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| **Homeless Coalition Inclement Weather Briefing** |  |
| Thursday, December 30, 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:*** 340 More people in the shelters last night – Record number (Normally 1000)
* Distribution sites have been resupplied with blankets/water, more coming to LIHI this afternoon
	+ Open though 8am Sunday Morning
* County Emergency Management: Set end dates for Sprinker and Fife Shelters for this Sunday at 8am
* 3 Faith Based Shelters – ending Noon on this Saturday
* Rise Center – ending Noon this Sunday
* EOC Closing at 4:30 pm today
* Coalition website continues to be updated <https://www.pchomeless.org/>
* Janne – LASA – Distribution: We don’t plan to stay open this weekend not getting anyone coming in

**TPCHD Update*** Cecily Joque – TPCHD Testing Branch – We have received messages about testing and understand your all overwhelmed, we are limited and are working to get supplies out
	+ If you are shelters that need test kits, please email epitesting@tpchd.org
	+ Next week we are working on getting new sites setup
	+ And hopefully we will have new rapid test kits available next week.
* SEA-MAR clinic has a big supply of rapid test kits – if you let them know they will supply kits.
	+ On 11th Across from Safeway

**Emergency Shelters/Shelter Expansion**:* Luis Rivera Zayas TRM – was able to send overflow to rise center, worked fine, thanks to the rise center for stepping up
* Faatima Lawrence – CCS Nativity House – We still have space if people need to be sent our way

**Agencies w/ Hotel Vouchers:*** **St Vincent De Paul**
	+ Information incorrect – they are serving anyone and everyone (that are unable to be serviced by the existing system)
	+ St Vincent de Paul of Tacoma, Pierce County Motel Voucher Pre-Vetting Questions & Needed Information – On Last page of document

**Warming Centers:*** Gig Harbor Key Peninsula
	+ No activity – Last night found 2 people who needed assistance and we were able to help 1 of them
	+ Gina – worked with FISH and was able to place 2 people in overnight shelters
	+ The partnership between the food banks and home society is really starting to bear fruit
		- At lot of the first contacts are coming from the food banks
	+ All 4 of our food banks have been closed for 9 days, highly unusual, they plan on opening back up next Monday
		- We are working on the problem and I suspect we will do some weekend shopping and distribution to some needy families
* Fife Warming Center
* Sprinker Recreation Site
* Light House – City of Tacoma decided to extend operations until March 2022

**Churches Serving as Temp Shelter:*** Paula Anderson – Our Lady needs to close tonight because of covid – had 2 guests come in with dogs
	+ Took them to Spinker – they tested positive for covid
	+ We have a big need in transportation help to get people to Sprinker
	+ Would Pierce transit be able to take a special bus to Sprinker
	+ Other 2 shelters are working well, having issues with capacity
* South Hill Baptist – over capacity, been really helping and excellent to work with

**Outreach*** Trisha – Grater Lakes – Took out a big team today, with SEA Mar and substance abuse – we were all over and went to the fife site
	+ Hit the city of fife pretty hard / and Parkland/Spanaway and Lakewood
		- Got a gentleman off the streets today that we have been working for years
		- Everyone is working together is its working really well
	+ We really appreciate this new system, thank you Gerrit and Delmar
	+ We will be unable to be on the meetings this weekend, might be able to be on tomorrow.
* TRM – We will have two vans that will be going out tomorrow
	+ Today we were in south Tacoma, and I believe we ran into a gentleman that was experiencing frostbite but did not want to come with us, we gave supplies
	+ We will be out with the search and rescue tonight
* Maureen Howard – Dakota Fox – going out everyday
* Maureen Howard - Monique Hope – would it be possible to provide reimbursement to King county outreach groups that end up in Pierce county
	+ Will be discuss din debrief
* Ed Jacobs –
	+ Last night ran into 3 gentlemen that had just been released from jail, they were not prepared for the weather, and they didn’t have anywhere to go
	+ I sent an email to the Sheriff about the salutation and he is looking into it

**Misc Conversation*** Mike Boisture - Senate Bill 16-40 Funding for inclement weather situations
* CLR Tele Health Number 253-396-5065
* Maureen Howard – I have reached out to people on the national level for policy assistance

**Contact Information/Links:*** Pierce County:
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	+ Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to end Homelessness <https://www.pchomeless.org/>
* Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
	+ Jennie Schoeppe – jschoeppe@tpchd.org
* Tacoma Pierce County Health Department – Vaccine Clinics for people experiencing housing uncertainty
	+ Anne Kluis (TPCHD events): akluis@tpchd.org .
	+ Misty Brown (Ambulnz events): mbrown@tpchd.org.
* Tacoma Pierce County Health Department - COVID Testing Questions
	+ <https://tpchd.org/gettested>
	+ Cecily Joque: cjoque@tpchd.org, 253-820-0313.
* Tacoma Pierce County Health Department - Assistance with isolation & quarantine
	+ Aristo at 253-820-4684
* Tacoma Pierce County Health Department - Outbreak Investigations
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St Vincent de Paul of Tacoma, Pierce County Motel Voucher Pre-Vetting Questions & Needed Information

**1. Does the referred client have proper Identification?**

• ID is required to check in at all Motels, no exceptions. No ID = no motel.

• Must be a state issued ID. Expired ID or out of state ID is typically ok.

• No copies or pictures of ID - has to be a physically held.

• This is not an SVdP policy, but a corporate motel policy.

**2. If you are a referring agency, do you have plans to assist this community member further after their Motel stay?**

• Is this client from an encampment or shelter? If this is the case, please make us aware prior to intake so we can ensure make sure we set this community member up for long term success, by offering more dynamic assistance/resources.

• If the plan is to remove a client from an encampment or shelter by placing them in a motel, what follow-up services and shelter will be offered?

**3. Are there any barriers to accessing a shelter if a shelter is available?**

**4. Has this community member ever been kicked out of, or asked to leave any motel in Pierce County?**

• This is a screening question that helps us understand our liabilities. Please do not contact the motels and ask them specifically about a client. We simply need a yes or no answer.

**5. Is the client requesting a partner or pet stay with them?**

• These are not barriers. We often book for families, partners, and those with pets. We do need to know up front if this is the case, so we can make the right type of reservation.

**6. Does the person being referred have transportation to a motel, or need assistance with transportation in order to access motel services?**

• This is not a service we provide.

\*St. Vincent de Paul helps our neighbors in need regardless of race, religion or orientation. We strive to provide support to clients facing immediate financial crisis. We are unable to assist with long-term needs and rely on our community partners to provide those needed services.

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