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REPORT TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST October 2014

October HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ A total of 20 individuals received relocation/reunification services and 4 were referred/placed in transitional/permanent housing
- ✓ There were 61 new Shelter users in October. 17 of the 61 new users exited the Shelter within the month. Case Managers relocated 5 of the 17 and placed 3 in transitional/permanent housing
- ✓ 41 of the 221 users of KOTS in October were employed or volunteering at local agencies.
- ✓ Case Managers referred a KOTS client to the Domestic Abuse Shelter where she is safely housed,

KEYS OVERNIGHT TEMPORARY SHELTER (KOTS)

Shelter Usage

A total of 221 individuals used the shelter in October 2014. There were 105 unduplicated Users of KOTS in October which is a decrease from the 135 unduplicated users in September.

Breakdown of KOTS Users

By Gender

Males: 190
Females 31

By Age

Age: 18-24 4
Age: 25 -62 184
Greater than 63 33

By Military

Veterans 31

Chronic Homeless	39	(decrease from 49 in September)
Victims of Domestic Violence	19	
Chronic Substance Abuse	44	
Other Disability	82	
Severely Mentally Ill	33	

Capacity

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

KOTS & Health Issues

KOTS staff called (EMS) 3 times in October at the request of shelter users (Down from 5 times in September.) Public Health (County) nurses came to KOTS in October and provided 6 Flu Shots, 6 Hepatitis Shots and 11 HIV tests.

Randi Cohen Brown (Executive Director), John Miller (KOTS Manager) and Elicia Kim (Case Manager) met with Jody Gross, RN, MSN President & CEO of Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys, Inc. to work out an agreement to have VNA nurses provide preventative wound care for SHAL users.

October OUTREACH PROGRAM

Case Management Services

A total of 228 individuals received case management services in October 2014.

Breakdown of Case Management Users

Initial unsheltered individual consultations:	83
Initial sheltered individual consultations:	145
Follow-up consultations:	74
Total Services Rendered	228

Relocations/Reunifications

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

Breakdown of Relocations/Reunifications

By Shelter

Sheltered individuals:	8
Unsheltered individuals:	12

By Gender

Male:	16
Female:	4

Special Populations

- A mother and her 5 year old daughter were relocated to stable housing and employment.
- A female that was recently released from jail was relocated to stable housing.

Health Care Services

A total of 10 individuals received health care services during October 2014.

Breakdown of Health Care Service

Health Care Appointments	7
Mental Health Referrals	1
Prescription Assistance	3 (2 Sheltered and 1 unsheltered)

NON-CATEGORICAL ASSISTANCE

Breakdown of Non-categorical Assistance

Miscellaneous Case Management:	77
Identification/Residency Services:	19
Social Security Issues/Birth Certificate Payment	26
EBT Services:	7
Housing Referrals:	4
Local Transportation Assistance:*	36

**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.*

OCTOBER RELOCATION SUMMARIES

RJ, a 75 year old male came to Key West in early October, due to a promise of a job and housing, which fell through shortly after he arrived. RJ had been staying at KOTS and attempted to find work and housing, but was unsuccessful. His case manager relocated him to Newark NJ to live with a relative.

ZR, a 31 year old sheltered male, had been in KW since September. He came here with friends, lost all of his belongings and was separated from his friends. He stayed on the streets for a couple of nights before local law enforcement directed him to KOTS. He was relocated to Denver Colorado to live with his brother.

SW, a female who had been sheltered and employed in KW for a couple of years, lost her housing due to her landlord's addiction. She and her 5 year old daughter found themselves homeless. SW and her daughter were relocated to Wilson NC to live with a family member. The company SW was working for in KW, transferred her to their NC location.

RP and HM an unsheltered couple had been in KW for approximately 6 months without finding jobs or affordable housing. They were relocated to live with RP's mother in Cincinnati Ohio.

JJ and DJ unsheltered, cousins, came to KW hoping to find housing and jobs on fishing boats. After a couple of weeks, they realized this would not happen, and sought case management. They were relocated to Indiana to live with JJ's father who had stable employment lined up for both men.

A single, mother, was referred to SHAL, by the Domestic Abuse Shelter, after her time was up at the Shelter and had no local place to stay. Case Managers were able to relocate her and her 4 young children to a safe place.