What is the most important information we need to see on a homeless-related Pierce County dashboard? Group Discussion Summary • Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness • 4.7.23

birth-day

today we are possible.	
the morning, green and laundry-	the cane fields
sweet,	shining and sweet
opens itself and we enter	in the sun-drenched south.
blind and mewling.	
everything waits for us:	as the day arrives
	with all its clumsy blessings
the snow kingdom	
sparkling and silent	what we will become
in its glacial cap,	waits in us like an ache.
	— Lucille Clifton

WOOT: To Mr. Sugar Ray Seales, Tacoma legend and the sole American Team Gold Medal winner at the Munich 1972 Olympics.

Feedback on current Pierce County info website

https://open.piercecountywa.gov/stories/s/7wee-rgqc

- When look at length of stay chart, states average of 8 days. 8 days until what permanently housed? Kicked out? Leave shelter voluntarily?
- PIT information needs to be provided with contextualization.
- Have a data person come each week to explain and present analysis; so we don't have to guess meaning of data. UWT has a data sciences department; academic analytics would be a huge benefit.

Information to add

- Need clear, user-friendly data who is this for?
- EMS calls by those who live homeless. Who, where, what.
- We need a better response that tells people where they can go for shelter; 211 is not adequate.
- They should add the amount of people living homeless with severe mental illness.
- Client feedback results related to service providers.

- Basic stats on service providers # positions, turnover, wage gap between highest and lowest wage earners at organization.
- How many people identified in last count?
- How many are estimated to be unhoused but not revealed in the count?
- How many shelter beds are there?
- How many people decline shelter beds and why?
- There should be an unsheltered homeless count.
- How many houses vs how many homeless.
- How many are coping with severe mental illness?
- There is a coordinated entry data problem.
- Need to know how many in queue.
- Need to know response time.
- HMIS prevents sharing of data that will help people.
- We need to know, with safeguards, the needs of homeless people (by name list).
- We are not allowed to serve people; too many HMIS barriers.
- Need to track housing supply and demand by income accessibility, ie, how much is affordable to people at 30\$ AMI and below vs 80% of AMI
- Need a graph that has number/count on the Y-axis, and \$ amount on the X-Axis. On the graph would be two lines: rental supply (units vs price), and rental demand (people vs budget).

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

Need good street shoes. Nativity House, St Vincent DePaul, TRM all need shoes. Shoes have a hard life if the feet are always in them 24/7.

Sweeps are scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at Union Street Loop. If you come to Union Sweep, take photos, video, and we can share. I am available if you have any questions or uncertainties. Richard 253-442-3045.

Community Spotlight Opportunity: The last few weeks have been chaotic. If you contacted me earlier about doing a spotlight and didn't hear back - please send me a reminder and I'll get you on the calendar. <u>tpdrutis@nctacoma.org</u>

Recent Press

Tacoma legend Sugar Ray Seale finds shelter at Shiloh

https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/high-rents-tacoma-lead-sugar-ray-sealesmens-shelter/281-8bbcbef9-fe6b-4fde-9652-56fd5553d540

Fundraisers and Events

Up From Homelessness City Club Dinner. April 12, 6 PM, University of Puget Sound.https://www.facebook.com/events/574390527982518/?ref=newsfeed

The Sugar Ray Seale GoFundMe page may be found at https://gofund.me/fd96046d

Laurie Davenport's homeless art work entitled *The Unseen* is on display at Marlene's Deli. Go look. Held over through April.

FUSION is holding a luncheon fundraiser on May 9th in Federal Way. Our keynote speaker is UW Professor Gregg Colburn, who will present key findings from his book, Homelessness is a Housing Problem. His co-author, Clayton Page Aldern, according to his bio, provided data analysis and program evaluation for homelessness programs in Pierce County. If you are interested in attending, please email me at

Melinda.lowe@fusionfederalway.org If you are unable to attend, the link to the book synopsis is here -- <u>https://homelessnesshousingproblem.com</u>.

Resources and Needs

Ask state lawmakers to adjust their budget proposals to address the homelessness crisis. <u>https://housingalliance.salsalabs.org/backfillfundinggap/index.html</u>

Housing Alliance Advocacy Links

WLIHA Advocacy pages - Take Action Now! https://www.wliha.org/take-action Advocacy resources: 2023 Public Policy Priorities https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2023public-policy-priorities Join the weekly advocate calls on Fridays, 2-3pm on Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdumvrDMtHtSqWteCBB4VIDeAoIIRnuCI</u> https://leg.wa.gov https://tvw.org

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness can be found here: https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness

Foot care kits are available for outreach - just email me if you want some (thank you Sally, Sam, Health department folk, and all others who helped put these together). tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

Free Food and Resources, Saturday 10~12 everyone welcome no requirements or ID needed you can pick up for others 4819 S 12 st Tacoma Greater Heights Church across from Delong Elementary School

At Food is Free we do a weekly food rescue on Tuesday mornings at 11 am at The Hope Point Church, 6511 S C St., Tacoma 98408. If you need fresh produce for outreach please come see us. It goes in a couple of hours so please come before we open at 11.

Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv

Winter '22 Emergency Outreach Tracking Googledoc https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10Ec_bw5KKsFQidzRN7XkM6yea6vHzD0Yf0m5Ifjgdp U/edit?usp=sharing