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REPORT TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST March 2015

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Employment Specialist, Channing Lamar, continues to work with shelter clients. In March she worked with 19 new clients. 2 clients were relocated, 12 clients are working, 5 clients are actively looking for work and 3 clients moved out of KOTS. After 2 months, the Employment program has 43 active clients. 12, or 28%, moved out of KOTS, 22, or 51%, are employed and working, 10 individuals are actively seeking employment and 3 left Key West.
- SHAL case managers completed 34 Coordinated Assessments, 9 were unsheltered clients and 25 were shelter clients. All clients that completed an assessment received services from SHAL. Coordinated Assessments are required by the Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care, Inc. All member agencies that provide direct homeless services are required to complete a coordinated assessment for new clients seeking services. Case managers made 4 referrals to other service providers.
- VNA nurses continue to provide first aid and non-critical medical care for clients at KOTS on Thursday mornings starting at 7:30 am. County Nurses came to KOTS and provided 2 Flu shots, 2 Hepatitis shots and 5 HIV tests. 3 clients were referred for mental health appointments and 2 clients received prescription assistance.

KEYS OVERNIGHT TEMPORARY SHELTER (KOTS)

Shelter Usage

A total of 189 individuals used the shelter in March 2015. The decrease in shelter use is attributed to numerous factors. Case Managers relocated 14 individuals and the Employment Specialist assisted 15 individuals, leave the shelter as they moved into transitional or private housing. 7 individuals were trespassed (removed from the shelter permanently for failure to follow shelter rules)

Breakdown of KOTS Users

By Gender

Males:	157
Females	31
Transgender	1

By Age

Age: 18-24	2
Age: 25 -62	151
Greater than 63	36

By Military

Veterans	26
Victims of Domestic Violence	2
Chronic Substance Abuse	12
Other Disability	23
Severely Mentally Ill	6
Chronic	16

Capacity

KOTS reached capacity, 2 nights out of 31 in March. Capacity is 140 individuals any evening prior to 9 p.m.

MARCH OUTREACH PROGRAM**Breakdown of Case Management Users**

Total Case Management Contacts	307
Sheltered	197
Unsheltered	110

Relocations/Reunifications

A total of 14 individuals received relocation/reunification services in March 2015.

Breakdown of Relocations/Reunifications**By Shelter**

Sheltered individuals:	7
Unsheltered individuals:	7

By Gender

Men:	9
Women:	4
Transgender	1

Special populations:

- 1 male recently released from jail referred by the Public Defender's office was relocated
- Two males with physical/medical disabilities were relocated to safe housing
- Five individuals were relocated based on lack of income
- 7 individuals were relocated due to lack of employment
- 8 individuals were relocated due to failure to obtain affordable housing

NON-CATEGORICAL ASSISTANCE

Breakdown of Non-categorical Assistance

Crisis Intervention	2
Identification/Residency Services:	27
Birth Certificate Payment:	24
Social Security Issues	6
EBT Services:	22
Housing Referrals/intakes	11
Local /Lower Keys Bus Passes	13

**Local and Lower Keys bus passes are provided only to those individuals with documentable disabilities who have no income or means of transportation, and to KOTS residents requiring transportation for medical appointments.*

**SHAL entered into an MOU with the City of Key West in October of 2014 which reduces the cost of a 30 day bus pass to \$15.00.*

MARCH RELOCATION SUMMARIES

AJ was an unsheltered individual who had been back packing around the US when he arrived in Key West .He had been sleeping on the streets and behind the dumpsters for 2 weeks due to lack of food , shelter or money, before his case manager found him. AJ had a home in Oregon and his case manager sent him back home to live with his roommate.

LL was a sheltered male who came to Key West to find employment. SHAL assisted him with transferring his driver's license and other case management services. He was motivated to work, but was unable to find a job. He was offered employment in his field of expertise in Ft. Myers, thus his case manager relocated him to a situation where he had the promise of a job.

BT was a sheltered client that stayed at KOTS. This client had diabetes and found it nearly impossible to receive any health care in Monroe County and was struggling with finding housing and employment. BT was also transgendered and there were really no supportive services and transitional housing was not an option. Her case manager researched areas of the country that had the most supportive services for her. BT was relocated to California where there was a shelter and supportive services for her.

SR was an unsheltered female who had come down here to stay with her husband who said that he had a job when he got to Key West. Their money quickly ran out, and the promise of employment fell through. After realizing that they would not be able to make it in Key West, they requested to be relocated to their family. SR was relocated and reunited with her family.