

## What is the most important information we need to see on a homeless-related Pierce County dashboard?

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### birth-day

today we are possible.

the morning, green and laundry-sweet,

opens itself and we enter

blind and mewling.

everything waits for us:

the snow kingdom

sparkling and silent

in its glacial cap,

the cane fields

shining and sweet

in the sun-drenched south.

as the day arrives

with all its clumsy blessings

what we will become

waits in us like an ache.

— Lucille Clifton

**WOOT:** To Mr. Sugar Ray Seales, Tacoma legend and the sole American Team Gold Medal winner at the Munich 1972 Olympics.

### Feedback on current Pierce County info website

<https://open.piercecountywa.gov/stories/s/7wee-rgqc>

- When look at length of stay chart, states average of 8 days. 8 days until what - permanently housed? Kicked out? Leave shelter voluntarily?
- PIT information needs to be provided with contextualization.
- Have a data person come each week to explain and present analysis; so we don't have to guess meaning of data. UWT has a data sciences department; academic analytics would be a huge benefit.

### Information to add

- Need clear, user-friendly data - who is this for?
- EMS calls by those who live homeless. Who, where, what.
- We need a better response that tells people where they can go for shelter; 211 is not adequate.
- They should add the amount of people living homeless with severe mental illness.
- Client feedback results related to service providers.

- Basic stats on service providers - # positions, turnover, wage gap between highest and lowest wage earners at organization.
- How many people identified in last count?
- How many are estimated to be unhoused but not revealed in the count?
- How many shelter beds are there?
- How many people decline shelter beds and why?
- There should be an unsheltered homeless count.
- How many houses vs how many homeless.
- How many are coping with severe mental illness?
- There is a coordinated entry data problem.
- Need to know how many in queue.
- Need to know response time.
- HMIS prevents sharing of data that will help people.
- We need to know, with safeguards, the needs of homeless people (by name list).
- We are not allowed to serve people; too many HMIS barriers.
- Need to track housing supply and demand by income accessibility, ie, how much is affordable to people at 30\$ AMI and below vs 80% of AMI
- Need a graph that has number/count on the Y-axis, and \$ amount on the X-Axis. On the graph would be two lines: rental supply (units vs price), and rental demand (people vs budget).

## Notes and Resources List

### *New and Notable*

**Need good street shoes.** Nativity House, St Vincent DePaul, TRM all need shoes. Shoes have a hard life if the feet are always in them 24/7.

**Sweeps are scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at Union Street Loop.** If you come to Union Sweep, take photos, video, and we can share. I am available if you have any questions or uncertainties. Richard 253-442-3045.

**Community Spotlight Opportunity:** The last few weeks have been chaotic. If you contacted me earlier about doing a spotlight and didn't hear back - please send me a reminder and I'll get you on the calendar. [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)

### *Recent Press*

**Tacoma legend Sugar Ray Seale finds shelter at Shiloh**

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/high-rents-tacoma-lead-sugar-ray-seales-mens-shelter/281-8bbcbef9-fe6b-4fde-9652-56fd5553d540>

### *Fundraisers and Events*

**Up From Homelessness City Club Dinner.** April 12, 6 PM, University of Puget Sound. <https://www.facebook.com/events/574390527982518/?ref=newsfeed>

