



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – May 16, 2025

00:16:05 Cynthia Stewart: We will have to act locally, given the federal administration actions and lack of \$\$

00:16:27 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "We will have to act ..." with 🙌

00:18:27 Gwendolyn Christensen: Pierce County United Regional Homelessness Approach Taskforce Recruitment

[https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=b3f6ab8710&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1832024323783203995&th=196ca86a7ef91c9b&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f\\_mamapg1rp0&zw](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=b3f6ab8710&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1832024323783203995&th=196ca86a7ef91c9b&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_mamapg1rp0&zw)

00:18:36 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "Pierce County United..." with 👍

00:18:48 Sally Perkins: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

Gwen, THANK YOU!

00:19:29 Gwendolyn Christensen: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

my pleasure, my mouth will be a part of it!

00:20:06 Gwendolyn Christensen: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

I would love to see some of you on those task forces!

00:20:26 Sally Perkins: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

Do you have an e-mail that I can send you a thing about this?

00:20:49 Gwendolyn Christensen: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

[gchristensen@cityoftacoma.gov](mailto:gchristensen@cityoftacoma.gov)

00:21:04 Rob Huff (he/him): COALITION MEETING NORMS

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.

00:21:14 Sally Perkins: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

I turned in a form but was honest about my thoughts. 😊 Likely not exactly what they are looking for. 😊

00:21:17 Rob Huff (he/him): Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

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Be aware of time and agenda.



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00:22:02 Gwendolyn Christensen: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

it is exactly what they want! I will highly recommend you!

00:22:33 Gwendolyn Christensen: Replying to "Pierce County United..."

I was trying to share the email, but its too long, I can put it In here in parts lol...

00:22:43 Gwendolyn Christensen: I am reaching out to invite you to participate in what I believe is an important initiative aimed at creating a more Unified Regional Approach (URA) to Homelessness in Pierce County. Your expertise, experience, and knowledge of the community would greatly benefit this initiative as we work to develop a more coordinated response to homelessness in Pierce County.

00:22:51 Gwendolyn Christensen: My team and I are currently in the process of recruiting members for three key task forces: Governance, Finance, and Operations. Each task force will consist of approximately 15 individuals with diverse backgrounds, including experience in local government, coalition work, homeless service provision, and/or firsthand experience with homelessness in Pierce County.

00:23:00 Gwendolyn Christensen: Participants in these task forces will be required to attend six meetings—three in June 2025 and three in August/September 2025. By completing the URA Taskforce Interest Form, you can help us to better understand your background, skills, and interests, ensuring you are assigned to a task force where your contributions can have the greatest impact.

00:23:09 Gwendolyn Christensen: We understand that your time is limited and valuable so we are working to ensure that this is reflected in the taskforce experience. We are truly excited about the real prospect of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Pierce County. We encourage you to review the descriptions of each task force and complete the interest form by May 21st.

00:23:22 Gwendolyn Christensen: All applicants will receive follow-up information on decisions, and if selected, you will receive details about the task force meeting schedule. We will continue recruiting until each task force reaches capacity, and there may be future opportunities for input if not selected this time. Should you have any questions or need clarification, please reach out to me by email.

00:23:30 Gwendolyn Christensen: Finally, we are trying to ensure broad representation across the entire county so we would greatly appreciate it if you were to make recommendations of persons or organizations that you believe can add value and should be represented. If you have any, please send the names and contact information to me in a reply. I have also attached a flyer that you can use to expedite this process. The flyer contains more information about the taskforces.

00:23:50 Gwendolyn Christensen: Thank you for considering this opportunity to help address homelessness in Pierce County. We look forward to the possibility of working together.

Sincerely,

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Jackie K. St. Louis, DPA, MSC, LMHC, MHP  
484-620-3762

Pronouns: He/Him/His

00:25:32 Theresa Power-Drutis: To schedule or suggest a PARTNER SPOPTLIGHT contact Theresa:  
[tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)

00:25:38 Rob Huff (he/him): Community Norms



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00:27:38 Kylee Manley: tell kitty I said pspssps

00:27:45 Sage Barber: Reacted to "tell kitty I said ps..." with ❤️

00:27:47 Sheila Miraflor: Reacted to "tell kitty I said ps..." with ❤️

00:28:03 Lavada kent-napier: Hello from lavada

00:28:06 Gaiety Jay - IPPC Referral & Matching: Reacted to "tell kitty I said ps..." with 😊

00:28:32 Whitney Stevens: Reacted to "tell kitty I said ps..." with ❤️

00:28:35 Jean Hill: Hi everyone, Jean Hill, new to Tacoma but former co-chair of the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness.

