**Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Housing & Homeless Coalition-**

**Meeting Agenda -  Feb. 22, 2024  10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**PC Human Services/Eviction Prevention**  -  Valeri Almony

**TPCHD**  - Jennie Schoeppe -  Covid/Flu, TPCHD Updates

**Presentations:**

**Metropolitan Development Council -  Josh Resnick**

**City of Fife / Jobs Program -  Norman Brickhouse**

**Coalition Updates:**

**\*\*Family Promise of Pierce County” -Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness.** [**www.familypromisepiercecounty.org**](http://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org)

**Contact NEW** [**www.thechangeprogram.com**](http://www.thechangeprogram.com)**-  Leaving prison can be really tough**

**Peer to Peer Life Counseling - A new way forward**

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**(253 \*\*Food Supply Chain Sustainability**

**36** The need for food banks across western Washington is greater than ever.

[According to Food Lifeline](https://foodlifeline.org/), 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.

**NEW \*\*Cornerstone Respite -  Graham, WA.  -** [**www.cornerstonerespite.org**](http://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.**

**\*\*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](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNlbnN1cy5nb3YvcHJvZ3JhbXMtc3VydmV5cy9ob3VzZWhvbGQtcHVsc2Utc3VydmV5L2RhdGEuaHRtbCNwaGFzZTMuOSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA5MjguODMyODUwMDEifQ.sgfDe6paFlSthQsHopuZ3cv7UPpNkGZgEvhJ-8Ly0xo/s/2990612139/br/226996409212-l) 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.

**Upcoming Events:**

**\*Protecting our youth with facts about fentanyl - February 9, 2024**

**Chelsea Amato**

**Just over 3 years ago, Pierce County Council passed a 0.1% sales tax to fund work to improve Behavioral Health in our community.They did so as more people and more younger people were dying of fentanyl overdose at heartbreaking rates. January 2020–June 2022, 60 people under age 24 died of fentanyl overdose in Pierce County. And fentanyl was involved in another 342 drug-poisoning-related emergency visits.**

**Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force gave us funds to create and run a youth fentanyl prevention campaign last year.**

**Public health at its best.**

**This work is an example of what public health does best: Confront big health threats to our most vulnerable neighbors. In this case, that’s youth at risk of fentanyl overdose.**

**We used approaches honed during our** [**award-winning responses to complex public health threats**](https://granicus.com/success-stories/how-pandemic-lessons-shifted-digital-community-outreach/)**, like COVID-19 and mpox, to partner with the community and reach our youth. We:**

* **Talked face-to-face with people in our community.**
* **Gathered local data to learn more about the youth who need help.**
* **Asked local youth to help develop messages.**
* **Educated youth about fentanyl and how to make decisions that reduce harm.**
* **Worked closely with local groups that work with youth.**

**A salt shaker with a pile of salt

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**Reaching youth where they are—millions of times.**

**You probably saw our fentanyl facts messages—especially if you’re a younger person. In a few short months, we launched a campaign that drew 25.45 million ad impressions and 75,000 visits to our new** [**fentanlyfacts.org**](https://fentanylfacts.org/) **website.**

[**Fental-Facts-Not-Fear-Flyer-EnglishDownload**](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Fental-Facts-Not-Fear-Flyer-English.pdf)

**We ran the ads where kids go online, including:**

**TikTok., Instagram. ,Twitch. , Spotify. ,Hulu. , Disney+.   We also ran them in movie theaters and on traditional media like billboards, radio, and TV., and we went out into the community to spread the word in person. We visited 28 Pierce County events and connected with more than 2,400 people.**

**We joined local radio station Movin’ 92.5 at the King of the Hill football game between Rogers and Puyallup High Schools. ​Host Brooke Fox talked to the crowd about fentanyl at halftime.​ We talked with more than 700 youth, parents, teachers, and community members.​ We gave out promotional items and threw t-shirts into the crowd. It was a great way to connect with our community.**

**Supporting local helpers**

**With separate Health Department funding, we awarded $5,000 grants to 8 youth-serving organizations for creative projects to support the campaign. They used our fentanyl messages in projects that were meaningful to them—like short films, posters, a podcast, mentoring, even a Health Sovereignty gathering!**

**Grants went to:**

**Clover Park School District**

**Innovative Change Makers. Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center.OURChurch Foundation. Priceless Inspiration Foundation**

**Recovery Cafe Orting Valley Tahoma Indian CenterTherapy Fund Foundation.**

**You can see many of their fantastic projects at** [**FentanylFacts.org/contracts**](https://fentanylfacts.org/contracts/)**.**

**What’s next? -    Our work on this campaign was a constant reminder of fentanyl’s unique danger and how much work we all have left. Fentanyl presents an ongoing threat to our youth that we must work together to confront.**

**Though our funding for the campaign ran out at the end of 2023, we’re still looking for ways to continue** [**FentanylFacts.org**](https://fentanylfacts.org/) **and run the ads again, if funded.**

