

# The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

## January 2021 Report

### Narrative

#### Outcomes

In January 2020, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 80, with 28 unduplicated contacts. 6 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 28 unduplicated contacts, 6 were new contacts, with 4 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 72 individuals on the streets of Malibu that have been previously engaged. 42 are considered in various stages of engagement, and 30 are refusing services at this point. The outreach team continues to contact these individuals with the goal of getting them engaged in the housing process.

#### Success Story

2021 has started off well! Two gentlemen that were previously homeless in Malibu now have a place to call home. One of them was an elderly gentleman whom had been homeless in Malibu for many years. With the assistance of Project Room Key we were able to get him permanently housed and he couldn't be happier. The other was a younger man who came to Malibu looking for a safe place to sleep during the pandemic. When we met him his mental health was very unstable, but with the assistance of our partners at Venice family clinic we were able to get him the help he needed to get on track. He is now living in shared housing and working full time.

#### Community Interaction

The team continues to have interactions with local leaders, concerned community members, the Sheriff's Department, Zuma Beach lifeguards, and various churches in the area as well as our friends at CART. These interactions are helpful and provide guidance in locating and assisting particular individuals.

Medical/Psychiatric Outreach: Both Dr. King and Dr. Ryan from VFC continue to provide service to the homeless community in Malibu on a weekly basis with the outreach team as a way to bring both medical and psychiatric services directly to clients on the streets of Malibu. The Team continues to engage clients that are in need of medical and psychiatric assistance who otherwise may not have accepted any services at all.

Strategic Working Group: The team continues to participate in the regular working group meetings to provide input from the streets to assist in implementing the goals set forth by the strategic planning committee.

The team is working closely with St. Joseph's Center to assist in their efforts to conduct weekly Covid testing to the homeless population in Malibu.

#### Next Steps

The rainy season is amongst us which increases our concerns for the wellbeing of the people we serve. In addition to providing individuals with warm clothes and items that would provide some shelter from the rain we are being more proactive with encouraging people to go into the winter shelters. We are utilizing the resources provided by the county that will provide transportation to the shelters for individuals whom are interested in taking advantage.