00:28:48 Lavada kent-napier: I see more families with small children under school age

00:28:48 Christine Lindquist: The Common Good Tacoma Supply Closet is open today noon - 2 pm, at First United Methodist Church of Tacoma.

621 Tacoma Ave South

Tacoma, WA 98402

Access is in the alley.

Tacoma, WA 98402

Do you have outreach items you need or to share? Here's the Outreach Supply Need and Share form:

<https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

And here's the live link to the current list:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv\\_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing)

You can also drop items in the chat and I'll add them to the list.

00:29:06 Lavada kent-napier: Families eat being stolen

00:29:09 Sally Perkins: Replying to "Hi everyone, Jean Hi..."

Welcome, Jean, you likely have some great knowledge and experience to share with us.

00:29:25 Lavada kent-napier: Need foe blankets srill

00:29:47 Sarah Howe: Hello everyone. I'm Sarah Howe. I'll be here for the first part of the meeting. However, to some laws that we helped change, I have to leave at Ten, for my rent review.

00:29:47 Lavada kent-napier: For sleeping bags

00:29:47 Christine Lindquist: Tarps, sleeping bags, tents, and backpacks are needed. If you have any to share, please let me know.



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00:29:49 Jean Hill: Replying to "Hi everyone, Jean Hi..."

Thank you, Sally

00:30:26 Lavada kent-napier: Shoes needed. People with no shoes.

00:30:57 Lavada kent-napier: Area will be shared off line

00:31:01 Christine Lindquist: Replying to "Hi everyone, Jean Hi..."

Welcome, Jean!

00:31:04 Sally Perkins: Seeing people sleeping in bus shelters, doorways, etc. Also clusters of belongings in grocery carts during the day in public spaces. Single tents popping up and then immediately reported to 311 and gone in a day.

00:31:15 Theresa Power-Drutis: Replying to "Hi everyone, Jean Hi..."

Welcome Jean - happy to have you here and interested in hearing about the Salt Lake Valley Coalition.

00:32:04 Sally Perkins: I am not sure we can use the word "humane" in the same sentence/paragraph/page/book as "sweeps"

00:32:05 Jean Hill: Replying to "Hi everyone, Jean Hi..."

Thank you, Theresa

00:32:16 Rob Huff (he/him): Replying to "Hi everyone, Jean Hi..."

Welcome Jean!

00:32:16 Courtney Love: Sign on to the Bring America Home NOW! Campaign

00:32:21 Sage Barber: Reacted to "I am not sure we can..." with <sup>100</sup>

00:32:32 Sally Perkins: Sarah, you are doing great work and thank you!

00:32:41 Theresa Power-Drutis: Sarah - good luck with your writing!

00:33:54 Sarah Howe: Oh! That's really sad. I hope that everyone's all right.

00:34:45 Sarah Howe: I'm so sorry!

00:35:56 McKinley McPheeters: not that it justifies there being a fire, but from my observation it was contained and being used for warmth by the unhoused folks that were there that night

00:36:12 Sally Perkins: Replying to "not that it justifie..."

Thank you, McKinley.

00:36:21 Verna Lilly: I tried a few times to open the recruiting link Gwen posted but got an error message.

00:36:38 Sage Barber: Replying to "I tried a few times ..."

I had the same issue

00:37:10 Trisha Munson: Replying to "I tried a few times ..."

Must have been different situation then. The fire I was called about from some individuals was not a warming fire- I apologize, sounds like a different situation.

00:37:16 Theresa Power-Drutis: Common Good Supply Closet and Showers @ FUMCOT  
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Go behind the church (to the alley)

The supply closet is the smaller of the 2 garage doors facing the alley.

During extreme weather, the door will be closed - just knock.

About Showers: The building has just one shower, so four 20-minute shower slots are available on Tuesdays and Fridays during Supply Closet Hours.

00:37:22 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "Common Good Supply C..." with ❤️

00:37:54 Gwendolyn Christensen: Registration on: <https://tinyurl.com/PierceCountyURA>

00:38:14 Bianca Shell: we have some extra backpacks. I'll have Isiah follow-up

00:38:36 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "we have some extra b..." with ❤️

00:38:37 Verna Lilly: Thanks Gwen. That link worked.

00:38:39 Laura Mapes: Families on waitlist for emergency shelter: 84

Un-housed Children: 177

Children under 3: 58

Children 3-5: 21

Children over 5: 87

Unaccompanied Minors: 0

Single Males: 4

Single Females: 5

Couples/Social Groups: 0

00:38:50 Theresa Power-Drutis: Replying to "we have some extra b..."

would appreciate backpacks!

