

# The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

## November 2021 Report

### Narrative

#### Outcomes

In November 2021, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 78, with 30 unduplicated contacts. 1 individual was contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 30 unduplicated contacts, 9 were new contacts, with 2 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 116 individuals on the streets of Malibu that have been previously engaged. 58 are considered in various stages of engagement, and 48 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

Clearing out an encampment is no easy task! With the arrival of the fire season, one of the major goals was to ensure the safety of residents across Malibu, including individuals experiencing homelessness whose encampments are located throughout the township. In a collaborative effort, the outreach teams worked alongside the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, Malibu Fire Department, the City of Malibu and LASHA, to ensure that encampments were clear and free of human habitation. Additionally, every individual whom was effected by the encampments being cleared was offered shelter and/or an alternative sleeping accommodation to which a few took advantage of. One example is that of a 64 year old male who suffers from a variety of serious health conditions. As the result of this clearing, this individual now resides in PRK where he can receive the proper medical attention needed and linked to housing resources that would offer him a healthier lifestyle.

#### Community Interaction

In an effort to provide clients with as many resources as possible, the outreach team has continued to expand its network by partnering with local service providers. These partnerships have offered clients an opportunity to learn life saving techniques and provide them with opportunities to obtain employment. In November, the outreach team collaborated with Common Ground where we conducted outreach to clients whom are known to have a history of substance abuse. Outreach workers and experts in harm reduction were able to provide education on identifying and responding to an opioid overdose which included the administration of Narcan in the event an overdose is observed. Additionally, outreach workers were able to supply Narcan to clients so they are both properly equipped and educated on overdose and overdose prevention.

Outreach workers have also taken the initiative to establish a partnership with a Malibu local (an Angel investor), who has so graciously put together a group of friends and colleges that are eager to assist in finding suitable employment for our clients whom are “work ready” and willing to work. The goal of this connection is to continue to offer clients the tools and resources needed to become fully employable, have a history of employment and provide an income suitable to obtain and sustain permeant housing opportunities.

#### Next Steps

With the onslaught of yet another Covid variant upon us, and in an effort to be proactive and provide a more convenient and timely response in Covid testing; the outreach team plans on administering rapid Covid tests for clients experiencing Covid related symptoms. Not only will rapid Covid tests identify individuals infected with the virus but will also assist with reducing exposures and allow a quicker response time and plan of action in the event an individual tests positive.