

## How could coalition members support pop-up warming centers? Group Discussion Summary • Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness • 9.29.23

### She is of our flock

Her clothes and her face catch the dust  
of the outdoors, once great,  
but renounced its splendor  
when there was no shed  
to take shelter against the wind.

She has no basin to wash in;  
She has no nation who will stand  
and declare: here you will soar!

She is one of the omitted many.  
She is the mourning dove sequestered  
by currents, by downdrafts she flapped  
headward against with embattled spirit

but was overtaken.

And had you stood where she stood—  
a lone Athena against the bulwarked foe  
Lack of Access—  
you would have fared no better.

We all first blinked our eyes to the sun  
worthy of a basin,  
worthy of a nation.  
She is of our flock,  
and she is worthy.

— Elyse Hart

### Ideas to make pop-up warming sites possible

- If it's not a brick-and-mortar site, we don't need permits.
- Liability protection covered through MOUs with govt.
- Church parking lots are protected from local government interference.
- Security, money, and hours are concerns to consider.
- Site could be an event tent or a parked bus. The bus idea arose in multiple groups. This needs to go where people are.
- Pierce Transit should be part of the solution.
- Providers to care for fragile health (mental and physical) of those using the pop-ups.
- Thoughts about adding warm meal capacity.
- Develop a kit for churches to set up their own warming/cooling/service site. In the kit include signage, communications tips to ensure a positive community response.
- A system to store or transport belongings of those using pop-ups.
- Use Assoc Ministries to distribute kit/information.
- "Freezing nights" style of network of churches.

### Some questions to answer

- Can we leverage assets from JBL?
- Supplies - purchase, storage, logistics in set-up & take-down.
- Transportation to the sites & how to message to folks needing shelter.
- Who can coordinate sites to allow specialization for sites to support particular needs within the community (e.g. Foot treatment, source of water, pocket heaters, blankets).

- Jeffrey knows the legal protections, need the citations in case unfamiliar residents or law enforcement challenge the site.

### Some relevant history

- Been history of churches opening up for freezing nights. Homeward Bound is 501c3 in E. Pierce that does that. Includes New Hope Resource Center, and mobile van.
- A disability group has done this by putting up wedding style tent in park with mobile heaters.

## Notes and Resources List

### *New and Notable*

#### Cathy Pick & Family GoFundMe

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-cathy-and-her-family-in-their-home?utm\\_campaign=m\\_pd+share-sheet&utm\\_content=undefined&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_term=undefined](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-cathy-and-her-family-in-their-home?utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet&utm_content=undefined&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer&utm_term=undefined)

#### October 10 Press Conference to Stap the Harm plus Council testimony event flyer:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9alk77udmetnvq7ka6kue/savethedateflyeroctober10.pdf?rlkey=ist1b3kslb0xsh2lzxyauf1mk&dl=0>

#### Banned Book Week and Let Freedom Read Day <https://bannedbooksweek.org/let-freedom-read-day>

#### Pierce Transit Recovery Plan/upcoming events info:

[https://www.piercetransit.org/bussystemrecoveryplan/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.piercetransit.org/bussystemrecoveryplan/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

**National emergency broadcast test 10/4.** Please warn/remind DV clients with hidden safety phones or those hiding within earshot of being discovered, PTSD etc of 11:20am. All phones will go off loudly unless turned off

**For Out of the Box Conference** registration (Oct. 20, see below) contact Rosemary at [rpowers@eou.edu](mailto:rpowers@eou.edu)

**Reminder: The monthly Coalition social will take place Thursday, October 5,** at 4 p.m. at Scamp Brewing, 5419 S. Tacoma Way. Bring sharables. Info on the Coalition website.

**Community Spotlight Opportunity:** Tell the coalition about your organization's good work. Contact [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org) to schedule a brief presentation.



### *Other Upcoming Dates*

**October 3-5: Housing Washington annual affordable housing conference.** Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Commerce Street . Cost \$0-\$300. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-washington-2023-tickets-690168120427?aff=oddtcreator>

**SAVE the DATE**

**STOP THE HARM**

**WORLD HOMELESS DAY EVENT**  
on the anniversary of Tacoma's camping ban

**Tuesday, October 10, 4:30 pm**

Gather on the sidewalk  
Tacoma Municipal Building  
747 Market St.