00:39:02 Sage Barber: Reacted to "Registration on: htt..." with 🙌

00:39:13 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "Common Good Supply C..." with ❤️

00:39:16 Mary Connolly: Replying to "I tried a few times ..."

Verna, if this was about the URA task forces, try this: URA Taskforce Interest Form - Airtable

00:39:22 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "we have some extra b..." with ❤️

00:39:49 Verna Lilly: Replying to "I tried a few times ..."

I'm in now, thanks! : )

00:39:54 Mary Connolly: Reacted to "I'm in now, thanks! ..." with ❤️

00:40:05 Keri Waterland: Reacted to "Verna, if this was a..." with 🎉

00:44:18 Sheila Miraflor: If anyone here belongs to a 501c3 organization (and has the capacity to do this), they can register with The Moore Wright Group. The Moore Wright Group provides "disaster relief goods" to the Community from what is in their warehouse. This might just also include tarps, tents, backpacks etc. <https://www.tmwg.org/>

00:44:55 Theresa Power-Drutis: Replying to "Families on waitlist..."

With the school-year eviction moratorium ending soon, this is NOT the time to close 2 of the few family shelters we have in Tacoma.



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00:45:03 Theresa Power-Drutis: Replying to "Families on waitlist..."

Does anyone know if these shelters are seeking alternative funding sources? Are other family shelters looking to expand? If so, how can we help get the word out?

00:45:14 Mary Connolly: There will also be stipends/compensation available for people who are eligible. You can contact Liza for more information: [liza@uncommonbridges.com](mailto:liza@uncommonbridges.com)

And again here's the interest form: URA Taskforce Interest Form - Airtable

00:45:27 Keri Waterland: Reacted to "There will also be s..." with ❤️

00:45:53 Sheila Mirafior: Reacted to "Does anyone know if ..." with 👍

00:46:28 Mary Connolly: Thanks Rob for bringing this information to the group, you did a great job summarizing!

00:46:37 Keri Waterland: Reacted to "Thanks Rob for bring..." with ❤️

00:48:18 Jessica Nobles: Reacted to "With the school-year..." with 👍

00:48:43 JEROME JOHNSON SALAZAR: Reacted to "There will also be s..." with ❤️

00:48:51 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "Thanks Rob for bring..." with 👍

00:52:26 Rob Huff (he/him): Thank you for your work standing up for those who are most at risk in our communities.

00:52:35 Jessica Nobles: Reacted to "Thank you for your w..." with 🙌

00:52:39 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "Thank you for your w..." with 🙌

00:55:19 Lavada kent-napier: Understand their plan in the 2025 is depopulation of experience people that know what 1942 looked like across the world

00:55:25 Rob Huff (he/him): What can we do to help protect these services? Especially when we know our direct representatives are already in favor of saving these programs?

00:55:53 Jessica Nobles: Reacted to "Understand their pla..." with 🙌

00:55:56 Amanda Mangan: Amen

00:58:14 Rob Huff (he/him): Tell personal stories about the impact

00:58:23 Sheila Mirafior: Reacted to "Tell personal storie..." with 👍

00:59:42 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "Tell personal storie..." with 👍

01:00:41 Theresa Power-Drutis: Is anyone tracking the cost of all of the litigation brought on by this administration? No way to measure the many costs of this chaos but even knowing the financial costs would be a starting point.

01:00:48 Rob Huff (he/him): On a related note, my notifications are full of news alerts about the budget bill stalling in the House. Very timely discussion. Thank you!

01:01:16 Lavada kent-napier: If I show up what stop people from placing dogs, tear gas, guns aimed at me

01:01:58 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "If I show up what st..." with 👍

01:04:25 Rob Huff (he/him): Build a coalition!

01:05:02 Sally Perkins: Replying to "Build a coalition!"

A coalition that is not fighting within itself but is clear and focused about the actual fights ahead.

01:05:10 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "A coalition that is ..." with 🙌

01:05:13 Bianca Shell: Reacted to "A coalition that is ..." with 🙌

01:05:24 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "Build a coalition!" with 👍



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01:05:34 Courtney Love: Status quo doesn't inspire non-voters to vote - addressing our needs do - single payer healthcare, labor justice (living wages), social housing

When your donors are the same as Republicans, what are we voting for

01:05:54 Theresa Power-Drutis: For Democracy, Talking Is More Important Than Agreeing.

<https://education.virginia.edu/news-stories/democracy-talking-more-important-agreeing>

01:06:04 Christine Lindquist: Replying to "Build a coalition!"

This is the primary message of On Tyranny.

01:06:45 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "For Democracy, Talki..." with 👍

01:06:53 Jessica Nobles: Yes Trisha!

01:08:05 Theresa Power-Drutis: Trisha: I'm always happy to hear from you!

