

# What types of data could you use access to to make your work more effective? And how should that data be made available?

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## Haiku and Tanka for Harriet Tubman

1 Picture a woman riding thunder on the legs of slavery ...	<i>the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars, to change the world ...</i>	17 Picture her words: <i>There's two things I got a right to: death or liberty ...</i>
2 Picture her kissing our spines saying <i>no</i> to the eyes of slavery ...	10 Imagine her words: <i>Every great dream begins with a dreamer ...</i>	18 Picture her saying <i>no</i> to a play called <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> : <i>I am the real thing ...</i>
3 Picture her rotating the earth into a shape of lives becoming ...	11 Imagine her saying: <i>I freed a thousand slaves, could have freed a thousand more if they only knew they were slaves ...</i>	19 Picture a Black woman: could not read or write trailing freedom refrains ...
4 Picture her leaning into the eyes of our birth clouds ...	12 Imagine her humming: <i>How many days we got fore we taste freedom ...</i>	20 Picture her face turning southward walking down a Southern road ...
5 Picture this woman saying <i>no</i> to the constant <i>yes</i> of slavery ...	13 Imagine a woman asking: <i>How many workers for this freedom quilt ...</i>	21 Picture this woman freedom bound ... tasting a people's preserved breath ...
6 Picture a woman jumping rivers her legs inhaling moons ...	14 Picture her saying: <i>A live runaway could do great harm by going back but a dead runaway could tell no secrets ...</i>	22 Picture this woman of royalty ... wearing a crown of morning air ...
7 Picture her ripe with seasons of legs ... running ...	15 Picture the daylight bringing her to woods full of birth moons ...	23 Picture her walking, running, reviving a country's breath ...
8 Picture her tasting the secret corners of woods ...	16 Picture John Brown shaking her hands three times saying: General Tubman. General Tubman. General Tubman.	24 Picture black voices leaving behind lost tongues ...  — <i>Sonia Sanchez</i>

## Desired Data

- Number of people entering homelessness for the first time.
- Would like to know who is falling into homelessness, who is escaping it, what's working, and do more of that.
- Basic Demographic Info and correlated demographic information.
- Times homeless and duration of homelessness.
- How many total households in Pierce County.
- Data from hospitals on unsheltered visits.
- Why homeless (DV, Criminal background, credit score. Under-employed.).
- How many total living units are in Pierce County (Homes, apt, shelters, transitional units).
- More transparency on data sets for people experiencing homelessness, for example causes of death/ number of people dying.

## General Comments

- HMIS might be antiquated at this point.
- I'd like to see HMIS access improved.
- Data is vital for planning long term.
- It's important to look at who is having a difficult time escaping homelessness and why - this is where we need to focus resources.
- Public information collected is paid for and should be accessible to members of the public.
- HMIS is an important source of data, but having good training in conducting queries is vital. It's also important to have good training for the folks who are doing coordinated entry.
- Have a unified system of data; a "one stop shop" for data gathering and understanding the limitations of this data.
- Data should be collected to improve services; not just because it's always been collected.
- Street deaths are a consequence of cumulative unresolved trauma.

## Notes and Resources List

### *New and Notable*

**Community Spotlight Opportunity:** Please send suggestions for all partner spotlights to Theresa at [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)

**WA Dept of Commerce has a Housing Trust Fund** to fund purchasing land. Shelters and services for homeless is a permitted use: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/housing/housing-trust-fund/>

### **Homeless Crisis Response info link**

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

**Appreciation donations** to Dave Purchase Project welcome.

<https://www.davepurchaseproject.org/donate>

### **League of Women Voters Events**

[https://lwvtpc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4001&club\\_id=843000](https://lwvtpc.org/content.aspx?page_id=4001&club_id=843000)

**Common Good Supply Station @ FUMCOT**, First United Methodist Church of Tacoma. Open Tuesday's Noon to 2PM, 621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402. Go to the back alley and come to the door between the 2 garages. Call Theresa at 253.617.1405 when you are at the door. The number above is a Line2 number; those who have my personal cell # are welcome to use that instead. Both numbers will ring through

### ***Recent press***

**Tacoma Provider returns city funding in protest.**

<https://www.thenewtribune.com/opinion/article286302550.html>

### ***Employment Opportunity***

**Senior Community Resources Analyst**

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/4379373/community-resources-analyst-senior>

**Social Service Program Specialist – Homeless**

[https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/4410567/social-service-program-specialist-2-homelessness?page=5&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs&fbclid=IwAR26-PR6iRgK912XFDe8aviDbKhAUpF\\_6lfn\\_yTKcwZV2SmgpLV30voM49I\\_aem\\_AWwKcO7SaCmXpJBNYuj3mV297-rd59KOeWNxXjh5A1F7IM85DR9JW-S5zeQcZYodmDI](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/4410567/social-service-program-specialist-2-homelessness?page=5&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs&fbclid=IwAR26-PR6iRgK912XFDe8aviDbKhAUpF_6lfn_yTKcwZV2SmgpLV30voM49I_aem_AWwKcO7SaCmXpJBNYuj3mV297-rd59KOeWNxXjh5A1F7IM85DR9JW-S5zeQcZYodmDI)

### ***Ongoing Resources and Needs***

**Sign up to receive Action Alerts:** <https://secure.everyaction.com/-gZPY8k0qkaHQyrUqmpC5g2>

**One pager on Housing Alliance priorities:** <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2024-public-policy-priorities>

**SVdP is willing to store any** items for sharing- including massive amounts of socks. We have systems in place so outreach workers can pick up supplies every day between 10am-5pm. Just text Dionne. 253-355-5868

**Link for the Coalition's cold weather resources page:** [www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg](http://www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg)

**To be added to the monthly Public Health email newsletter**, please share your email here OR email me at: [jschoeppe@tpchd.org](mailto:jschoeppe@tpchd.org)

**Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv\\_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing)

**TPCHD has a webpage for homeless service providers and advocates**

<https://tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit/>

**If you are an agency or org that needs COVID test kit support**, we still have kits to distribute. Please reach out directly to our testing team at: [epitesting@tpchd.org](mailto:epitesting@tpchd.org)

**Free wound care clinic every Friday afternoon**, TNE clinic at the STD room at T-PCHD on S 37th & Pacific. Spread the word.

**Safe Sites**

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

**Outreach Supply Need and Share form:** <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

**Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at**

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

**Narcan Resources:**

<https://www.tacomaneedleexchange.org/naloxone> WA DOH Free Mail Order Naloxone

**Free Narcan Vending Machines:** Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch (regular library hours), First United Methodist Church of Tacoma, Recovery Café Orting Valley

**WA DOH Free Mail Order Narcan/Naloxone:**<https://phra.org/naloxone>

**Link to free Narcan resources** (and other need and share outreach items):

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv\\_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing)

**Tacoma Needle Exchange**, 3716 S. Pacific Ave. Ste. F, Tacoma, WA 98418

Tue. 11:AM – 3:PM, Thu. 11:AM – 3:PM, Fri 1:PM – 6:PM

Central Tacoma, S. 14th 7 S. G Street, Wed. 11:AM – 4:PM

**Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness** can be found here:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>