

Black Collective Liaison Committee Report.
March 26, 2022 – April 16, 2022

Attendees: Members of the Tacoma, Seattle, Bellevue, Olympia, and surrounding communities.

Guests:

- ✓ Maisha Barnett – John and Mary Conan History – how to recognize their contributions?
<https://www.tacomalibrary.org/blogs/post/john-n-conna/>
- ✓ Marilyn Strickland
- ✓ Monique Franklin, “Black Queen Mother Experience (see attached)
- ✓ Andrew Hong team@redistrictingjusticewa.org
- ✓ Ken Ndean - Mr. Computer Technology - Email: mrcomputert@yahoo.com - cell: 407-556-4140

COVID-19 Data: provided weekly by members (Leah Ford and Sebrena Chambers of the Tacoma Health Department along with Dr. John Vassall)

- ✓ **COVID BOOSTER Locations (see attached)**
- ✓ If you test positive (see attached)
- ✓ Get tested if you experience symptoms or were exposed. <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/testing-information>
- ✓ Case counts, hospitalizations, testing, and other metrics: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19-pierce-county-cases>
- ✓ Vaccination metrics: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-vaccine-data>
- ✓ COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- ✓ TPCHD records deaths in our cases dashboard on our data page which reflects the date of death.
https://inks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbG9saW5rX2lkjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGjIjYXNlcyJ9.adw_Clz1Rp0ugl5SbPDMY6zconsmuEPzOCPEPnM9qf0/s/1828950773/br/129715540116-l

Homelessness:

Homelessness includes people who are couch surfing or in their cars that we don't see or include as homeless. What can the black collective do to engage in supporting efforts around homelessness?

Thoughts:

- ✓ "Watch Lead Me Home | Netflix Official Site"
<https://www.netflix.com/title/81240756?preventIntent=true>
- ✓ "How an App Can Help Fight Homelessness | WIRED" <https://www.wired.com/story/app-fight-homelessness-community-service/amp>
- ✓ "VR for Good: 'We Live Here' Puts a Face on Homelessness" <https://www.oculus.com/blog/vr-for-good-we-live-here-puts-a-face-on-homelessness/>
- ✓ Last week Pierce County Council passed and funded a new \$9 million "comprehensive plan to end homelessness" in addition to \$253 million that was already set aside
- ✓ We need new leadership at the City of Tacoma for Neighborhood and Community Services from Director Linda Stewart to leadership staff that is accountable need to be reassigned. In walking that out, I think we should invite the Director about what her plan has been and what her vision for a response is and then move forward based on that information. Similarly, but not together, we should invite Heather Moss from the county that is championing a different approach and listen and offer feedback. We shouldn't allow any leader to hide in the shade of another
- ✓ New approaches are needed along with new leadership – **consensus**
- ✓ Black people make up 13% of the US population yet make up 40% of the homeless family population. A much higher percentage of Black homeless people have kids. Much of the development of low-income

housing to address homelessness is privately funded. In the last legislature, tax credits were given to private entities if they build data centers with labor agreements. Why not provide tax incentives if low-income housing is built using minority construction firms and workers? This not only makes housing available but also gives our people a way to stay out of homelessness.

- ✓ As you walk away thinking about homeless solutions. It is important to remember that we have a need today for over 10,000 units for people that can only afford \$416-\$702 a month (SSI/Disability). Now, it costs about \$450k to build a new unit. The model and strategy we have kind of ignore the housing in homelessness that is influenced by service providers' responses to the crisis. You can provide all food, mental health, and clothes, and they still won't be able to afford a place to live. You have two main options: maybe live together, live outside (Alone or With others),....or wait for the "golden ticket" of a subsidy that there isn't much of and we can afford much more. So, you must reduce the population by helping people that are closer to becoming self-sufficient with a triage process you would use in a disaster. The housing first model prevents that and bogs down the full system. That is the current model Pierce County providers are all required to use.

Black Collective Suggested Actions to address homelessness:

- ✓ Take Food cards & clothing to them
- ✓ Serve as a volunteer resource base
- ✓ Advocate, organizations need to talk and partner on what resources can provide
- ✓ It would be beneficial to have someone who has experienced homelessness at the table to help develop courses of action
- ✓ Identify the groups that are doing efforts and support them
- ✓ I believe local churches with excess capacity, re-engineer their facilities to accommodate some of the homeless. Big changes begin with a small step
- ✓ Financial literacy is another
- ✓ The collective could partner and elevate the work of local orgs like the Pierce County Coalition to end Homelessness from the lens of our community who disproportionately experience being unhoused in relation to our population size. I think it is also important to incorporate the voices of those with lived experience with whatever approach this group takes as well as work with employers to focus on hiring and training opportunities and increase wages. lifting out of Poverty. perhaps people who applied but were not selected for the guaranteed income program
- ✓ Talk to Forterra about supporting a direct effort spearheaded by the Collective

Employment Opportunities:

