

## Comprehensive Plan to Address Homelessness SHELTER PLAN WORKGROUP

Agenda  
August 5, 2021  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Time	#	Task
2:00 (5 min)	<b>1</b>	<b>Roll Call, Review Agenda</b> <i>Objective:</i> determine if we need to alter the agenda <i>Icebreaker:</i> What is one specific location that would be great for a shelter, and what is one specific location that would be terrible.
2:05 (5 min)	<b>2</b>	<b>Past Meeting Recap – Steering Committee and Shelter Plan Workgroups</b> <i>Objective:</i> understand prior work as a starting point <i>Leader:</i> Gerrit Nyland
2:10 (5 min)	<b>3</b>	<b>Survey of People Experiencing Homelessness - Update</b> <i>Objective:</i> understand status of survey and how to distribute <i>Leader:</i> Gerrit Nyland
2:15 (10 min)	<b>4</b>	<b>Types of Shelters – Definitions</b> <i>Objective:</i> Determine which types of shelter to pursue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communal Sleeping</li> <li>• Private Sleeping</li> <li>• Apartment/Hotel</li> <li>• Sanctioned parking/encampment</li> </ul>
2:25 (10 min)	<b>5</b>	<b>Count and Geography of last housing and current shelter locations</b> <i>Objective:</i> Understand locations of highest need for new shelters <i>Leader:</i> Aman Sanghera
2:35 (25 min)	<b>6</b>	<b>Shelter Choices</b> <i>Objective:</i> Make foundational decisions about shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some questions about how to approach shelter</li> </ul>
3:00 (5 min)	<b>7</b>	<b>Pit stop</b> – change the tires and fuel up so we're ready for the next few laps.
3:05 (25 min)	<b>8</b>	<b>Shelter Location and Type Recommendations</b> <i>Objective:</i> Create draft plan for new shelters numbers and sites
3:25 (5 min)	<b>9</b>	<b>Community Group Outreach – First Outreach Groups</b> <i>Objective:</i> Review list of initial groups to outreach to <i>Leader:</i> Gerrit Nyland
3:30 (5 min)	<b>10</b>	<b>Provider engagement Update</b> <i>Objective:</i> layout which agencies to engage for feedback on the draft plan



3:35 (10 min)	<b>11</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> <i>Objective:</i> get input from the public attending the meeting
3:45 (5 min)	<b>12</b>	<b>Timeline review</b> <i>Objective:</i> provide feedback on project timeline <i>Leader:</i> Gerrit Nyland
3:50 (5 min)	<b>13</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b> <i>Objective:</i> Understand and provide feedback on objectives for next meeting
3:55 (5 min)	<b>14</b>	<b>Good of the Order</b> <i>Objective:</i> Cover items not explicitly on the agenda

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 19, 2pm

**Meeting Norms:**

1. Lead with racial and geographic equity at the forefront of all decisions.
2. Be present during our time together. Cameras remain on throughout the meeting. Turning off your camera indicates that you have stepped away from the conversation.
3. Show respect for those who are presenting, speaking and sharing. Use the ‘raise your hand’ function to speak.
4. Come prepared to discuss topics and issues outlined on the agenda. Review all group documents prior to the start of each meeting.
5. Committee members represent a specific agency/jurisdiction, not their own personal views, and are responsible for providing updates, information, and communication back to their respective communities.
6. Consensus on decisions will be reached through a voting process.
7. Committee members will notify Becki Foutz if they are unable to attend a meeting.
8. Meetings are held in an environment with shared power and decision-making.
9. Meetings will start and end on time.

## Definitions

**Shelter** – temporary places to live that provide protection from the weather, bathrooms and hand washing on site, and access to on site or off site laundry, food or food preparation, storage for possessions and showers.

- **Communal Sleeping Shelter** – Shelter where sleeping areas are shared by multiple households. Large dormitories or gymnasiums fit in this category.
- **Private Sleeping Shelter** – Shelter where households have private sleeping rooms, but bathrooms, showers, and dining/food preparation areas are shared. Tiny houses or churches with separate rooms for each family fit this category.
- **Apartment/Hotel Shelter** – Shelter where households have private sleeping, bathroom, shower and often dining/food preparation spaces.
- **Sanctioned Parking or Encampment** – A place individuals can live in cars, RVs , tents or tiny houses. Bathrooms and hand washing stations as well as dining/food preparation is available on site. Showers and laundry may or may not be available on site.