We need solutions, not sweeps -- join us for a press conference and Council testimony on the impact of sweeps.



**October 5: Elevate Health is hosting a 4-hour workshop, "Navigating Overwhelm"** This is geared toward community health workers (includes those who bridge the gap between folks in need and those who can access resources, especially healthcare). The topic is to show how we can build resiliency to deflect the risk of burnout. Register at [BIT.LY/3Q8WFOF](https://bit.ly/3Q8WFOF)

**October 5: Community meeting on TEMS 4 site extension:** NCS is asking city council to extend the contract for the TEMS site a 69th & Proctor (TEMS 4) from Dec 2023 to unknown time. 2023 from 6-7pm at Mount Tahoma High School Presentation Rm #108, 4634 S 74th St , Tacoma, WA 98409

**October 5-6: Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness.** Virtual conference by Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. Full conference cost \$250 non-members, \$170 for members. Scholarships for 2023 have been awarded but ask to be notified of 2024 scholarship availability. Register at <https://www.wliha.org/conference>

**Oct 10: World Homeless Day.** Observed internationally to bring awareness and action in support of the 100 million+ persons worldwide who do not have safe and secure shelter. Multiple actions possible.

**Oct 11-Nov.14: One year anniversary of City Council vote and implementation of the Tacoma camping buffer zone ban and intensified sweeps in affected zones.** Various activities TBA.

**October 19: Zoom Webinar: Tenant Protections in Tacoma – Update on Tacoma’s New Rental Housing Code and Proposed Changes on the Ballot.** 6-7 pm : (presentation by Wyatt Fisher, Housing Justice Project Staff Attorney with Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers. Sponsored by Coalition to End Homelessness, Tacoma/Pierce Co. League of Women voters, Tacoma Pro Bono). No fee.

**October 20: Out of the Box Conference on Housing.** 10 am-3 pm. Sponsored by Fair Housing Center of Washington held at The STAR Center 3873 S 66th St Tacoma. \$35 registration through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/out-of-the-box-conference-on-housing-registration-661508177767?aff=oddtcreator>

**November 1: Collaboration for a Cause** puts resources and services in in one place at one time to help find find stability and quality employment in their own community. Attendees can connect to a variety of services including basic needs, employment, education & training, health, youth, LGBTQ+, veterans, and disability services. We expect over 1,000 people in attendance for this one-day event, coming to the Tacoma Dome on Wednesday, November 1st from 10am-4pm! Registration for a vendor space and sponsorship ends on September 14, with standard vendor registration ending on October 1. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaboration-for-a-cause-vendor-registration-registration-685886865077>

**Early 2024: Un-conference on Housing Options** for 0-30% AMI Residents. Organized by Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness.

### **Recent Press**

**Tacoma family's eviction fuels push for tenant bill of rights**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/tacomas-initiative-1-advocates-rally-around-family-facing-eviction-on-thursday-tenant-landlord-rent-affordability-housing-apartment-late-fee#>

**Rainbow fentanyl makes local debut**

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/rainbow-fentanyl-suspect-arrested-tulalip-reservation-police-now-high-alert/X3BMRXKXRZHMXXK6SXKRMFTJHKM/>

**Seattle, Tacoma Push for Supreme Court Review of camping ban**

<https://komonews.com/news/local/seattle-homeless-crisis-tacoma-cities-pushing-supreme-court-review-camping-ban-enforcement-homlessness-unhoused-camp-housing-treatment-local-authority-sleeping-outside-case>

***Employment Opportunity***

CCS Safe Parking now has 6 openings. Referents can call 253.719.9333 for a screening.

***Ongoing Resources and Needs***

**Covid is still here.**

<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit>

**Outreach Supply Need and Share form:** <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

**Safe Sites**

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

**How to sign up for Coalition listserv:**

You can sign up for the email lists here: <http://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

**Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness** can be found here:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>

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