

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

March 2021 Report

Narrative

Outcomes

In March 2021, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 82, with 29 unduplicated contacts. 4 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 29 unduplicated contacts, 9 were new contacts, with 4 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 84 individuals on the streets of Malibu that have been previously engaged. 44 are considered in various stages of engagement, and 40 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

As we all know March was a rough month in our community with the passing of one of our beloved community members. I myself can't help but think how different things may have been if he was indoors. This situation is a prime example of why we have to do everything that we can to provide housing for as many people as possible. With that being said I am pleased to share that we were able to permanently house 1 gentleman that had been recently displaced after losing his job and housing due to the effects of Covid. This gentleman traveled to Malibu looking for a safe place to sleep in his car. When I met him he was full of hope and positivity. He explained that he had recently found employment and just needed a little help getting back on his feet. He was scheduled to start the new job in a couple of weeks but was concerned that not having a place to stay would affect his ability to perform well in his new position. With the assistance of our Housing Navigator we were able to find an affordable apartment and move the gentleman in right away. This is a real victory as things don't typically move so quickly for our people experiencing homelessness.

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.

With the assistance of Kay our beloved CART angel we were able to plan a beautiful memorial service for our dear friend. The community joined as we said our final goodbyes to our dear friend.

Next Steps

A few low income housing opportunities have opened up in the city of Santa Monica and a couple of our clients are in the running to get placed in a unit. We are working on the Santa Monica housing applications for these clients with hopes that we can get a couple of our people housed in the perspective units.