- ✓ **If you need computer support - Ken Ndean:** Mr. Computer Technology - Email: mrcomputert@yahoo.com - 407-556-4140
- ✓ **Karama Hawkins Calloway's Office** has jobs available in my firm for two public defender positions for Federal Way Municipal Court. The positions are full-time, but I am open to a contract position for the right person. You can telecommute 50% of the time and I am looking to hire immediately. The position is \$75k/year with medical and dental insurance after 90 days. If you know anyone who might be interested, who loves being in the courtroom and is ready to hit the ground running in court, please send me an email with a reference list and resume to khawkinslaw@gmail.com
- ✓ Shaun Glaze - hiring very soon - you can send info to shaun@inclusivedatasolutions.com or shaun@blackbrilliance.com
- ✓ <https://www.tacomacreates.org/> - If you live, work, or go to school in East (98404) or South (98409) Tacoma, you can vote NOW on how to spend \$100,000 for cultural projects supported by Tacoma Creates and our Public Health Centers for Excellence. Make your voice heard!
- ✓ **Vote here:** <https://engagepiercecounty.mysocialpinpoint.com/tacomacreates/>
Tacoma Creates Blog: <https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/Blog/Blog/32422/333>

We're starting our second full week of voting for arts, culture, heritage, and science projects you could see in your community!

Opportunities:

- ✓ Join us for the Inaugural Juneteenth Royal Ball <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-inaugural-juneteenth-royal-ball-tickets-321623513587?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- ✓ Here is the link for our Eventbrite for the Tie One On: for African American Males - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/276869232327> April 29th, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle
- ✓ Mama z Muezz: Monique Franklin - inspiredchildcommunity@gmail.com
- ✓ if you or your business would like to sponsor Black Mothers to attend this event. To nominate a Black mother - <https://www.verbalosis.com/nominate>
 - Join us for the Inaugural Juneteenth Royal Ball <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-inaugural-juneteenth-royal-ball-tickets-321623513587?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- ✓ **ZOOM Connections** - How to Sign Up for Upcoming Virtual Black Collective Meetings: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJElc-GoqDwrGNcPgf5WgBjRX5t-931nRjYK>

Suggest Readings:

- ✓ Christina Abby's - The Souls of the Ole Folk: Poetic Living Inside Out Upside Down - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09VLTW19P/ref=ox_sc_act_title_1?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1
- ✓ 1619 Project – on Audible
- ✓ Story Worth – 52 weeks <https://life.storyfile.com/> or <https://welcome.storyworth.com/>
- ✓ You Don't Know Our Negroes – Zora Neal Hurston
- ✓ The Origins of Our Discontent – Caste
- ✓ In Class with Carr, Ep. 109: Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson! (And who is "US") - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MetdYJMsVR0>
- ✓ Brandon Drake - Everything Culture - www.everythangculture.com - <https://youtu.be/rvjdlFKjC98>
- ✓ The Cross and the Lynching Tree
- ✓ The Four Agreements and The Body Keeps the Score
- ✓ Recently read - Brown Girls by Daphne Palasi Andreades
- ✓ My Grandmother's Hands by Resmaa Menakem MSW LICSW SEP
- ✓ The Sum of Us-Heather McGhee
- ✓ Watson and Crick
- ✓ The Sum of Us is by Heather McGee
- ✓ Stacy Abram's novel "While Justice Sleeps". A terrific read!
- ✓ The Sum of Us is by Heather McGhee, excellent book. Also, Isabel Wilkerson's The Warmth of Other Suns.
- ✓ The Color of Law
- ✓ The Color of Money
- ✓ "The Movement" By Lorraine Hansberry written 1964 for SNCC a book of pics and sayings that will remind us of who we are
- ✓ Lord of The Flies...This Present Darkness
- ✓ The Color of Money by Mehrsa Baradaran
- ✓ Carbon footprint
- ✓ A Teenagers' Handbook of Success by Patricia Adelekan, Ph.D. and Beth Clayson, Amazon E book,
- ✓ Charle McRay Blow New York Times Journalist excellent OpEd articles
- ✓ Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

- ✓ International Educators' Hall of Fame, Biographical Information about outstanding humanitarian Educators, by Patricia Adelekan, Ph.D., et. al,
- ✓ From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century
- ✓ The Ledger and The Chain - By Joshua D Rothman
- ✓ 1619 Project
- ✓ The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo
- ✓ A Teenagers' Handbook of Success by Patricia Adelekan, Ph.D. and Beth Clayson. On
- ✓ "Clever Girl Finance: Ditch Debt, Save Money and Build Real Wealth"
- ✓ "Clever Girl Finance: Learn How Investing Works, Grow Your Money"
- ✓ "Clever Girl Finance: The Side Hustle Guide: Build a Successful Hustle and Increase Your Income" by Bola Sokunbi
- ✓ Books: A Teenagers' Handbook of Success by Patricia Adelekan, Ph.D. and Beth Clayson. On Amazon, E.Book.
- ✓ 2nd Book, International Educators' Hall of Fame by Patricia Adelekan, Ph.D. ,et al ISBN 978-0-9969355-6-2 Adelekan Publishing
- ✓ Tannarive Due wrote the Black Rose which is a great biography of Madam CJ Walker.
- ✓ Stacey Abrams Lead from the Outside
- ✓ The Catalyst: How to Change Anyone's Mind by Jonah Berger
- ✓ Another book for kids and families- Reading the Phonics Way by Catina Taylor, a phenomenal Black woman educator. She's teaching us how to connect with our babies through reading
- ✓ The Firebrand and the First Lady by Patricia Bell Scott
- ✓ "We Should All Be Feminists" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- ✓ Shades of Justice A Novel by Linda McKeever Bullard
- ✓ Just Pursuit by Laura Coates and The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Respectfully Submitted, Link Barbara J Lane