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REPORT TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ A total of 20 individuals received relocation/reunification services
- ✓ 8 individuals were referred or placed in transitional/permanent housing
- ✓ 4 of the 28 relocated or placed in housing were over 63 years old
- ✓ Executive Director Randi Cohen Brown signed a contract with Monroe County for \$5,000 to purchase greyhound bus tickets and provide Preventive Medical care for KOTS users

KEYS OVERNIGHT TEMPORARY SHELTER (KOTS)

Shelter Usage

A total of 234 individuals used the shelter in September 2014. There were 77 new users of KOTS in September. 25 users exited the Shelter, 4 of those that exited were over 63 years of age.

Breakdown of KOTS Users

By Gender

Males:	199
Females	35

By Age

Age: 18-45	63
Age: 46-62	145
Greater than 63	26

By Military

Veterans	31
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Chronic Homeless*	49
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*HUD defines a Chronically Homeless person as: an unaccompanied homeless person (a single homeless person who is alone and is not part of a homeless family and not accompanied by children) WITH:

- A Disabling Condition such as
- A diagnosable substance abuse disorder
- A serious mental illness
- A development disability

A chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions

OR

Has been continuously homeless for a year or more.

HUD defines "homeless as "a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets) OR living in a homeless emergency shelter. Has had four (4) episodes of homelessness in the last three (3) years.

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Capacity

KOTS did not reach capacity (140) any evening prior to 9 p.m. in September.

KOTS & Health Issues

KOTS staff called (EMS) 5 times in September at the request of shelter users. Public Health (County) nurses came to KOTS in September and provided 16 Flu Shots and 8 HIV tests.

Donations

A local salon owner donated sheets to KOTS. Coconut Closet a consignment store in Big Pine donated 5 bags of clothing that were distributed by Case Managers. A SHAL board member donated clothing for KOTS users.

MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Case Management Services

A total of 291 individuals received case management services in September 2014.

Breakdown of Case Management Users

Initial unsheltered individual consultations:	97
Initial sheltered individual consultations:	146
Follow-up consultations:	<u>48</u>
	291

Relocations/Reunifications

A total of 20 individuals received relocation/reunification services in September 2014.

Breakdown of Relocations/Reunifications

By Shelter

Sheltered individuals:	8
Unsheltered individuals:	12

By Gender

Male:	15
Female:	<u>5</u>
	20

Special Needs Population Services

One mentally ill female who was relocated to be with her daughter
All clients that were relocated went to stable housing with family/friends

Health Care Services

A total of 8 individuals received health care services during September 2014.

Breakdown of Health Care Service

Health Care Appointments	5
Mental Health Referrals	0
Prescription Assistance	3

NON-CATEGORICAL ASSISTANCE

Breakdown of Non-categorical Assistance

Miscellaneous Case Management:	48
Identification/Residency Services:	40

Social Security/Birth Certificate Applications:	14
EBT Services:	9
Housing Referrals:	8
Local Transportation* Assistance:	15

**Local and Lower Keys bus passes are provided only to those individuals with documentable disabilities who have no income nor means of transportation, and to KOTS residents requiring transportation for medical appointments.*

SEPTEMBER RELOCATION SUMMARIES

FS, a male who had numerous law enforcement interactions, while staying at KOTS, was relocated to live with his sister in New York.

PS, a sheltered male, who had lost his job of 8 years, found himself homeless. Unable to obtain employment, to keep stable housing he ended up at KOTS. He was relocated to Manchester New Hampshire to live with his daughter.

RM, a sheltered male was relocated to the mainland to stay with his friend.

DM, stayed at KOTS and had been seeking employment for over 6 weeks in KW. He was unable to find work and requested to be relocated to Ohio where he had family and a place to stay with a friend.

MF and MF Jr. were a father and son that came to KW to find work and live on the island. They soon found that housing was expensive and scarce. They were relocated to Denver Colorado where they had a place to stay and had construction work in place.

KJ, a male, who was unable to find work in KW, requested relocation to Colorado to be with his friend, who offered him a place to stay and also stable employment.

MW and JM a young couple came to KW, and JM became arrested. Upon his release they tried to find work, but were unsuccessful. They were relocated to live with MW's mother in Tennessee.

JN and GV, a couple who to came to KW to see the sunset. KWPD contacted SHAL for assistance in relocating them. SHAL case managers relocated them to Miami.

CM, a young male, who was unsuccessful in finding work, was relocated to California to live with his girlfriend.

DW, a male who stayed at KOTS was relocated to Massachusetts to live with his aunt and work with his father.

SC , stayed at KOTS and had been trying to make KW work for him for nearly a year. After suffering a foot infection which rendered him unable to work he was relocated to live with a friend in Georgia, and was rehired by his former employer.