

Staff Present:

Bryan Barmore – OA

General Discussion:

Group discussion – how to create more awareness of the warming centers

- Discussion continues, about logistics of unhoused being able to access the warming centers.

Jay Worley – Welcomes everyone to the meeting, explains the upcoming weather.

Shelters

- Julie Easley - Coffee Oasis – we have had to pause – and had to get a new license, and while that is processing, we are optimizing the space so when we open back up we have a welcoming space
 - The drop-in center, is looking to open back up in a couple of weeks
 - Coffee Shop also expected to open up in a couple of weeks
 - Outreach team keeps going out during this time, we have 12 people going out right now.
 - Jay – do you have tents and supplies?
 - Julie – we could use more tents, I don't have the exact count, but our supplies are getting small
 - Kenneth King – Julie where are you sending youth to during this cold weather?
 - Julie – a lot of the youth are couch surfing during this time, we fortunately do not find a lot of youth on the street, but we work with new directions, and shelters, but the friends and their parents work with us.

Outreach Update:

- Dionne – we have had teams picking up supplies
- Jay – how are you doing on supplies?\
- Dionne – we have sock, hand warmers, we are currently out of tents and tarps, We need to pack up more cold weather kits
 - We have the supplies; we just need them packed up
 - Dionne – if you want to volunteer, you have to go through the St Vincent's volunteer registration
 - Dionne – we have been going though a lot lately, people coming in off the street and taking them
 - Jan Runbeck – do you let people know about resources and shelters
 - Dionne – yes, we give them handouts when they come in, but some have pets, and some prefer not to stay in shelters.
 - Dionne – people have trauma, so I try not to bring it up

Transportation

- Jay – we have not heard anything from pierce transit
- Jan – Ivan, can you get information on this or reach out to pierce transit?
- Ivan – yes, I can circle back on this and I will email

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- Ivan Tudela – we are tracking the weather and I will reach out to pierce transit,
- Ivan – I am not hearing about emerging needs on this call
 - Jay – tents and warming centers could be something to pre-think about
- Ivan – I will check in with City of Puyallup DEM – and see if they are going to activate
- Ivan – last week staff reached out to jurisdictions in the county to see if they are going to activate, and so far nothing has come back sans City of Milton asking for blanket bundles for their law enforcement be able to hand out.

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- Isiah Cocroft – its not going to be severe enough to activate
- Jay – what is the threshold?
- Isiah – explains,
- Isiah – I can reach out to our weather person and see
- Ed Jacobs – with the wind chill it can be below 30

Group Admin/Misc:

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