

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

July 2022 Report

Narrative

Outcomes

In July 2022, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 223, with 68 unduplicated contacts. 5 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 68 unduplicated contacts, 18 were new contacts, with 14 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

After spending the past several years on the streets and unengaged, the Malibu outreach team was finally able to make contact with a 67 year old blind man named SP. For much of the past decade, SP has walked the streets aimlessly, unwilling to engage with local service providers and mostly keeping to himself making it extremely difficult for any chance at getting housed. After remaining persistent and consistent, outreach workers were finally able to make some headway when SP finally gave in and decided to take the outreach team up on their offer. Since engagement, SP has been linked to Venice Family Clinic and other local resources including food, clothing and basic survival gear such as a sleeping bag and a tent until he is permanently housed.

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 Outreach team has continued to participate in planning committee meetings for Malibu Connect Day. We are very excited about the strides being made and look forward to participating in such a great event.

Next Steps

In effort to reach some of our severely mentally ill clients the outreach team plans to make more referrals to DMH (department of mental health) teams in an effort to bring the services needed to this population.