**Wet Shelter** – Shelter where alcohol and drug use is permitted in private spaces – no sale or distribution on site.

**Clean and Sober Shelter** – residents are expected to abstain from alcohol and drug use

## Shelter Design Discussion Questions

- 1) Should households with minors be separated from households with only adults.
- 2) Should households with parents and young adult children be treated as families or adults?
- 3) Can single adults and families share the same shelter facility?
- 4) Do we use a percentage of the HMIS currently homeless count for our shelter target – or the full estimate? The data says we more than triple the size of our shelter system.
- 5) Do we use where people are from as the guide for where shelters should be, or the location they are currently living
- 6) We are looking at breaking shelters into 4 distinct types. How much of each one should we push for?
  - a. Communal Sleeping
  - b. Private Sleeping
  - c. Apartment/Hotel
  - d. Sanctioned parking/encampment (designed to evolve into tiny house villages)
- 7) What should the breakdown between wet (low barrier) and clean and sober shelters be?
- 8) Should we have wet shelters with families?
- 9) Is Orting close enough to Bonney Lake to consider a single shelter for both cities? How far to travel in rural areas?
- 10) Should we have a very large site like something over 200 units, or over 500 units?
- 11) Should we look at the Austin Model to start or to evolve to – 100 mobile homes and 130 tiny houses on a 25+ acre site?
- 12) Will the estimated 600 people living in cars want to remain in cars? Or will only 300?
- 13) How large should a safe parking site grow to?
- 14) Should RVs be allowed in safe parking, or should designated RVs sites be created?
- 15) What do we do about the 150 youth and young adults across the County? Are there more we don't connect with? Do we do dedicated sites or serve in other shelters?

## Groups to reach out to about initial Shelter Plans

- Port of Tacoma – Port Staff
- Asian pacific cultural center
- East Pierce County Faith-Based (convene freezing nights churches?)
- Lived Experience Coalition
- Tacoma Ministerial Alliance
- NAMI Pierce County
- Puyallup Tribe
- Tacoma Needle Exchange/Dave Purchase Project
- Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce
- Elevate Health
- Crystal Judson Center
- Tacoma Library
- Pierce County Library
- Key Peninsula Community Council
- Consejo counseling
- Mi Centro (Centro Latino)
- Tacoma Community House (and REACH)
- Eloise' Cooking Pot

Possible shelter Location and Model design for shelter expansion - these are not in any way a recommendation - just a starting point for the discussion

Shelter Location	Family/Adults/Young Adult	Model	Wet Dry	Units	Beds	Evolve to
Auburn	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Buckley	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Buckley	Adults/Family	Safe Parking	Wet	75	75	
Eatonville	Adults/Family	Encampment	Wet	25	50	Tiny House
Gig Harbor/Lakebay	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Graham	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Key Peninsula	Adults/Family	Safe Parking	Wet	75	75	
Lakewood	Adult	Encampment	Wet	45	50	Tiny House
Lakewood	Adult	Encampment	Clean and Sober	45	50	
Lakewood	Family	Encampment	Clean and Sober	15	50	
Lakewood	Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	15	50	
Lakewood	Adults/Family	Safe Parking	Wet	100	100	Austin Model
Orting	Adults/Family	Encampment	Wet	25	50	Tiny House
Parkland/Spanaway	Adult	Encampment	Wet	45	50	Tiny House
Parkland/Spanaway	Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	190	200	
Puyallup	Adult	Encampment	Wet	45	50	Tiny House
South Hill	Adult	Encampment	Clean and Sober	190	200	
Puyallup	Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	15	50	
Puyallup	Adults/Family	Safe Parking	Wet	100	100	Austin Model
Roy	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Steilacoom	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Sumner/Bonney Lake	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	
Tacoma	Adult	Encampment	Clean and Sober	45	50	Tiny House
Tacoma	Adult	Encampment	Wet	45	50	Tiny House
Tacoma	Adult	Encampment	Wet	45	50	Tiny House
Tacoma	Family	Encampment	Wet	15	50	Tiny House
Tacoma	Adult	Encampment	Clean and Sober	190	200	Austin Model
Tacoma	Adult	Encampment	Wet	45	50	
Tacoma	Youth	Private Sleeping	Wet	45	50	
Tacoma	Family	Private Sleeping	Clean and Sober	15	50	
Tacoma	Family	Private Sleeping	Clean and Sober	15	50	
Tacoma	Family	Private Sleeping	Clean and Sober	15	50	
Tacoma	Family	Private Sleeping	Clean and Sober	15	50	
Tacoma	Adults/Family	Safe Parking	Wet	100	100	
University Place	Adults/Family	Private Sleeping	Wet	25	50	

Row Labels	Sum of Units	Sum of Beds
Auburn	25	50
Buckley	100	125
Eatonville	25	50
Gig Harbor/Lakebay	25	50
Graham	25	50
Key Peninsula	75	75
Lakewood	220	300
Orting	25	50
Parkland/Spanaway	235	250
Puyallup	160	200
Roy	25	50
Steilacoom	25	50
Sumner/Bonney Lake	25	50
Tacoma	590	800
University Place	25	50
South Hill	190	200
Grand Total	1795	2400

Row Labels	Sum of Units	Sum of Beds
Adult	740	800
Adults/Family	700	950
Family	310	600
Youth	45	50
Grand Total	1795	2400

