PIONEER SQUARE COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES
August 21, 2020 1:30-2:30p
TODAY’S AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WILL BE COVERED DURING TODAY’S SESSION

• Current public health and phases overview
• Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and COLEAD (presented by Jordan Haselnus, Tab Davis, Jesse Benet; Public Defender Association)
• 2020 Budget Rebalancing Overview: SPD
• Public Safety Resources
• Ongoing Alliance Project Updates
• 2020 PSQ BIA Inspiration Fund Update
• Closed PSQ Business Acknowledgement

Questions?
Type them into the chat box or state that you have a question and we will address them or call on you to speak intermittently throughout the presentation and at the end.
On May 4, Gov. Inslee announced his 4-phase reopening plan. On May 29, Gov. Jay Inslee released an updated, county-by-county based “Safe Start” plan. King County is currently in Phase 2 of the “Safe Start” plan.

A successful Safe Start means we all have to do our part.

It's safest to stay home.

But if you head out:

- Wear a mask.
- Stay six feet apart.
- Wash your hands.

Prevent the spread by staying local.
# Washington’s Phased Approach

**Modifying Physical Distancing Measures**

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*High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, pregnancy, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe diabetes, people with obesity, people with chronic kidney disease, and people with liver disease.*

*For the purposes of the Safe Start Phased Plan, bars are defined as taverns, brewpubs, wineries and distilleries.*

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Graphic as of 8/6/2020
Co-LEAD: adapting LEAD for the COVID-19 crisis

Co-LEAD is a temporary adaptation of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program in Seattle and Burien, during the COVID-19 emergency period. “Co-“stands Community, COVID and Co-Responder.

Jordan Haselnus, Co-LEAD Outreach Responder
Tab Davis, Co-LEAD Operations Manager
Jesse Benet, Deputy Director (manages Co-LEAD)
Co-LEAD—born as a variant of LEAD

est. March 2020

- Co-LEAD is running in parallel with standard LEAD operations, which have been constrained under COVID conditions and lack of law enforcement availability (and our national social movement to reduce LE overall) affecting all partners—while need has only increased.

- Co-LEAD participants sign the same Release of Information that LEAD participants do, allowing coordination and information-sharing criminal legal system partners when needed to address any open court cases and outstanding warrants.

- Co-LEAD provides viable channels to intercept the population LEAD is intended to serve—people with behavioral health conditions (often living unhoused) who have exposed to enforcement and the criminal legal system.

- Co-LEAD applies LEAD core principles of coordination, information-sharing, field-based engagement, is trauma responsive, Housing First, harm reduction and crime reduction.
What is Co-LEAD?

- Co-LEAD has a team of temporary team of **intensive outreach responders** and case managers, along with a medical provider. Outreach responders work the following **shifts**:
  - Each shift has a shift lead who supervises the team of outreach responders assigned to geographic region (based on hotel locations)
  - M-F 8 am to 4:30 pm & 11 am to 7:30pm
  - Sat & Sun: 10 am to 6:30 pm
  - Overnight on-call shift lead/supervisor availability

- Co-LEAD currently uses **hotels throughout King County** to place participants to shelter in place and reduce. Additional hotel rooms are utilized for staff office space and during each shift to fully support an on-site presence similar to a residential setting.
  - Each participant signs the **Co-LEAD Lodging Agreement** which defines the rules of the lodging and participant requirements
  - Co-LEAD has PDA staff who serve as **lodging liaisons** between hotel staff and Co-LEAD outreach responder program staff (modeled after landlord liaison approach in permanent supportive housing models)
What is Co-LEAD (cont’d)

- Co-LEAD reduces crime and helps stabilize vulnerable individuals by addressing the basic needs of Co-LEAD participants, using gift cards, providing cell phones, access to food, sanitation supplies, and crisis management needs.

- Co-LEAD provides intensive case management connecting participants to Apple Health, entitlements/benefits (DSHS/SSA), obtain ID, and connect to other social services available (behavioral health, primary care, employment).
  - Co-LEAD focuses on the temporary nature of the lodging and works to support participants for longer-term housing and support plans.

- Co-LEAD medical provider provides assessment of healthcare needs and related care including prescription and pharmacy coordination.
  - Goes on-site to hotels with outreach responders to provide field-based healthcare assessment and response (incl Apple Health, prescription mont.)
  - Provides Covid-19 testing immediately upon program entry and on demand if symptoms or possible exposure occurs.
  - Rapid connection on-site to primary care clinics for Medication Assisted Treatment.
Co-LEAD: Born in Burien
Co-LEAD participant Ricky with Co-LEAD staff Mike & Dana

(photo credit: David Ryder)
Co-LEAD is just nearing its 4 month of operations; What have we learned so far?

