

Follow up discussion regarding the Maureen Howard Affordable Housing Act (MHAHA) spending plan? Group Discussion Summary • Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness • 4.5.24

General Feedback on MHAHA

- County seems to have sense of coalition's concerns - are we investing in lasting resources.
- County has generally treated homelessness as a Tacoma problem and is experiencing a learning curve in putting up services. We'll learn much from how they execute on this project. We hope they really are open to suggestions and feedback.
- Maureen would want more than "technical."
- "We can pivot if we need to" may indicate poor planning and wastes resources.

On Lived Experience

- Volunteers move the world: Passion has a place and volunteers deserve credit.
- There is bureaucratic arrogance when they act like they know more than people in the trenches.
- Lived experience is often tokenized and "a seat at the table" doesn't mean being listened to.
- Lived experiences vary dramatically and many perspectives need to be captured.

Communications Issues

- Jani did a great job, we need better communication from the county to the public, especially when something good is happening with funding approved by voters
- Need to use social media better.
- We need better data from more sources in order to have better conversations with people who may not agree with us, increase understanding; we tend to see information coming from the same sources saying the same things.

Obligatory Sweeps Complaint

- Also noted that it is more and more difficult to know where people are; sweeps are having an effect but also people are afraid, hiding, losing track of each other.

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

April 9 NLIHC Webinar on Supreme Court and Criminalization of Homelessness

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M-UoMc1PTqCaVXZv9H2-Qw#/registration

The Networking Social Hour has been moved to second Thursdays. Join us 4/11 at 4 pm at the home of Jan Runbeck, 2436 Bridgeview Drive, on the west side of Tacoma.

High-level Pierce County spending plan can be found on the bottom of page 24 and top of page 25 of this link. <https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/model/otDocDownload.cfm>

Social Housing definition:

<https://www.allianceforhousingjustice.org/us-social-housing-principles>

Faith House Ministries: <http://www.abundantgracechurchtacoma.com/>
Adam Parks: Adamjoesepis@gmail.com 2537541305

Community Solutions Johnson v Grants Pass Twitter Storm

<https://community.solutions/events/2024/04/johnson-v-grants-pass-twitter-storm/>

Still recruiting for open seats on lived experience Permanent Supportive Housing advisory committee: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/housing/ahah-psh/permanent-supportive-housing-advisory-committee/>

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Please send suggestions for all partner spotlights to Theresa at tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

Common Good Supply Station @ FUMCOT, First United Methodist Church of Tacoma. Open Tuesday's Noon to 2PM, 621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402. Go to the back alley and come to the door between the 2 garages. Call Theresa at 253.617.1405 when you are at the door. The number above is a Line2 number; those who have my personal cell # are welcome to use that instead. Both numbers will ring through.

Every Wednesday during the drive-up foodbank hours at the dome, anyone can put a resources booth free. I have permission from the Tacoma dome. Contact Tim Fairley at tacomaoutreach@yahoo.com for more information.

Ongoing Resources and Needs

Sign up to receive Action Alerts: <https://secure.everyaction.com/-gZPY8k0qkaHQyrUqmpC5g2>

One pager on Housing Alliance priorities: <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2024-public-policy-priorities>

SVdP is willing to store any items for sharing- including massive amounts of socks. We have systems in place so outreach workers can pick up supplies every day between 10am-5pm. Just text Dionne. 253-355-5868

Link for the Coalition's cold weather resources page: www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg

To be added to the monthly Public Health email newsletter, please share your email here OR email me at: jschoeppe@tpchd.org

Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-FOSZk/edit?usp=sharing

TPCHD has a webpage for homeless service providers and advocates

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

If you are an agency or org that needs COVID test kit support, we still have kits to distribute. Please reach out directly to our testing team at: epitesting@tpchd.org

Free wound care clinic every Friday afternoon, TNE clinic at the STD room at T-PCHD on S 37th & Pacific. Spread the word.

Safe Sites

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

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

Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

Narcan Resources:

<https://www.tacomaneedleexchange.org/naloxone> WA DOH Free Mail Order Naloxone

Free Narcan Vending Machines: Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch (regular library hours), First United Methodist Church of Tacoma, Recovery Café Orting Valley

WA DOH Free Mail Order Narcan/Naloxone:<https://phra.org/naloxone>

Link to free Narcan resources (and other need and share outreach items):

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing

Tacoma Needle Exchange, 3716 S. Pacific Ave. Ste. F, Tacoma, WA 98418

Tue. 11:AM – 3:PM, Thu. 11:AM – 3:PM, Fri 1:PM – 6:PM

Central Tacoma, S. 14th 7 S. G Street, Wed. 11:AM – 4:PM

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

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