



# The Road Home

Tacoma / Lakewood / Pierce County Continuum of Care  
In Partnership with Pierce County Human Services

## Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting

### Members Present

Amanda DeShazo, Aff. Housing Consortium  
Dr. Abigail Hikida, MD, Veterans Admin  
Audrey Goulart, Sexual Assault Center  
Benjamin Feldbush, Comprehensive Life Resources  
Dana Orr, PC AIDS Foundation  
Delmar Algee, Catholic Community Services  
Haili Cyr-Crow, Youth Action Board  
John Barbee, Pierce County  
Kari Haugen, Workforce-Central  
Michael Craw, Evergreen State College  
Neal Rogers, Community Representative  
Dr. Prentis Johnson, Greater Christ Temple Church  
RoxAnne Simon, Safe Streets Campaign  
Taneisha Lyons, Taneisha Cares LLC  
Tara Newton, Rainbow Center  
Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood

### Members Absent

James Pogue, Comprehensive Life Resources (ex)  
Andy Rohr, TPC Health Dept. (ex)  
Cacey Hanauer, Tacoma Housing Authority (ex)  
Dr. Eric Jackson, Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Erica Azcueta, City of Tacoma  
Janice Pitt, Dept of Child, Youth & Families

### Staff

Valeri Knight  
Vy Yun

### Call meeting to order/Approval of June Minutes

Amanda called the meeting to order at 9:06 am and asked for a motion to approve the June minutes. Ben motioned, Haili seconded, unanimously approved.

### Public Comment Period

- Al strongly supports the adopting of Racial Equity Chair. He questions if James will have the time to chair the CoC another year.
- Maureen says the CoC focus has been on the governance charter and HUD TA. She asked if there was consideration to pause adding new members until the process is complete. Amanda answered the governance charter is ongoing and that they haven't considered pausing.
- Maureen asked how the CoC is handling State Commerce proposal for evictions and if they would comment as the CoC. She asked if there was a process for time sensitive items. Amanda answered they have had faster turnarounds.
- Al asked if the CoC can apply for other funding besides HUD.

### Racial Equity Chair Creation (66% vote)

Amanda asked for a motion to add the Racial Equity Chair to the governance charter. Tiffany motioned, Ben & RoxAnne seconded, unanimously approved. Member can move forward with voting via email on adding the Racial Equity Chair.

### CoC Chair Upcoming Elections

Amanda reported that she will be stepping down as Co-Chair so that James can continue another year to stagger the Co-Chair terms per the governance charter.

Amanda asked for a motion to extend James term for another year. Tiffany motioned, RoxAnne seconded, unanimously approved. A poll was sent to member to vote on extending James' term for another year.

Amanda reminded members that they are accepting nominations for Vice-Chair and Racial Equity Chair. Please send names to Amanda, James, and Valeri a week before the August meeting so they can prepare a poll.

### New Member Applications (50% Vote)

Name	Seat
Tina McLeod	Non-CoC Funded Organization
Lucas Smiraldo	Office of Equity and Human Rights
Lamont Green	Mental Illness Advocates, LGBT Advocate

Amanda asked for a motion to add the new members above. Ben motioned, Dana seconded, unanimously approved. Member can move forward with voting on member applications.

### CARES Act Funding Update

John provided the following updates for Rental Assistance and Mortgage Assistance:

- Online portal for rental assistance is now live.
- Received 700 applications.
- Open to anyone in the County – 80% AMI or below.
- Mortgage Assistance portal anticipated to go live next week.
- Application Evaluation Committee for the Homeless CARES Act will meet next week for round 3 funding.

Sean provided the following updates for Veterans Assistance:

- Program has been running since June.
- Received 175 applications! – usually receive 40-50 applications a month.
- 100% AMI.
- Includes nutrition and transportation assistance.

**Portal for Rental Assistance, Mortgage Assistance, and Rental & Mortgage Assistance for Veterans:** <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/4701/Housing-Assistance-and-Programs>.

### CoC Subcommittee Report Outs

The following report outs were provided (not listed if no reports):

Subcommittee	Report Outs
Racial Equity, Ben	Finalizing language for Racial Equity Committee. Will send to Valeri/Vy to send out.

Community Partnerships, Tiffany & Kari	Working independently and will come together.
Health Department, Valeri for Andy	Health Department has created 2 taskforces.
Youth & Young Adult, Valeri for Cacey	Arlington on track, increasing beds from 6 to 12. Anchor Communities Initiative has funding available. Youth Action Board created and meeting weekly.
Domestic Violence Survivors	Amanda will connect with RoxAnne (Keith no longer on CoC).
Executive, Amanda	Created list of all Chairs for subcommittees. Each Chair must serve on Executive Subcommittee per governance charter.
Governance Charter, Amanda	Creation of Racial Equity Chair.
Membership, Ben	Creating 1 pager on how members are brought on CoC and term limits. Would like a list of who is on what subcommittee.

### Good of the Order

- Prentis asked if there was a new orientation for new member. Amanda responded that they will put a date on the calendar for onboarding new members.
- Delmar asked if there was language on the subcommittees so they can review before committing. Valeri will send documents on the CoC website.

### Public Comment Period

- Patrick asked when the NOFAs will be released. Valeri answered we do not have a timeline for the CoC NOFA, it will be released when HUD releases it, and the Affordable Housing NOFA will be released in the next couple of weeks.
- Amanda asked for an update on the 1406 RFI. John responded we did not receive a good enough response to justify bonding the dollars. 1406 Group will meet to discuss options.

### Meeting Adjourned

Amanda adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am.