

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

April 2022 Report

Narrative

Outcomes

In April 2022, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 137, with 57 unduplicated contacts. 6 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 57 unduplicated contacts, 15 were new contacts, with 11 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

In the month of April, we saw several clients obtain housing however, for two of these clients, it couldn't have come at a better time. JC, a 74 year old day laborer has spent the past 20 years living out of his truck. He has earned a living by working odd jobs for most of his life however, the wages earned was never enough to allow him the opportunity to afford stable housing. Meek and humble, JC never asked for any help or assistance but instead, it was the manager at the Labor Exchange in Malibu that alerted the outreach team of his situation. After engagement with JC, it was learned that he had skin cancer and needed to seek medical attention as he had an open wound on his face that had never healed. Outreach workers managed to get JC the treatment needed and JC ultimately had a procedure ridding him of the cancer and allowing him to heal. While in recovery, JC was placed in a motel until he ultimately found himself a permanent place to call home.

Also in the month of April, the outreach team was able to assist a longtime and local resident AE aged 76 years old. AE, a former school teacher for the Malibu and Santa Monica School districts, has been homeless and living out of her vehicle for the past 10 years. Despite losing her housing several years ago, AE remained employed and was dedicated to serving the children she taught for many years. After engaging with the outreach team, AE began her transition into permanent housing by being placed in a motel while the outreach team continued to work with her and advocate for her to obtain a housing voucher. Finally, in April, after years of living out of her vehicle, AE was able to find a home in Santa Monica where she can finally sleep in her own bed.

Community Interaction

In April, the Malibu outreach teams collaborated with DHS where a team of health experts conducted a vaccination and health clinic to clients living on the streets. The team set up on Malibu Rd near where the lunches are disbursed and were able to administer vaccinations of all kinds from Covid and Flu to Meningitis, Polio and Hepatitis testing. Additionally, STD testing was available and referrals for follow-up appointments were scheduled. The outreach team will continue to collaborate with DHS in an effort to bring medical services to clients in need.

Next Steps

With the summer months quickly upon us, the risk of fire hazards are at its peak. In an effort to prevent the spread of wildfires in the area, the outreach team will continue to encourage clients to refrain from setting fires and evacuate from areas that are high risk of wildfire spreads. Additionally, the outreach team plans on educating clients on the dangers of residing in wildfire zones and the importance of fire safety while remaining in areas that pose a risk for the spread of wildfires.