

GH / KP Housing & Homeless Coalition Mtg Agenda -

Sept. 19, 2024 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

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

***TPCHD - Jeannie Schoppe**

****Upcoming Community Events;**

Oct. 7th - “Facing Fentanyl - Town Hall Meeting - GH Civic Center, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 10th - Homestead Community Fundraiser, Westley Inn

Oct. 16th - “Americans With No Address” Documentary / Galaxy Theater 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 21st - “Facing Fentanyl - Town Hall Meeting - KP Civic Center, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Presentations:

LIUNA - Laborers International Union of North America /

- Amber Glennon - Organizer NW Region

The LIUNA Northwest Region is the largest geographical region in the Laborers’ International Union. We represent 47,000 men and women of many different ages and in many different occupations. For example, we represent working in construction, hazardous waste remediation, health care, maintenance, food service, clerical, aviation, and state and local governments.

Point In Time Homeless Services Overview -

Prevention Pilot Program -

Homelessness, At Risk and Substance Use Outreach

****Ambassador Program - create community ambassador board**

Dear Good Neighbor Village Project Supporters:

I'm emailing you all today with the latest Good Neighbor Village Hearing Examiner update.

For a quick review of what's been going on with the hearing involving the Good Neighbor Village for those who are new to the TRM board, here's what you need to know:

- ***The Good Neighbor Village will provide 285 beautiful, single-unit, forever homes to our neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness. Restoring stability, dignity, and purpose within a safe, supportive, and healing community. To learn more about this project, visit: trm.org/gnv.***
- ***A hearing was held in May 2024 to decide if the Good Neighbor Village would receive a conditional-use building permit needed to proceed with the project.***
- ***After listening to sixty-three hours of testimony and reviewing thousands of pages of written exhibits, the Pierce County Hearing Examiner ruled definitively in favor of TRM's conditional use permit for the Good Neighbor Village project planned for the Parkland/Spanaway area. The in-depth report shows that the concerns brought before the Examiner were thoroughly and thoughtfully considered before a decision was made and the permit was approved.***
- ***Those in opposition to this project appealed the Hearing Examiner's decision, requesting to stop the village.***

This brings us to today's update: The hearing examiner has released his final decision. The opposition's request to stop the village has been denied. There are no further hearing examiner decisions to be made.

The opposition will have 21 working days to appeal to the superior court. If they do, we will have another hearing in about 6 months, but that should only be on legal/technical issues that the opposition believes were decided inaccurately. The hearing examiners decision is now final.

This decision allows the Tacoma Rescue mission to proceed with development of this project as soon as permits are issued, even if there is another appeal.

Overall, this is fantastic news for Tacoma Rescue Mission and the Good Neighbor Village!

We look forward to building a community that brings real hope and solutions to some of our most at-risk neighbors. AND we plan to continue forward in a spirit of partnership with the entire community to make this a reality.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Duke Paulson / Executive Director (he/him)

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*****Root Causes of Homelessness** - A University of Washington professor and author offers a [compelling analysis of the root causes of homelessness in our region](#) in this video clip.

***<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](#)) Jaime Mendez.

*** **Tacoma Pro Bono Community Lawyers - Legal Aid Pop-Ups** offering eviction help, landlord-tenant, family law, consumer law,

*****Key Free Clinic Update** - The clinic is open the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, at 4:00 - 7: 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.

***Pierce County Library at Key Center Computer Help** - 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.

*****City of Gig Harbor Local Community Resources website:**

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

*****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 Monthly Bill)

*****Emergency Shelters:**

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8220/Homeless-Emergency-Shelter-Availability>

*****West Sound Workforce Job resources** www.westsoundworkforce.com

253-853-3633

*****You Know Me Now Podcast** www.youknowmenow.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/>

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

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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***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.

Online Resources:

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89793763452?pwd=vzanfoylFQzqm7fa8wCeqrvWFd9f5Q>

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

Violet Sees

www.violetsees.org

Safe Streets www.safest.org

CCS Nativity House -

www.ccsww.org

Korean Women’s /Asn.www.kwacares.org

Crystal Judson Family Justice Center www.familyjusticecenter.us

“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

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