01:08:32 Sally Perkins: Trisha, thank you!

01:13:14 Courtney Love: Single-Payer!! Medicare 4 All!!

The status quo is broken - not inspiring!

01:13:21 Sage Barber: Reacted to "Single-Payer!! Medic..." with ❤️

01:13:22 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "Single-Payer!! Medic..." with 👍

01:14:13 Christine Lindquist: Scapegoating immigrants and refugees is a vital part of the authoritarian playbook.

01:14:15 Sage Barber: Republicans have every chance to say "this isn't acceptable" and they aren't.

01:14:39 Lavada kent-napier: Bush ignored me too'

01:15:25 Courtney Love: The Party needs to do better or it will fail - vote Blue no matter who isn't working

01:15:53 Theresa Power-Drutis: In an oligarchy - raising your voice is dangerous to your re-election campaign. Election reform is the first step to a healthy democracy

01:15:54 Rob Huff (he/him): Just to be clear, no one is "illegal"

01:16:44 Sage Barber: Reacted to "Just to be clear, no..." with 🙌

01:17:14 Christine Lindquist: Reacted to "Just to be clear, no..." with 🙌

01:17:50 Lavada kent-napier: Ice already

01:17:56 Lavada kent-napier: Lavada Kent-Napier

01:18:18 Lavada kent-napier: Human unity is our name

01:20:28 Zsa Zsa Floyd: Reacted to "Single-Payer!! Medic..." with 100

01:20:42 Zsa Zsa Floyd: Reacted to "The Party needs to d..." with 100

01:20:44 Trisha Munson: I echo that Gerrit!!

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01:22:02 Matthew Jorgensen: BRAYVE RFP: <https://cms.tacoma.gov/Purchasing/formalBids/NC25-0083F.pdf>

01:28:09 Betty Beer: Where do they get the meds

01:28:54 Betty Beer: What types of meds are we talking about





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- 01:30:22 Jessica Nobles: Unhoused people needing help are not just in the city limits 🤔  
01:30:32 Sheila Mirafior: Reacted to "Unhoused people need..." with 👍  
01:31:27 Rob Huff (he/him): Sounds like an advocacy opportunity!  
01:31:50 Sheila Mirafior: Replying to "Unhoused people need..."

Agreed. More barriers created.

- 01:32:16 Marilee Hill-Anderson: Reacted to "Just to be clear, no..." with 🙌  
01:32:30 Rob Huff (he/him): So much bureaucracy getting in the way  
01:32:35 Oneida Arnold: Reacted to "So much bureaucracy ..." with 👍  
01:32:40 Sheila Mirafior: Reacted to "So much bureaucracy ..." with 👍  
01:32:45 Oneida Arnold: Reacted to "Sounds like an advoc..." with 👍  
01:32:53 Katherine Arnold: Reacted to "So much bureaucracy ..." with 👍  
01:32:57 Betty Beer: Reacted to So much bureaucracy ... with " 👍 "  
01:33:26 Betty Beer: Reacted to Unhoused people need... with " 👍 "  
01:37:13 Courtney Love: Sign on to the Bring America Home NOW! Campaign  
01:38:19 Marilee Hill-Anderson: It's OK, Rob! The road from the start of session to the budget being signed is wrought with an incredible number of twists and turns! Thank you for your tireless advocacy!  
01:39:14 Sheila Mirafior: I saw a man walking down Yakima Ave near Goodwill's office on Wednesday afternoon carrying a box of food. My guess was he was coming from St Leo's Food Pantry. S 11th-S 27th= 16 city blocks. Such determination!  
01:39:41 Rob Huff (he/him): Here is the direct link to sign up: <https://p2a.co/PAKHJqH>  
01:41:03 Rob Huff (he/him): Reacted to "I saw a man walking ..." with 👍  
01:41:55 Janelle Knowlton: signed up- thanks!!  
01:42:24 Sage Barber: Signed up!  
01:42:47 Sally Perkins: Thank you, Courtney!  
01:43:10 Courtney Love: Reacted to "Signed up!" with ❤️  
01:43:24 Theresa Power-Drutis: Reacted to "Thank you, Courtney!" with 👍  
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01:45:01 Christine Lindquist: Looks fantastic!  
01:45:05 Devon Isakson: I have to hop off for a 1030. Thanks everyone.  
01:45:27 Bianca Shell: Paula, when did you say y'all are at Moore Library?  
01:45:31 Sheila Mirafior: Reacted to "Looks fantastic!" with ❤️  
01:46:27 Rob Huff (he/him): <https://pchomeless.wpcomstaging.com>  
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12-5pm

- 01:47:53 Verna Lilly: I love the collage picture for the website banner!  
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