- **Lodging (M/Hotel) liaisons** are KEY! (and a life-saver for Co-LEAD)
- Importance of *Temporary Lodging Agreement* and ensuring participants fully understand the terms
- High value of an outreach and harm reduction oriented *Medical provider* to provide on-site assessment and care at m/hotels
- Need for a *harm reduction oriented protocol for unique Meth users* to provide responsive support (and possibilities of a Stimulant Substitution Therapy/Safe Supply version of MAT)
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• Use of Gift Cards to support participant needs/reduce law violations

• Benefits and capacity building supports needed for very diverse staff with a variety of backgrounds and expertise/knowledge including deep lived experience

• Limitations (and frustrations!) of Medicaid-funded behavioral health system, especially in Covid-19 landscape
CO-LEAD PARTICIPANT
HEADING TO HIS NEW JOB!
PDA is using a new case management system (Kaleidacare) to track all data, which includes:

- **Screening demographics** (same as are reported to City and County for LEAD, e.g. homelessness/housing status, last known zipcode, recent institutional stays)
- **Full intake history** including behavior health, medical, employment/education, family and financial
- **All staff contacts with participants** are noted as well as all care coordination activities
  - Including Apple Health enrollments, DSHS food and entitlements, SSA)
  - Coordination with external providers
  - Coordination with other social services including housing, food bank, stimulus check
  - Coordination with criminal legal system partners including law enforcement, prosecutors, and any existing probation or DOC supervision
  - Ongoing criminal legal system involvement will be tracked in the same fashion as with LEAD participants (from an evaluation perspective).

A team of researchers led by Dr. Katherine Beckett (UW) who were already conducting research on the LEAD model are closely monitoring Co-LEAD developments to provide a program review, and will be interviewing participants about needs & efficacy of Co-LEAD approach using tool developed for people releasing from Rikers (NYC).
2020 CITY BUDGET: SPD + PUBLIC SAFETY

- 2020 City-wide rebalancing of budget, including cuts to SPD and shifting of programs

- Looking forward, the Council is deliberating a draft resolution that lays out a timeline through the end of 2021 of the stages of work that they see to deliver on a full reorganization of SPD

- Chief Best is retiring effective September 2nd, with Deputy Chief Diaz to assume role of interim Chief while the Mayor looks at next steps for hiring
PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES

- **MID operations and hours:**
  - Clean Team: Sunday-Saturday, 6a-2:30p and 10:30a-7p
  - Safety Team: Monday-Friday, 7:30a-7p
  - Parks & Public Spaces Team: Sunday-Saturday, 9:30 a-5p
  - Outreach Team: Monday-Friday, 8a-4:30p

- **Securing Businesses during closures**
- **SPD Trespass Program**
- **CPTED Assessments and Security Site Assessments**
- **Community Police Team Officers:** (206) 684-8996
- **SPD West Precinct online resources**
- **SDCI Tips for Securing Vacant Properties**
ALLIANCE RESOURCES UPDATE

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• Support Local – Pioneer Square Marketplace

• #SupportPSQ campaign; Video series

• Grow with Google virtual workshop:
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COVID-19 Small Business Resources

The Alliance for Pioneer Square recognizes the public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 virus on Seattle's small business community. We have compiled a series of resources intended to assist small business owners, managers, and employees minimize the public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 virus on themselves and their community. We will revise this and all associated pages with more information as it becomes available—please check back for updates.

Click here for Reopening Resources

Click here for all City of Seattle resources

Click here for Public Health resources

Click here for Worker and Business resources
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OCCIDENTAL MALL STREET CLOSURE

• The Alliance has obtained a street closure permit for Occidental Mall as part of SDOT’s temporary outdoor permitting.

• Occidental Mall will remain open to temporary parking from 6a-11a. Business along the Mall may expand restaurant seating and/or display merchandise from 11a-10p.

• Interested in a temporary outdoor permit for your business? Contact Sara at sara@pioneersquare.org.
WELCOME KITS FOR PSQ BUSINESSES

• The Alliance has created individual kits for businesses to assist with public health requirements and strength community engagement.

• Kits will be available for pick up on Friday, September 4th from 10-11:30a, 2-3:30p outside of Alstadt.

• Can’t make the pick up day? We will arrange a time to drop off the kit to you!
PSQ BIA INSPIRATION FUND UPDATE

• In 2019, the Pioneer Square Business Improvement Area (BIA) granted a total of $20,000 in matches to support two projects; Art Outside the Box project and The Pastry Project pilot program as part of the Inspiration Fund.

• This year, the BIA is proud to fund two more projects making a positive impact in the Pioneer Square neighborhood. The first, by Dan Wilson; Pioneer Square resident and Principal at Olson Kundig, is an installation in Occidental Park of painted metal wind chimes.

• The second is a creative story-telling marketing campaign, by Michael Gill of the Central Saloon, centered around individually curated content from artists, businesses, and personalities in the neighborhood.
FAREWELL TO THESE PSQ BUSINESSES

We say goodbye to the following businesses that have closed their doors in Pioneer Square permanently, many of which had become longstanding anchors of our neighborhood:

Food and Drink
- Il Corvo Pasta
- Medzo Gelato Bar
- The Berliner Doner Kebab
- Grand Central Bakery & Café
- Planet Java Diner
- Seattle Historic Triangle Pub
- Pacifica
- Sprout Salads
- Copal
- Cow Chips Cookies
- Bisato (reopen as B4 Yesler)
- Quality Athletics (reopen as Trophy Pizza)

Retail
- Pioneer Pet Feed & Supply
- Fresh Tangerine
- The Sports Den Seattle
- Swan Dive Vintage
- Ebbets Field Flannels

Services/Tours/Event Space
- Seattle Impact Hall
- Shotgun Ceremonies
- Spooked in Seattle Tours LLC
- Seattle Fitness
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