

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

January 2023 Report

Outcomes

In January 2023, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 243, with 71 unduplicated contacts. 8 individuals were contacted in permanent/temporary housing or relocation. Of the 69 unduplicated contacts, 7 were new contacts, with 0 becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 54 contacts considered in various stages of engagement, and 17 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

Ct RH is a veteran who has lived in Malibu for well over a decade. After retiring, he had difficulty affording a home on his retirement income and savings alone and chose to live in an RV by the beach in Malibu. Over the years he became accustomed to this lifestyle but began to budget his income to find something more stable. Unfortunately, he encountered multiple obstacles such as issues with his RV, VA benefits and health issues. Outreach teams have attempted to provide him options with temporary or permanent housing in the past but he refused any assistance. It seems as though he became so used to living out of his RV and the constant challenges he faced that he was unable to see another option as realistic.

The outreach team invited a veteran's assistance coordinator from DMH to work with the veterans of Malibu and together saw success in locating and obtaining potential housing opportunities. After hearing about these opportunities, Ct RH approached the outreach team and stated that he was getting older and couldn't continue living in an RV. The outreach team along with DMH VPAN began working with client to find him an opportunity for permanent housing and after several months of ups and downs we are proud to say that this client's application has been approved by management at his new apartment and he will begin the process of moving into his new home in February.

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 worked with the Malibu City council and volunteer community members to conduct the annual homeless count. The Malibu team was joined by one community member who reports having a positive experience with our outreach team. The outreach team continues to work closely with the VFC street medicine team to assist unhoused individuals who are in need of medical services.

The team continues to work closely with Veteran's service agencies, DMH and St. Josephs in order to provide a wide array of services and housing opportunities for our clients.

Next Steps

We will be focusing intently on document readiness to have our clients be eligible for housing matches, as this is going to be a new requirement countywide. We want to be ready when new projects for

interim and permanent housing become available, as we expect an expansion of Mayor Bass's Inside Safe program. Gaining and maintaining a rapport with the most vulnerable and longstanding unhoused individuals in the community in order to assist them with services and housing opportunities will also continue to be a priority for the team. Staying up to date with new housing opportunities and services for our clients.