**GH / KP Housing & Homeless Coalition Mtg Agenda - May 30, 2024**

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**\*Pierce County Human Services** - \*Devon Isakson, PC Human Services -

2024 PIT Count Data Presentation and update on future PIT

**\*Key Note Presentations:**

**\*Salvation Army of Tacoma -**

Major Cheryl Kinnamon, Stacy Blaisdell | Bus. Operations Manager [www.tacoma.salvationarmy.org](http://www.tacoma.salvationarmy.org)

**\*Paige Shulte Realtor** - Real Estate Market Update - Gig Harbor, Port Orchard , Bremerton

**Community Updates/Resources:**

**\*\*\*Root Causes of Homelessness** - A University of Washington professor and author offers [**a compelling analysis of the root causes of homelessness in our region**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0APR7dt-uZ8) in this video clip.

**\*\*\***[**https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/was-one-of-a-kind-youth-homelessness-response-shows-big-results/**](https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/was-one-of-a-kind-youth-homelessness-response-shows-big-results/) **(provided by Paul Schneider)**

**\*\*\*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 food insecurity. But with increasing needs has come a decrease in donations.

**\*\*\*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).

**\*\*Peninsula Community Health Services - Behavioral Health Tech Services - any PCHS patient who has been established with a PCHS Medical Provider for 3 months, can make appointments with PCHS Behavioral Health Techs.**

\*\*\*([**Se Habla Media – Periodismo independiente en Seattle**](https://sehablamedia.com/)) Jaime Mendez.

**\*\*\*New - Family Promise of Pierce County -** Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness. Because every child deserves a home. [**www.familypromisepiercecounty.org**](http://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org)**.**

**\*\*\* Tacoma Pro Bono Community Lawyers - Legal Aid Pop-Ups** offering eviction help, landlord-tenant, family law, consumer law, Apr 9th.. (2nd Tues each month)

**KPCS 10-12:00 p.m. Mustard Seed - 1-3:00 p.m. GH Civic Center - 4-6:00pm**

**\*\*\*Key Free Clinic Update -** The clinic is open the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, at 4:03 - 6:30 p.m.. to serve anyone, with or without insurance. If no patients are waiting they will close early. Located at the KP Council office, 8013 Key Pen Hwy.

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**\*\*\*City of Gig Harbor Local Community Resources website:** [**https://www.gigharborwa.gov/839/Community-Resources-Information**](https://www.gigharborwa.gov/839/Community-Resources-Information)

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\*\***\*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)

**\*\*\*Emergency Shelters:** [**https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8220/Homeless-Emergency-Shelter-Availability**](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8220/Homeless-Emergency-Shelter-Availability)

**\*\*\*West Sound Workforce Job resources** [**www.westsoundworkforce.com**](http://www.westsoundworkforce.com) 253-853-3633

**\*\*\*You Know Me Now Podcast** [**www.youknowmenow.com**](http://www.youknowmeknow.com) **-** A Seattle based storytelling/podcast project giving voice to those marginalized in our community and those reaching out in service. When we listen to those living different lives or views from our own, we begin a journey of understanding. An understanding of not only those around us, but also ourselves. More to Come.

**\*\*\*TCHD Update -**

[**https://tpchd.org/healthy-homes/key-peninsula-office/**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-homes/key-peninsula-office/)

[Homelessness Providers Toolkit - Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (tpchd.org)](https://tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit/)

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# COVID-19 Updates

### **Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health (DOH) change guidance for isolation.**

**CDC’s updated guidance is similar to other respiratory illnesses, like the flu.**

**\*Pierce County Home Repair assistance** <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1283/Home-Repairs>

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**\*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.

**Online Resources:**

**\*\*\*New Coalition Zoom Link for 2024 (new calendar invite also)**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89793763452?pwd=vzanfoylFQzqm7fa8wCeqrvWFd9f5Q.](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89793763452?pwd=vzanfoylFQzqm7fa8wCeqrvWFd9f5Q.1)

[**www.fentanylfacts.org**](http://www.fentanylfacts.org) **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)

**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) **Violet Sees www.violetsees.org**

**Safe Streets** [**www.safest.org**](http://www.safest.org) **CCS Nativity House -** [**www.ccsww.org**](http://www.ccsww.org)

**Korean Women’s /Asn.**[www.kwacares.org](http://www.kwacares.org)

**Crystal Judson Family Justice Center** [www.familyjusticecenter.us](http://www.familyjusticecenter.us)

**“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/)

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