Row Labels	Sum of Units	Sum of Beds
Encampment	820	1000
Private Sleeping	525	950
Safe Parking	450	450
Grand Total	1795	2400

Row Labels	Sum of Units	Sum of Beds
Clean and Sober	545	750
Wet	1250	1650
Grand Total	1795	2400

Project Type Abrv (group)	
Street Outreach	13%
Shelter	40%
CE	36%
Priority Pool	49%
Diversion	23%
Housing Program	18%
Grand Total	10,782

Gender Name	Project Type Abrv (group)					
	Street Outreach	Shelter	CE	Priority Pool	Diversion	Housing Program
Female	51%	41%	58%	54%	55%	57%
Male	44%	58%	41%	45%	45%	42%
Gender non-conforming (i.e. not exclusively mal	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Trans Female (MTF or Male to Female)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Trans Male (FTM or Female to Male)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Client doesn't know	0%	0%		0%		
Client refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data not collected	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Ethnicity Name	Project Type Abrv (group)					
	Street Outreach	Shelter	CE	Priority Pool	Diversion	Housing Program
Hispanic/Latino	12%	14%	11%	13%	13%	13%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	82%	84%	88%	86%	86%	85%
Client doesn't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Client refused	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data not collected	6%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Race Group	Street Outreach	Shelter	CE	Diversion	Priority Pool	Housing Program
White	49%	47%	46%	33%	43%	41%
Black or African American	24%	24%	32%	41%	29%	28%
Other	12%	17%	13%	17%	17%	21%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Asian	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Unknown	8%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Sexual Orientation Name	Project Type Abrv (group)					
	Street Outreach	Shelter	CE	Priority Pool	Diversion	Housing Program
	24%	20%	7%	13%	14%	22%
Heterosexual	64%	68%	84%	61%	59%	53%
Bisexual	6%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%
Gay	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Lesbian	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Questioning / unsure	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Client doesn't know	3%	6%	2%	18%	18%	18%
Client refused	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%
Data not collected	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Project Type Abrv (group)	
Street Outreach	8%
Shelter	38%
CE	33%
Priority Pool	45%
Diversion	21%
Housing Program	13%
Grand Total	11,719

Project Type	Abrv (group)	Exit Destination Group	Exit Destination Name			
Street Outreach			Null	3		
			Total	3		
		Institutional	Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	1		
			Total	1		
		Other	Data not collected	11		
			Deceased	2		
			No exit interview completed	666		
			Other	8		
			Total	686		
		Permanent	Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	1		
			Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy	1		
			Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons	2		
			Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	106		
			Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy	21		
			Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy	4		
			Staying or living with family, permanent tenure	14		
			Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure	3		
			Total	150		
			Temporary	Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher	48	
		Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher		3		
		Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or ar		104		
		Staying or living with family, temporary tenure (e.g., room, apartment or house)		8		
		Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g., room apartment or house)		15		
		Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)		3		
		Total		180		
		Total	987			
		Shelter			Null	59
					Total	59
				Institutional	Foster care home or foster care group home	30
					Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	63
					Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility	4
					Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	8
					Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria	4
					Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	22
					Total	131
				Other	Client doesn't know	66
					Client refused	8
					Data not collected	97
Deceased	6					
No exit interview completed	2,471					
Other	50					
Total	2,640					
Permanent	Long-term care facility or nursing home			2		
	Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA PH			1		
	Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy			16		
	Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy			11		
	Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons			71		
	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy			358		
	Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy			149		
	Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy			146		
	Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy			4		
	Staying or living with family, permanent tenure			112		
Temporary	Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure			21		
	Total			885		
	Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher			428		
	Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher			83		
	Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA TH			1		
	Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or ar			756		
	Safe Haven			2		
	Staying or living with family, temporary tenure (e.g., room, apartment or house)			139		
	Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g., room apartment or house)			100		
	Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)			34		
Total	1,385					
Total	4,455					
Grand Total			5,229			

Exit Destination Group	Race Group	Project Type Abrv (group)		
		Street Outreach	Shelter	Grand Total
Institutional	American Indian or Alaska Native		3	3
	Asian		1	1
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		1	1
	Other		17	17
	Unknown		2	2
	Black or African American		22	22
	White	1	85	86
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>132</b>
Other	American Indian or Alaska Native	26	121	140
	Asian	6	38	44
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	19	86	104
	Other	101	418	502
	Unknown	69	60	129
	Black or African American	163	579	730
	White	302	1,338	1,594
	<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>3,243</b>
Permanent	American Indian or Alaska Native	2	19	21
	Asian	4	18	21
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	52	55
	Other	24	145	169
	Unknown	16	21	37
	Black or African American	50	269	315
	White	51	361	410
	<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1,028</b>
Temporary	American Indian or Alaska Native	6	53	57
	Asian	2	11	12
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	62	71
	Other	23	239	256
	Unknown	10	42	51
	Black or African American	47	329	371
	White	83	649	723
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,541</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>984</b>	<b>4,406</b>	<b>5,185</b>