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**REPORT TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST**  
**June 2014**

**Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter**

**Shelter Usage**

A total of 207 individuals used the shelter in June 2014.

37 were first time users and 15 left the shelter

**Breakdown of KOTS Users**

182 Males  
25 Females  
5 age 18-24  
202 age 25 and over

The following information is based on self reports of KOTS users and was compiled from HMIS Reports:

Veterans 28  
Victims of Domestic Violence 7  
Chronic Homelessness 45  
Chronic Substance Abuse 42  
Other Disability 96  
Severely Mentally Ill 37

KOTS reached capacity (140 people) before 9 pm, 3 nights out of 30 in June 2014 which is a decrease from the 8 nights in May 2014

## Total Case Management Services 122

- Unsheltered Client Assists: 33
- Sheltered Client Assists: 89

### **Relocations/Reunifications (5 Total)**

- 2 Sheltered
- 3 Unsheltered
- 4 Men
- 1 Women ( unsheltered)

### **Special Population**

- One unsheltered young man under the age of 21
- One client with mental health issues
- One long term unsheltered woman, with severe alcohol and mental health issues. Based on her extensive criminal history she was not eligible for any programs.

### **Total Health Care Services 5**

Health Care Appointments RHN 2  
Mental Health Referrals GCC 3

### **Additional Outreach Services Provided**

- 33 Social Security and birth certificate applications
- 1 referral to a local housing program.
- 1 EBT service
- 28 verifications of residency/identification services
- 9 clients were given local bus passes

### **June Relocation Summaries**

LB was a long time KOTS user, with a history of incarceration and substance abuse. It became apparent that his living situation was no longer healthy. SHAL provided him with a bus ticket to relocate him to an area where he had a support system and a safe place to stay. LB followed up with his case manager and confirmed that he arrived safely and had shelter.

EM an unsheltered 20 year old male came to Key West with an acquaintance for a weekend trip. He was pulled over by law enforcement and subsequently incarcerated for driving without a license. When he was released from jail, he was homeless and his friend had left him. After an assessment was done by his case manager, it was revealed that he had mental health issues and was at high risk of becoming permanently homeless. Through the Outreach program a bus ticket was purchased to relocate him back home to his parents. A follow up call by his case manager to his parents revealed that things were going well, and that EM was currently working on obtaining his GED and getting his driver's license.

WB a long time user of KOTS as well as a valued volunteer had been homeless for approximately a year, coming to Key West, after a divorce to seek employment and a fresh start. WB and his case manager evaluated his situation and it was determined that relocating back to his prior state of residence, Maryland, was a good option for him. His case manager contacted his previous employer, who verified that he had work for WB, and a place for him to stay if he were to return. WB was successfully relocated and contacted his case manager to state that he was working and doing well.

KW an unsheltered adult male, relocated to Key West, after visiting. KW stayed with friends a few nights, and realized that it was not a healthy situation. After leaving his friend's home he had no housing, nor did he have the monetary means to provide for himself. He was provided a bus to relocate to stay with his cousin.

RV an unsheltered woman with severe substance abuse and mental health issues requested to be relocated to live with friends and family. RV was trespassed from KOTS due to her failure to follow the rules and based on prior convictions had no housing options in Key West. A greyhound ticket was purchased to relocate RV to North Carolina.

## Donations

Star of the Sea continued to be supportive of the volunteers that do the cleaning and laundry on a daily basis at KOTS. They brought donations of food, juice and snacks on a regular basis in the month of June.

KOTS received blankets, towels, and books from individuals in the Community who did not wish to be identified.

## KOTS & Health Issues

KOTS staff called (EMS) 6 times in June at the request of shelter users.

Public Health nurses came to KOTS two nights in June and provided

- 3 HIV Tests
- 12 Hepatitis shots

## Volunteers of America

Representatives from the local VOA gave a presentation of their services to KOTS users on June 26, 2014

## **Mobile Outreach Program (MOP)**

In June, there was a change of staffing in the Outreach Program. Elicia Kim started in early June as a full time case manager. Elicia works with those users who are sheltered at KOTS. She works 4 days a week from 8am to 4pm. One day a week she works noon to 8pm to enable her to see clients that are working or have other obligations during the day.

Amy Yancich started as a part time case manager to work with the unsheltered homeless. She works 3 days a week and her position is funded through the ESG grant.

Elicia attended a 2 day SOAR training on June 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>.