

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

December 2022 Report

Outcomes

In December 2022, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 352, with 66 unduplicated contacts. 5 individuals were contacted in permanent/temporary housing or relocation. Of the 66 unduplicated contacts, 6 were new contacts, with 5 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 59 contacts considered in various stages of engagement, and 7 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

Client KB has been living on the beach in the Malibu area for several years. It was reported that over the years, staff experienced various levels of engagement with KB. Staff was able to put in several applications for permanent housing over a year ago but while waiting for a match, KB became understandably frustrated with the wait time. During this time, staff and community members experienced frequent bursts of anger from KB who was becoming disillusioned with the process. Staff continued to support the client during this time. Staff asked client to apply for interim housing so that client would be safe and easy to locate when there is a match but client denied any interim housing opportunity due to his distrust of shelters and their restrictions.

Continuing the relentless work of previous outreach workers, the current outreach team was able to help KB obtain a housing voucher after over a year of putting in the application. KB's attitude started to shift and has become much easier to work with during this process. KB has also accepted intake into interim housing at a TPC shelter and has been safe and happy in the program for almost a month now. Client has been working diligently to utilize this opportunity and constantly expressed thanks to the staff and other Malibu community members for supporting him over the years. We hope to share even better news when KB finds permanent housing!

Community Interaction

The team continues to work with the Malibu community including: city council, CART, local churches and the Sheriff's Department. Through these relationships we have received help with locating and assisting the unhoused.

The Malibu team also continues to work closely with the street medicine team with Dr. King and Dr. Ryan from Venice Family Clinic every week to provide medical and psychiatric services.

We have also placed emphasis on interagency relationships to assist clients with a wider scope of programs. St. Josephs, the Department of Mental Health's VPAN program.

Next Steps

We will continue working on assisting clients who are in the process of obtaining housing opportunities. There are currently approximately 12 who have obtained opportunities through the emergency housing voucher system, veterans programs or re-entry. We will also continue to attempt to place individuals into temporary shelter. We will be participating in the 2023 Homeless Count.