:02:46 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - We need a shop in Tacoma
- 02:03:07 - Lindsey Walker: - Not sure our group number but here are the notes I took on our discussion.
Thanks to my group. Needs:
Food: Needs to be available from day one.
- Ready-to-eat meals, hot water for powdered coffee and hot chocolate.
- Have a distribution center for gathering said food and water.
- Outreach: bringing resources to folks not entering the shelters.
- Educating on what can happen if you're in extreme cold for too long (losing extremities, potentially!) to encourage engagement with the warming shelters.
- Staffing: we'd prefer agencies to loan out employees so we don't have to only hire folks who may not have experience in this arena.
- Also, having transportation available as needed for helping volunteers get to and from the warming sites.
- 02:03:52 - rosemary Powers: - group 7 ...Collecting hand warmers and blankets now. collaborating with St V dePaul for supplies. maybe we could have a formal coalition wish list that people could contribute to. Advantages of a warehouse setting discussed with military model of the "class one yard" and people can request and receive what they need for distribution. Wondered if the Presbyterian Church that is seeking proposals for use of their property might make a short term commitment for storage of supplies. still need to have someone to manage such a space if it would be available. discussed proposal to have a short regular agenda item for fridays that asked people to say what they need and what they have to share. recognize that quickly changing situations may not be very easy to



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coordinate distribution. had a question about whether Salvation Army was still doing any coordination of supplies and that groups like south end neighborhood council may be good to seek coordination with.

02:03:52 - Monique Brown: - I would write home about you Delmar!

02:04:28 - Tod Gunther: - Lol

02:05:14 - Maureen Howard: - What would it take to set up a fabrication plant in Pierce County?

02:05:42 - Sally Perkins: - Maureen anyway someone has enough imagination to do it.

02:06:26 - Sally Perkins: - workforce too

02:06:57 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - 75 thousand is an extremely low cost for these homes!

02:09:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - send it to me: rhuff@pchomeless.org

02:10:50 - Richard Dorsett: - Is the Facing Homelessness work part of the block by block project started by Seattle architect?

02:11:01 - Michelle Massero: - I'm getting here late, apologies if this has already been discussed. Does anyone have shelter opportunities for families of 3 or 4? We are seeing more families staying in our parking lots and would like to find somewhere safer where they can stay together. Michelle @ Tacoma Public Library. mmassero@tacomalibrary.org

02:11:09 - Timothy Harris: - yes. Rex Hohlbein

02:11:42 - Janet Runbeck: - Michelle, are these families in vehicles?

02:11:47 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - kevin@facinghomelessness.org

02:11:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - rhuff@pchomeless.org

02:12:15 - Alan Brown: - Group #?: Serve People Tacoma has collected and is collecting inclement weather supplies to distribute. Needs: 1. An accessible storage facility where people can pick up supplies. 2. An Inclement Weather Coordinator to step forward. It has been helpful to have "inclement weather" defined and declared from a central source and an inventory of resources available. 3. Schools need to know about inclement weather resources for families that are unhoused.

02:13:32 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Monique do you still need the outdoor chairs?

02:14:08 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - What else do you need?

02:14:18 - Tod Gunther: - 100% behind Monique's vet village. I'll be there!

02:14:38 - Monique Brown: - Thank you, Tod!

02:14:47 - Richard Dorsett: - Still pitching for Narcan. In need today.

02:15:00 - Monique Brown: - @Theresa, Chairs? Did Tammy ask for some?

02:15:13 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - the village hope ask should go to sherrilla Biven group

02:15:37 - Dionne Jacobson: - Love those stories, Jessica!

02:15:49 - Monique Brown: - Lavada, do you have her contact information? I had it, but I am not sure where it is.

02:17:02 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That planted a great seed!

02:17:29 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Hooray for Maureen and Jeffrey!

02:17:36 - Tod Gunther: - Clap, clap

02:17:52 - Blanca Sagastizado: - thank you everyone good information

02:18:02 - JEROME JOHNSON: - thank u

02:18:12 - rachell sever: - thank you!!!