

## Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

### Updated: Suggested Safe Shelter Plan for Winter 2019

1. 400 additional shelter beds by Dec. 1. This would give about 1000 beds not including domestic violence beds - YWCA and KWA.
2. If the City cannot identify and bring on-line 400 additional shelter beds by Dec. 1, they should
  - a. delay implementation of the code change until we can document at least one month's empty shelter beds in shelters for both households without minors and households with minors, and
  - b. bring a minimum of 40 beds on-line each month over a 12 month period. That would give us an additional 480 beds,
  - c. add sufficient day shelter space for those without inside shelter.
3. Revisit encampment policies to minimize City engagement in public safety and public health actions (what we refer to as "sweeps."), and support self-organizing by unsheltered people to relocate to warm, dry, safe, permitted shelter including encampments.
4. Develop talking points to use with MDC/AM/TMA convening process.
5. Monitor the homelessness issues in the implementation of the Affordable Housing Action Strategy.
6. Monitor Pierce County's Homeless/Housing Plan (Continuum of Care).
7. Develop and continue to strengthen the relationships between the TPC Coalition to End Homelessness and key allies:
  - City of Tacoma
  - Pierce County
  - Individual Cities in Pierce County
  - Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce
  - Metro Parks
  - Continuum of Care
  - Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
  - Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium
  - Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee
  - Tacoma Housing Authority
  - Pierce County Housing Authority
  - State Elected Officials
  - Federal Elected Officials

### **Status of Additional Shelter by Dec. 1:**

- 1. Emergency Mitigation Site - 8th & MLK for People's Park Dwellers.** TCRA approved use of land for about 8 months when Mercy begins housing development on the site. Operator unknown. Number of beds unknown. Projected opening unknown.
- 2. The number of additional Temporary Shelter beds in the pipe-line. These follow the Temporary Shelter regulations with expected changes Nov. 19.**

#### **By Dec. 1**

**Bethlehem Baptist/**\_\_\_\_\_ (unknown operator)- 40 beds for families with children, couples, single women - in permitting process/about 2/12 weeks to go

#### **After Dec. 1**

**Alzheimer Memorial Church** - 32 beds for families with minor children. Alzheimer will also be the operator.

#### **In discussion:**

Unknown Faith-based applicant - Safe Parking Program. In discussion with NCS. No program information at this time.

#### **3. Potential for expanding existing indoor day shelter space by Dec. 1**

Providers should contact Linda Stewart with funding requests. Possibilities include:

- Re-open the Tacoma Rescue Mission's day shelter
- Expand CCS Family Day Center hours and days of operation
- Expand Coffee Oasis hours and days of operation.

#### **4 Status of LIHI's offer to create tiny house villages**

LIHI invited to submit proposal to City. Status unknown. LIHI does not required two year commitment of land.

#### **5 Status of a motel voucher program targeted to the most vulnerable?**

**Children living in cars/tents**

**People with medical conditions beyond CCS' capacity or with children**

There is no City funding available.

What about private money in a coordinated program - single point of access, etc.

#### **6. The status of the Stability Site -**

The current capacity of the Stability Site is 60 tents and 24 pallets. The Stability Site was funded through Dec. 31, 2019. No changes are anticipated for the Stability Site until Summer 2020. The City Manager has recommended extension of the Stability Site until Dec. 31, 2020. This request is expected to go to City Council Nov. 19.

*NCS staff have been working with CCS on a Summer 2020 Transition to a smaller number of beds and smaller site footprint. Current capacity is 60 tents and 24 pallets. The revised capacity will be no tents and 58 pallets. Pallets are safer, last longer, preferred by residents, and people can stand up in them.*

*Note: the Stability Site does NOT count in the number of Temporary Shelter beds.*