

How should we convince locations from across the county to support the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness?
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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.

from The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton: 1965-2010

Discussion Notes

- Much went into the comprehensive plan to end homelessness, but it is being ignored by many in power to move it along. That is discouraging.
- Need to educate people on what the plan is.
- Might develop a speakers bureau to educate people in different organizations who need to know more In order to weigh in positively.
- Noted that work is needed at all levels, not just with current powerful county influencers.
- With neighborhoods around libraries responding negatively to library services for houseless folks, libraries could use some support in the public education realm. This is a good public education opportunity to make sure the jurisdictional folks know the situation in their communities.
- Suggest reinforcing the CoC 5 year plan element about a public education strategy –see the CoC plan on Coalition home page under the “news” section and submit comments by April 5.

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Please send suggestions for all partner spotlights to Theresa at tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

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.

Every Wednesday during the drive-up foodbank hours at the dome, anyone can put a resources booth free. I have permission from the Tacoma dome. Contact Tim Fairley at tacomaoutreach@yahoo.com for more information.

Shelter Hub Project News. This grant will enable us to partner with shelters and service providers in the area. In fact, by leasing space within 25 shelters and organizations at a nominal monthly fee (up to \$300) for the 19 months of active duration of the program, we'll create on-site access points to our support system. This strategy directly engages potential users and encourages widespread adoption across the county. For anyone with emergency beds, safe parking spaces or other resources to offer in the moment to those in need, please sign up to participate in the Shelter Hub project!

<https://www.familypromisepiercecouny.org/ash-nazg>

We will also be hiring for the Shelter Hub project team:

<https://www.familypromisepiercecouny.org/apply>

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

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

Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:

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

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-FOSZk/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>