

Summary

Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds: [Sean Heans](#), Community Outreach Specialist, [Danielle Eidenberg](#), Senior Education Ombuds

Danielle gave a presentation on the role of an Ombudsman. This office is under the supervision of the governor.

- www.oeo.wa.gov
- Services Offered
- Dispute Resolution

2021 Legislative Priorities and Advocacy Update, [Caroline Lopez](#), Director of Organizing, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

- 2021 Policy Agenda: <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/building-momentum-2021-policy>

Increase and Preserve Affordable Housing (investing \$240M)

Keep people in their homes and prevent an increase in homelessness

- Advocacy Day (week) review

Caroline extended an invitation to participate in virtual advocacy.

- Committee Hearings
- Speaking Options
- Meeting with Lawmakers from your district
- Rally for Homes!

Ways to TAKE ACTION!

1. You can also register here for advocacy day (week):
<https://housingalliance.salsalabs.org/hhad2021/index.html>
2. Sign up for Housing Alliance action alerts! <https://wliha.salsalabs.org/wlihaemailsignup/index.html>
3. Email your lawmakers urging them to prioritize affordable homes and housing stability this session!
<https://housingalliance.salsalabs.org/firstdayofsession/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1b5780ee-e52e-4212-b1dc-132d76700c17>
4. Are you a nonprofit board member or director? Pass a board resolution in support of progressive revenue!
 Email John Stovall at johns@wliha.org

Point in Time Count Update, [Dale Whitley](#), Council for the Homeless

The date is January 28th. The benefit is that we have apples to apples comparison year-to-year as to how our homeless numbers are moving. There are some changes due to Covid.

- Sheltered Count will happen as usual this year, using the HMIS system entries.
- Unsheltered count will not happen this year due to Covid. It was comprised of getting a survey collected from people living outside.
 - Project Homeless Connect was an important part of this count and offer of services, but it will not happen this year. Supply Drive will take it's place.
 - Outreach Workers and other outreach organizations collect surveys at their regular contact points.
 - In lieu of PHC there is a large scale supply drive underway for distribution on January 28th. (Since we cannot invite people to come receive resources, we are trying to get the resources out instead.)

Donation / Supply Drive (for distribution to outreach groups on January 28th):

- Peace Health and Banfield are providing donated items in bags.
- We are also conducting a donation supply drive for items that were suggested by outreach workers.
- People who have items to donate can take them to Living Hope Church, 2711 NE Andresen Rd. The Drop site is at the Live Love Center door)

Drop Off Date and Times (at Living Hope Church, Live Love Center Door):

- Mondays 12:00-2:30pm
- Wednesdays 12:00-2:30pm
- Fridays 5:00-7:30pm
- On the 28th outreach workers who are already serving people in their normal operating capacity will have these items on hand to help meet need to the population. (The overflow will be stored for future needs.)

ACTION ITEMS!

- Encouraging Outreach Workers to come by on January 28th for items to take back to the people you serve.
- We are looking for volunteers to help us put together the items. 3:00 set up at Living Hope (Covid Safe) to prepare the 200 bags, ready to go for Thursday.

Upcoming	Modified Project Homeless Connect/PIT Count of Sheltered pop. 1/28/21
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[CFTH Resource Guide & Spanish Resource Guide](#)
[CFTH COVID-19 Web Page](#)

Next Coalition Meeting: March 10, 2021, from 10:00am-11:30am

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wed, bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County.

General Contact or Accessibility Needs: Council for the Homeless (360) 993-9561 or bschallberger@councilforthehomeless.org

For more information on the Coalition, visit www.councilforthehomeless.org and click on Agency Resources.