

FACING PIERCE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS: Creating HomeFULLness

Purposes of the Conference:

- To educate the community about this countywide problem, which is:
 - an emergency
 - growing continuously
 - invisible; we only see about 5% of the people who are experiencing homelessness
- To inspire community action to mitigate the effects of poverty, which is the cause of homelessness

Participants may attend any or all of the sessions.

| Time | Room | Session |
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| 10:00 | B-C | Facing All Our Homeless: Strategies to increase hopefulness in Pierce County Overview of data, causative factors, trends and the economy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tess Colby, Manager, Community Services Division, Pierce County Human Services• Larry Seaquist, Moderator |
| 11:30 pm | A | Perspectives: From the Depression to the Civil Rights Movement The effects of extreme economic collapse Speaker to be confirmed |
| | B | Closing the Affordable Housing Gap Affordable housing needs and supply; and creative ways to house more people <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniel Murillo, City of Tacoma Housing Division• Bryan Schmid, Pierce County Affordable Housing• Mike Merrill, Shared Housing• Amanda deShazo, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Consortium, Moderator |
| | C | Addressing Homelessness throughout the Community Ways to organize the community to respond effectively to homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anaid Yerena, Professor, UW Tacoma |
| | D | Road to Nickelsville Film portraying the development of Nickelsville tent camp in Seattle, approximately 2004, and discussion with the director <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diane Tilstra, RAD, Moderator |
| 1:00 pm | A | Health Care and Homelessness Effects of homelessness on the health care system and on the health of people experiencing homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Anthony Chen, Director, Tacoma-Pierce County Public Health Department• Neal Roger, Individual• Kyle Davidson, Pierce County ACH• Jacques Colon, Health Equity Coordinator, Public Health Dept.• Jorge Rivera, Director, Community Engagement, Molina Health Care• Karen A. Johnson, PhD, Moderator |

- B Racial Inequity in Homelessness**
 How racial inequity feeds into homelessness and how it can be addressed
- Presentation of SPARC report:
 - Rafael Hartman & Klarissa Monteros, Assoc. Ministries
 - Discussion:
 - Valorie Crout, Assoc. Ministries
 - Nick Bayard, REACH
 - Kimi Irene Gwinn, Moderator
- C Coordination of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness**
 How services are currently delivered in the private non-profit and governmental systems; and how coordination can be enhanced
- Peter Ansara, Director, Pierce County Human Services
 - Charlie Gray, Pierce County Housing Authority
 - Michael Yoder, Associated Ministries
 - Denny Hunthausen, Catholic Community Services
 - Erica Azcueta, Program Manager, City of Tacoma Homelessness Program
 - James Pogue, Comp Life Resources , Moderator
- D Homeless Youth**
 How homeless youth are identified and services offered to them. Issues surrounding youth homelessness that are different from what adults experience.
- Dave Frederick, The Coffee Oasis
 - Terese Carroll. Detective, Tacoma Police Dept., Juvenile Unit,
 - Michele Harrison, McKinney Vento Program
 - Marilee Hill-Anderson, Sumner School District
- 3:00 pm B-C **Leadership in the Community to Address Homelessness**
 A conversation among elected officials
- Victoria Woodards, Mayor, City of Tacoma
 - Connie Ladenburg, Councilmember, Pierce County
 - Javier Figueroa, Councilmember, University Place, Moderator
- 3:45 B-C **Audience Participation Exercise**
- 4:15 **Adjourn**