

## **What is your initial response to the Continuum of Care 5-year Plan?**

### **Group Discussion Summary • Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness • 3.1.24**

“The good we secure for ourselves, is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.”

— Jane Addams

#### **Kudos**

- Cynthia Stewart is keeping her eyes on the prize.

#### **Hopes & Wishes**

- Wish it were more action oriented and sense of urgency.
- Am tired of being stuck. Need clearer benchmarks for accountability.
- Hope it includes funding for adequately supporting staff and community advocates.
- Wish to see funding addressed in the plan, adequate compensation for workers in the system.
- Need to bring in more federal funds but the accountability has to be more specific.
- Hope for creating different narrative about unhoused people.
- Change the narrative. More effective communication about who the unhoused folks are.

#### **Problems to Address**

- Definition of insanity is to continue what doesn't work.
- Neighboring county CoC's do better in securing funds. What can we learn from them?
- County human services unresponsive to data requests.
- CoC mostly distributes gov't funds and there is a lack of cooperation between competing agencies that costs us support.
- Conflicts of interest are a problem.
- Metrics and timelines on outcomes add much more urgency.
- If we need to bring in more \$\$ from HUD, then need metrics and regular reports on how that effort is progressing.
- Concrete thinkers need more specific examples that apply the jargon so that people can buy in.
- Action steps like including lived experience voice isn't clear. What is the structural support for people who are on volunteer boards?
- Plan to involve more people with lived experience needs an infrastructure to support that effectively.
- Info about lived experience interview needs more qualitative description, not just lists of topics they brought up.
- The data system does not produce timely or helpful data. Either improve it or reconsider the investment in it. The data in the CoC plan is out of date and not useful. How can we do targeted universalism, for example, without the data?

- Data quality is an issue that could be more honestly stated as being limited. The reality is that we have a data system that doesn't provide what we need.
- People good at data are often located outside the county in human services orgs and so wonder about seeking other expertise regarding data collection and analysis.
- The data needs to be open source. Tableau is inaccessible to download data. Data is inaccessible to community members for download.
- Tableau actually restricts the use of data, it's not transparent, it's very hard to analyze beyond what Tableau offers because you can't get the core data to query directly.
- A question about leadership of CoC and about what an "entity to coordinate the plan" might be are two different leadership issues.
- "Targeted universalism" is not well-understood. Need better explanations and concrete examples.

## 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)

**Developmental Disability Awareness Month** starts today. A reminder to meet people where they are.

**Send a message to your legislators** supporting continued action on rent stabilization.  
[https://secure.everyaction.com/JisiPg2cc0W\\_8C6dNyZ0IA2](https://secure.everyaction.com/JisiPg2cc0W_8C6dNyZ0IA2)

**The CoC 5 year plan and accompanying documents** are available on the coalition home page (News and Information box) <https://www.pchomeless.org>

**Look who's running for WA State Senate:** <https://www.facebook.com/ElectKennethKing/>

**TUESDAY Noon-2 PM Theresa will be at First United Methodist Church**, 621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402 (come around back at the garage door) Bring outreach supplies you can share - especially tarps. tents. handwarmers. OR pick up needed supplies for outreach. I'll bring a couple of cases of water and snack bars to add to the fray (we've got sock too). When you arrive, contact me by phone (if I'm already in your contacts) or via email [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org), No appointment necessary : )

### **Family Promise Info:**

Main Website: <https://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org>

Mock Intake: <https://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org/mock-intake>

Mock Self Sufficiency Matrix: <https://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org/matrix>

Resume Builder: <https://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org/resume>

Sample map:

[https://static.wixstatic.com/media/f7e4a8\\_8a214dd32ac04aeaa7f7da5f2ab4fd72~mv2.png](https://static.wixstatic.com/media/f7e4a8_8a214dd32ac04aeaa7f7da5f2ab4fd72~mv2.png)

Introduction SlideShow: <https://www.familypromisepiercecouny.org/slideshow>  
Steve Decker, CEO - Family Promise of Pierce County  
253-444-4563 x391

Calendar to connect: <https://calendar.app.google/tVA9o1unVxf5Hsx48>

**Family Promise of Pierce County Needs a volunteer** to come in on Tuesdays 7am to 12pm to open the building, engage with clients, etc. Contact Cal Beekman, 253-444-4563 X935 or [cbeekman.aatcm@familypromisepiercecouny.org](mailto:cbeekman.aatcm@familypromisepiercecouny.org)

**Expansion of Emergency Shelter NOFA here:**

<https://www.piercecounywa.gov/2779/Solicitations-and-Competitive-Bids>

### ***Recent press***

**Healthy Hosmer Initiative Hits Funding Snag.**

They didn't fund our initiative. We are doing it anyway and welcome any folks who want to join us in bringing resources to Hosmer, mobile style, one day a week. [senco253@gmail.com](mailto:senco253@gmail.com)  
<https://tacomaweekly.com/healthy-hosmer-initiative-hits-funding-snap-p7085-117.htm>

### ***Employment Opportunity***

**City of Tacoma, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the Community Resources Analyst, Senior on the Homeless Strategy, Systems and Service team.** This position manages projects within a portfolio as assigned by the direct supervisor, which include programs and services in these areas: homelessness services and prevention, shelter and supportive services, strategy implementation, complementary services, or other priorities as determined by department leadership. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our dynamic team, please apply here:

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

### ***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>