

**Staff Present:**

Delmar Algee – Social Service Supervisor – Homeless  
Jeff Rodgers – Program Specialist

**General Discussion:**

- More urgent emails are coming to the Coalition email address. More people seeking shelter.
- Woman (leg amputated) on 84<sup>th</sup> and Hosmer has reached out for shelter.
  - Working to get her shelter.
  - She has a working phone.
  - Trying to connect her to TRM.
  - If person's health is at imminent risk, it trumps not being vaccinated. (per Health Department)
  - Bethlehem Baptist has several COVID kits.

**Shelters**

- Availability list was up to date yesterday.
- Coalition will be making calls today for updates.
- Warming centers are open until the end of March.
- Brotherhood Rise has beds and TRM has beds available.
- Not a lot of direct communication with shelters.
- **PC needs to discuss with CoT and CoP to get more accurate information and shelter representation at meetings. (action step for Delmar)**

**Outreach Update:**

- The County needs someone on the phone 24/7 that needs to answer questions.
  - Something other than 211.
  - Delmar responded and said that the County hears the community, understands and the County is doing something about it.
- Pregnant veteran outside who was cold.
- Some folks have lost fingers and toes due to hypothermia.
- Request for hypothermia 55 kits.
  - Can the Health Department help fund?
  - Ivan: Kits are for folks who don't want to go into shelter.
- Places that have been swept are starting to congregate again, especially on G St.
  - Sweeps don't seem to be working.

**Day Centers/Warming Centers**

- Shelter station in Gig Harbor isn't open.
- **\*\*Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church (7700 Skansie Ave. in Gig Harbor)\*\*** is closed on Feb. 22. It will be open during the daytime on Feb. 23 from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Feb. 24 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., and Feb. 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Access through main entrance, Door D. Call (253) 405-2829 for access.
- Paula: passing out gloves and handwarmers to those coming to shelter.
  - Has additional supplies available.
  - Operating regular hours.
  - People are coming in to get warm.
  - Supplying extra food and coffee.
  - Trying to get folks to get to shelters.
  - People don't want to leave area.

**Pierce County DEM**

- Ivan: Doing information gathering and will know more today as to what is needed for outreach workers.
- Jan: 13 teams replied that they need sleeping bags, tarps and handwarmers.
- Jay: We need to get to people before we hit threshold. We cannot assist people before it's too late. We need to get to them at least 24 hours before cold weather hits.

- Actively having discussions before any kind of activation.

#### **TPCHD**

- Environmental Health Team has activated.
  - This allows for things to be expedited.
  - Can gather data more quickly.
  - Jay: has seen thing move much quicker in the past. Can that be done now? Talks to Cindy regularly.
  - Sally: Thresholds need to be rethought. Shouldn't be drafted off another model.
- Nothing funded for cold weather but can get things through procurement. (Can take several weeks of time)

#### **Transportation**

- Busses are giving free rides.
- Open today until the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 warming stations open.
- Homeless person needs to be on correct route to get to warming station.
- One bus operates until 1am.

#### **Group Admin/Misc:**

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

\*We will resume this meeting tomorrow. We have access to this space.

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