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| **Homeless Coalition Inclement Weather Briefing** |  |
| Wednesday, December 29, 2021 | Virtual – Zoom Call |

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| **Staff Present:**Delmar Algee, Gerrit Nyland, Sarah Appling, Bryan Barmore |

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| **Notes** |
|  | **Current Status – Cold Weather Update:*** Gerrit Nyland – Record night in shelters, over 1300 people in shelters, over 300 more than last week
* 3 Shelter Sites with CV19 outbreaks
* Coalition Website is being constantly updated, go there for the latest information

**Emergency Shelters/Shelter Expansion**:* Luis Rivera Zayas TRM – At/over capacity at all sites / last night we were over capacity by 40 people
	+ Working with Gerrit on solutions for tonight
* Juliane CCS -Nativity House – Not at capacity, can send people our way, we do have covid

**Agencies w/ Hotel Vouchers:*** Laurel Macintyre-Howard – Question - about St Vincent De Paul, - was told they are no longer taking non-families, or adults without children for their hotel vouchers program
	+ Janne – Laurel please contact me I might have some information about a hotel voucher
	+ Sarah Appling is looking into it.

**Warming Centers:*** Gig Harbor Key Peninsula – Warming center is open, no one has come in except a family to play basketball
	+ Good Story, We were able to place a women with hotel vouchers for the next 4 days. Was a good team work with GHPD and our group to get that setup.
	+ Still having issues with close food banks – going to start delivering food to families starting tomorrow
* Fife Warming Center – LASA – has adopted the Fife site – food coming though there today. Looking for the City of Fife to Start taking over. – The site is looking for kettle or hot water heater for soups
	+ Gerrit – Emergency Management is delivering a microwave and hot meals starting tonight and moving forward
* Sprinker Recreation Site
	+ 10 guests visited us, 6 stayed overnight, expect most of them to come back tonight
	+ People have been stopping here and donating items
	+ Emergency Management Is going bringing hot meals to the site +

**Churches Serving as Temp Shelter:*** Paula Anderson – Don’t need to worry about food, being supported by congregation -
* South Hill Baptist – has been at full capacity since day 2. Site is working well as a supply site
* Kudos to Greater Lakes for their work at night and getting people to the sites

**Information Hubs:*** New Hope – Paula Anderson – seeing fewer people as we transfer them to other locations after triage, we have deployed all the staff to the Church Shelters to support those sites

**Pierce County Sheriff:*** Sheriff Troyer – Regarding Jails releasing people into the night – It’s a big issue with mental health issues and people in the jails, we are working on the problem, I have Patti Jackson working on the issue. I have been in discussion with Maureen about the issue brainstorming ideas for improvement. One of the biggest issues we are running into is we are unable to hold incarcerated people longer than their sentence. Even if there are adverse weather conditions outside. We do have deputies outside working with the community, we have the mental health professionals teaming with deputies, we currently have 3 on staff and are looking to build that program up to 9.
	+ We are happy to team up with anyone helping in anyway we can during this weather, you have my contact information, please
* Trisha – Sheriff Troyer – Shout out to your deputies last night for helping us getting a man off the streets and into the Sprinker Shelter, they came on site and really were a great help being compassionate and helping convince them into the shelter
* Maureen Howard – Want to thank Sheriff Troyer for reaching out to me so fast
* Janne – Thank you Sheriff Troyer – I am concerned about people being released in this weather
	+ Sheriff Troyer - We are working on the issue and we want to know if it happens. Please reach out
* Theresa Power-Drutis – New Connections – Is the 5am release time still happening?
	+ Sheriff Troyer – it takes time to release people – so the 5am time might not be the actual time they are let out the door, could be a few hours later.
	+ Sheriff Troyer – I will look into the issue and work with staff to correct it
* Laurel Macintyre-Howard – Sheriff Troyer – Thank you for working with people to get them into shelters and to work with them upon release
	+ Sheriff Troyer – We are happy to help and had a great relationship with the women’s correctional facility and Toys for Tots a few years ago.

**TPCHD Update** * Jannie Schoeppe – TPCHD – Leadership made the decision to keep admitting people regardless of if they are in out breaks status or not.
* If you have questions, please email me – jschoeppe@tpchd.org
* Thank Gerrit for being able to get masks out to shelters

**Outreach*** Trisha Grater Lakes – Was out last night – had Sheriff Deputies helping, was wonderful, had great success scooping people up and getting them to shelter.
* Jeffrey Boyce – Want to thank the ministry and help form congregation at all Saints – they made up a lot of soup and sandwiches that we were able to hand out – tomorrow I will be out with lasagna
* Nora Heckler – there is an encampment that I think people should look into
	+ Ed Jacobs – Nora please give me a call and we can look at the sites
	+ Laurel (hot team) we are working with that site as well.
* Davina Schwab – TRM – Had 2 vans out today – will have search and rescue teams out tonight
	+ People that do not want to come with us we are providing them with supplies that we can
* Mike Boisture – Fife Location 10 people last night – expecting more as the word gets out
	+ This afternoon we should have capacity for 10 more people at fife with a new tent.
	+ Just got Security for Fife and Sprinker for the next 48 hours
	+ If you have a need Please email us.

**Distribution Centers*** Gerrit – Keeping them filled as quickly as we can, socks, and blankets – let us know if there are things needed.

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* Tacoma Pierce County Health Department - COVID Testing Questions
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