

# Weekly Report

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Link:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

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## **MISSION UPDATES:**

### **Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available**

*Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director*

- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
  - Construction build out continued this week.
  - The overnight shelter previously located at this location, has been temporarily relocated to the Seattle Center and continues to provide overnight shelter space to its clients.
- The referral process to sanctioned encampment sites, including work with Behavioral Health, continues to work well. This uses real-time space availability information that is updated daily.
- Work continues with staff assistance from Department of Neighborhoods (DON) on the outreach plan for the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing.
- The new authorized, low-barrier encampment at 8620 Aurora Ave. N., which is operated by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), opened on Wednesday. This site includes several “tiny structures” that house people and protect them from the weather and the unsheltered environment. This new site is expected to house approximately 70 people when fully functional.

### **Mission 2: Reduce Trash**

*Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director*

- The clean-up of the areas near the Mercer Street corridor and north, to Lakeview Boulevard, were completed this week.
- The clean-up of trash along portions of the Burke Gilman Trail and along NE Northlake Way was completed this week.
  - Crews from **Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, as well as the Washington Department of Transportation** participated in these efforts which also included the trimming of trees and foliage.
- Assessment and scoping of future clean-up operations occurred this week at areas near I-90 and Rainier Avenue S and along the corridor underneath the Spokane Street viaduct.

**Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments**

*Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor's Public Safety Advisor*

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at several sites spread across the city. This team is made up of outreach staff including a dedicated team from the Seattle Police Department and professional outreach providers.
  - Offering full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
- **Current statistics**
  - Since February 20, **The Navigation Team, REACH and SPD Officers** have had:
    - 649 total Outreach Contacts
    - Of those, 291 are Unduplicated Contacts.
  - 116 of those individuals were relocated to safe and secure living arrangements:
    - Motel Voucher: 13
    - Relocated to Shelter/Authorized encampment: 98
    - Reconnected with Family or Support System: 5
  - Additional services that were provided:
    - Engaged with Case Management: 15
    - Mental Health Support: 7
    - Substance Use Treatment: 6
    - State ID: 11
    - Medical Support: 6
    - VISPDAT (Coordinated Entry Housing Assessment): 14
    - Registered for King County Housing Authority Lottery: 6
  - 116 of the 291 individuals exited encampments to an alternate living arrangement (40%)
  - 43 of the 116 were referred to the new authorized encampments (37%)
    - *Georgetown, Camp Second Chance, North Aurora*
  - 181 of the 291 individuals accepted services of some sort (62%)

**Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

*Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director*

## *Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation*

- The new system for the delivery of personal belongings to people seeking to retrieve them has been implemented. As of this morning, two individuals had begun the process for arranging the delivery of their items to an appropriate public location.

### **Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing**

*Lead: Miriam Roskin, Office of Housing*

- Design work continues for the program for a smooth transition from the prior contract provider (YWCA).
- Design of an outreach strategy to landlords based upon past, successful placements.

### **Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response**

*Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office*

- Continued planning to engage both business communities and neighborhood organizations as well as initial outreach to philanthropic organizations.
- Community meeting held with residents living near the I-90 and Rainier Avenue South area. George Scarola spoke with people from the neighborhood and answered questions and discussed the upcoming efforts related to clean-ups and the outreach efforts to the homeless population in the area.

### **Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness**

*Leads: Daniel Kirk & Katy Tassery, City Budget Office*

- Works continues updating the Dashboard that tracks metrics:
  - As of today, 68 new, safer living spaces have been created.
  - As of today, clean-ups have generated 1,593 tons of trash.

### **Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication**

*Lead: Cassandra da Costa, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations*

- Design work for the Safety Plan for the Field Coordinators that are assigned by City departments.
- Aligning messaging for staff use for Seattle Center and Seattle Public Library.

### **Mission 9: Communications**

*Leads: Julie Moore, Communications Team, FAS and Meg Olberding, Communications Team, HSD*

- Posting of site journals of clean-ups which include pictures.
- Prepped for communications on the opening of the North Aurora sanctioned encampment.
- Prepped for communications on future opening of 100-bed shelter operated by Compass Housing.
- Responses to media inquiries on fire under the Spokane Street viaduct on Thursday morning
- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).