

GH / KP Housing & Homeless Coalition Mtg Agenda - Dec. 14, 2023

***Pierce County Human Services - Valeri Almony**

***Tacoma Pierce County Health Department - Jennie Schoeppe**

***Housing Update - Paige Shulte - Realtor - www.neighborhoodexpertswa.co** Paige will provide housing market update information to our ongoing agendas. (Paige supports many of our local charities that serve our homeless and at-risk residents).

***Key Note Presentation:**

Paul Barbosa - Paul will share his story and lead a discussion of GH/KP Community Support Services for our homeless and at-risk residents.

What can we as a community do to provide better support to our homeless residents in their path back to self reliance (housing, healthcare, job/job training, family reunification)?

***FISH Food Bank Numbers Update**

Community Updates/Resources:

***Key Free Clinic Update -** The clinic will be two times a month in 2024 The first and third Thursday, 4:30-7:00 pm

***KPCS – IGA “Round Up”:** for December - <https://www.keypeninsulacommunityservices.org/>

***Pierce County 2024 Point In Time Count** info at bottom of next page - Pls Read...

***Penlight “Project Help” -** Project Help program is designed to help income-qualifying families with up to \$200 of support each year. The program provides funds through a partnership with Key Peninsula Community Services to offset those who need assistance with their electric bill. (Ways to help - 1 time gift, Monthly Donation, Round Up on Mo. Bill)

***City of Gig Harbor, New Resource website:**

<https://www.gigharborwa.gov/839/Community-Resources-Information>

***Pierce County Home Repair assistance**

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1283/Home-Repairs>

***Food Sustainability Crisis** - The need for food banks across western Washington is greater than ever. According to Food Lifeline, food bank visits have increased by 63% this year with 1.6 million families and individuals finding themselves facing food insecurity. But, with increasing needs has come a steep decrease in donations.

"For years, the vast majority of the food we've distributed has been donated. Today, we are budgeting millions of dollars toward food purchases to keep our partners supplied with the foods they need. It's just not a sustainable model," said Ryan Scott, Chief Development Officer at Food Lifeline.

***Impact of rent increases on homelessness** - (State Representative Alex Ramel/40th District, WA. State - (San Juans/ -Whatcom/ Skagit Cos. "We know that for every \$100 rent increases, homelessness rates go up by 9% in an area.(this is a US wide statistic). The US Census estimates that over the last six months, there have been half a million Washingtonians displaced because of rental rate increases. Renters are hurting and so are small rental property owners. That is why we need to move on rent stabilization now and bring some balance to the households

***Pierce County Library at Key Center** - Adam Jackman, Librarian at GH Library is at the PC KP Library Wednesdays. He is available to help residents with their computer questions. You can make an appointment to meet with Adam, by calling 253-548-3309 and requesting a Wednesday appointment at the PC Key Center Library.

***New - Family Promise of Pierce County** - Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness. Because every child deserves a home.

www.familypromisepiercecounty.org

***Cornerstone Respite** - Graham, WA. - www.cornerstonerespite.org

Provides respite care for "medically stable' homeless individuals who have been released from the hospital or the ER and who would benefit from additional time indoors, with basic care, to enhance their recovery outcomes.

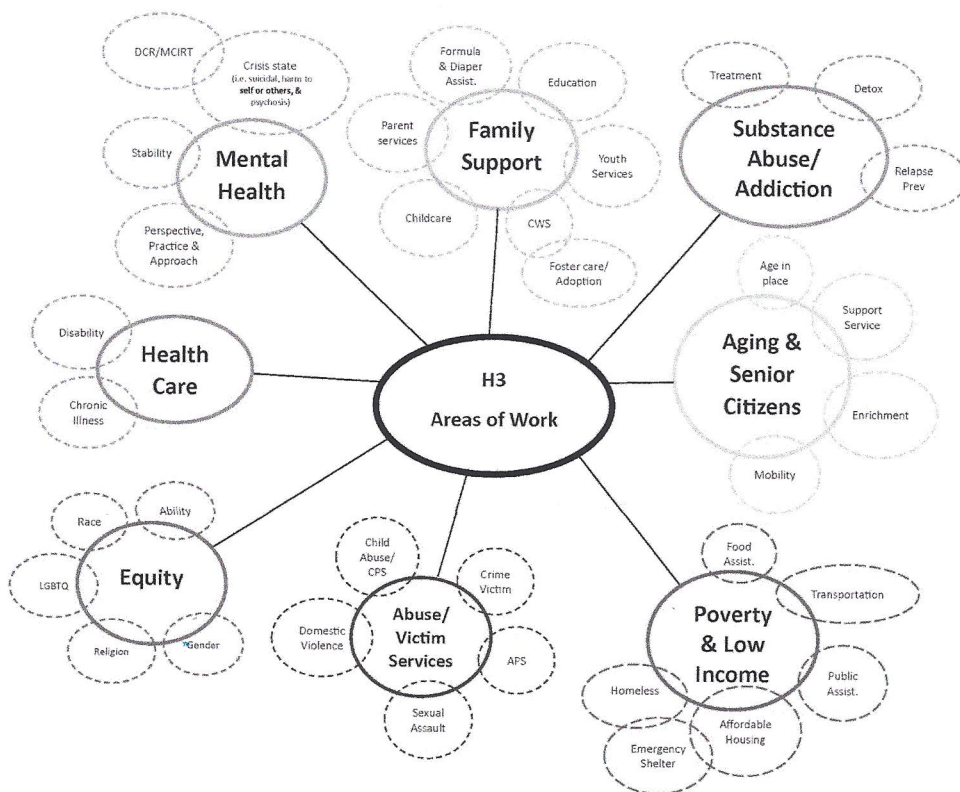
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City of Gig Harbor H3 PROGRAM UPDATE — At the November 30 study session, council received an update on the Housing, Health, and Human Services Program (H3) that was initiated in October 2023. There they were presented with a proposed list of priorities and an associated plan.

At the onset of the program, the H3 Program Manager was tasked with fact finding to map out the needs of the city as it pertains to H3 areas of focus. Over the course of six weeks, she met with over 40 different individuals and organizations, comprised of city councilmembers, interdepartmental leadership, and community partners.

These conversations resulted in the following prioritized areas of focus: Updating and Developing Codes, Ordinances, and Policies in relation to H3 matters; Building and Maintaining Community Partnerships and Collaborations; Resource Navigation; Affordable Housing; Training and Education; Community Commissions; H3 Program Growth and Development; and Grant Writing and Data Gathering.

Now that there is a clear plan for the program, the H3 team is excited to start putting ideas into action.



Online Resources:

www.fentanylfacts.org

Greater Lakes www.glmhc.org

Refugee Women's Alliance - www.rewa.org

Legal Aid www.tacomaprobono.org

Tacoma Rescue Mission www.trm.org

MDC www.mdc-hope.org

Work Force Central www.workforce-central.org

Blue Star Families www.bluestarfam.org

Safe Streets www.safest.org

A Place Called Home" by David Ambroz

Violet Sees www.violetsees.org

"Love in the Time of Fentanyl" www.meaningfulmovies.org

Associated Ministries Programs <https://associatedministries.org/>

Miracle Messages - reach lost family - www.1800MISSYOU.org

Cornerstone Respite - www.cornerstonerespite.org

Korean Women's Assn - www.kwacares.org

Crystal Judson Family Justice Center www.familyjusticecenter.us

Catholic Community Services, Nativity House www.ccsww.org