

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

December 2021 Report

Narrative

Outcomes

In December 2021, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 122, with 33 unduplicated contacts. 1 individual was contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 30 unduplicated contacts, 9 were new contacts, with 4 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 125 individuals on the streets of Malibu that have been previously engaged. 62 are considered in various stages of engagement, and 63 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

Michael B.

In October 2021, outreach workers were advised to be on the lookout for a missing person whom can be identified by displaying large pieces of art made of nature and random artifacts. His name is Michael, a formerly homeless man who was housed by The People Concern in 2019 but hadn't been seen in weeks. It wasn't long before outreach worker TS located, made contact and began building trust with Michael. Michael expressed that he did not want to go back to his apartment and that he preferred to live on the streets. The outreach team reconnected Michael to his Case manager and his therapist who came to visit him weekly as well as the doctors at Venice Family Clinic. Together we were able to get Michael back on his medication as well as the mental health support he desperately needed. After months of consistent follow up and trust building, Michael was ready to go back home. Finally, on December 22 2021, outreach workers were able to transport Michael to his apartment in Korea Town where he would spend Christmas in his own bed. An extremely talented artist, Michael hopes to display his artwork to the public where he can showcase his talents and earn a living doing what he loves!

Community Interaction

Members of the City of Malibu, the taskforce on homelessness and outreach workers had the opportunity to visit the City of Wilmington and their "Tiny Homes" project. As a result of the visit, we were finally able to see the impact the tiny homes have on the residents and how effective they are for both clients and the community. Although the tiny homes visit was not in Malibu, we were able to network and establish connections with representatives who have firsthand experience in building the tiny homes from the ground up. We look forward to maintaining these networks with the hopes of creating a plan that works for the City of Malibu and all its residents including individuals living on the streets.

Next Steps

With the increase of covid cases across the globe and the continuous cold and wet weather upon us, outreach workers will continue to provide services and encourage clients to transition into shelter. Additionally, various testing locations and vaccine clinics are being set up across the region which outreach workers will continue to make resources available for clients to get tested and vaccinated. Additionally, with the anticipation of EHV vouchers being released in the near future, outreach workers will continue to focus its efforts on difficult clients and individuals whom have submitted for an EHV voucher.