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| **Fentanyl is a strong opioid—as much as 50 times stronger than heroin.**  **An amount as small as 2 grains of salt can cause an overdose. And it can be mixed into other drugs like pills, meth, cocaine, or molly without you knowing because you can’t taste or smell it.**  **It’s never safe for youth to use illicit drugs. But we know some do—and in the age of fentanyl, far too many of them overdose.**  **That’s why our messaging offers ways youth can stay safer if they use drugs. In public health, we call it harm reduction.**  **We make sure youth know it’s only safe to use drugs prescribed by your doctor. We also help them understand** [**they can stay safer when they**](https://fentanylfacts.org/sample-home-page/stay-safer/)**:**   * **Use test strips.** * **Carry naloxone.** * **Don’t use alone.** * **Or don’t use in the first place.**   **Learn more at** [**FentanylFacts.org**](https://fentanylfacts.org/)**.** |

[**Follow our social media accounts**](https://tpchd.org/i-want-to/about-us/sign-up-for-notifications/) **and** [**sign up for the Your Reliable Source blog**](https://www.tpchd.org/i-want-to/about-the-health-department/sign-up-for-notifications) **for regular updates on this and other important public health topics.**

**\*PIerce County Village - “NEW”  msg from Duke PaulsonTacoma Rescue Mission**

All three lawsuits filed against the Pierce County Village development in Spanaway have been dismissed. While this doesn’t preclude additional lawsuits from being filed in the future, it is a significant development in our efforts to move this project forward.

The next step in this process is a hearing before the Pierce County Hearing Examiner to grant the project a conditional use permit, which will enable actual construction to begin. We are expecting this to happen early 2024.

Thanks so much for your interest in this project and for working with Tacoma Rescue Mission to find a humane, dignified and permanent solution to caring for the most vulnerable neighbors in our midst, those experiencing the trauma of long-term homelessness.

**www.**[**Pierce County Village | Pierce County, WA - Official Website (piercecountywa.gov)**](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7845/Pierce-County-Village)

**Resources:**

**Greater Lakes** [**www.glmhc.org**](http://www.glmhc.org)

**Refugee Women’s Alliance -** [**www.rewa.org**](http://www.rewa.org)

**Legal Aid** [**www.tacomaprobono.org**](http://www.tacomaprobono.org)**, GH KP clinics every third Tuesday:** [**Calendar of Legal Aid Clinics**](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=tacomaprobono79@gmail.com&ctz=America/Los_Angeles)

**Tacoma Rescue Mission** [**www.trm.org**](http://www.trm.org)

**MDC** [**www.mdc-hope.org**](http://www.mdc-hope.org)

**Work Force Central** [**www.workforce-central.org**](http://www.workforce-central.org)

**Blue Star Families** [**www.bluestarfam.org**](http://www.bluestarfam.org)

**Safe Streets** [**www.safest.org**](http://www.safest.org)

**A Place Called Home” by David Ambroz**

**Violet Sees  www.violetsees.org**

**“Love in the Time of Fentanyl”** [**www.meaningfulmovies.org**](http://www.meaningfulmovies.org)

**Associated Ministries Programs** [**https://associatedministries.org/**](https://associatedministries.org/)

**Miracle Messages -  reach lost family -** [**www.1800MISSYOU.org**](http://www.1800missyou.org/)

**Cornerstone Respite -** [**www.cornerstonerespite.org**](http://www.cornerstonerespite.org)

**Rotary Little Food Pantry Donation Suggestions**

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!!!**

**Specific Foods Provide Healthy Meals - BEST CHOICES:**

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| **HEARTY CANNED MEALS** | **HIGH PROTEIN CANNED MEATS & SPREADS** | **PACKAGED FRUITS** |
| CHILLI | TUNA | APPLESAUCE |
| STEWS | CHICKEN | PEACHES |
| TAMALES | HAM | PEARS |
| THICK SOUPS | PEANUT OR ALMOND BUTTER | RAISINS |
| RAVIOLI | NUTELLA | FRUIT LEATHERS |
| SLOPPY JOES | SPAM | DRIED FRUIT |

**Work Source Layoff Assistance Sessions**

**Facing a layoff, furlough, or job loss? We’re here to help! Attend one of our free online Layoff Assistance Sessions to learn about the benefits and resources available to you.**

**Topics covered in the session include:**

* **Unemployment benefits and how to file for assistance**
* **What to do about health care and/or retirement benefits**
* **Expanding your job skills through training and educational programs**
* **Career guidance, job search assistance, and other resources *at no cost to you!***

**Register for an upcoming session**

**These sessions will be held once a month from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. To find other session dates or to register,** [**click here.**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZm9ybXMubWljcm9zb2Z0LmNvbS9yL2FYWnJqNWtCWjM_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5IiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTEyMi44NjA0MTIzMSJ9.COPgwA7eT8g_pxO8XYk5rVmIvUsYYavsayf9g1AuQoA/s/3066514329/br/231475546548-l)