

Dear Members of the City Council,

The following is a summary of recent activities covering the past week:

Code Enforcement

3100 Block of Harbor: Transient encampment remains at loading dock of a business. **Owner to be contacted by PD.**

1100 Block of Baker: Female transient camping at rear of business. **Female interviewed to determine status, given Outreach contact information for assistance.**

3000 Block of Harbor: Group of transients camping in front of a business posted with “no trespass” signs. **Group made aware of private property and issues related to the property. Owner has been contacted.**

2000 Block of Newport: Observed male transient camping in front of a business and appearing to be slumped over. **Male was contacted and asked if he wanted medical aid. Male refused aid and left the area.**

1700 Block of Newport Blvd: Multiple transients camping in front of a business. **Group made aware of private property and cleared the area.**

Shalimar Park: Report of transient camping in the bushes between the park and apartments. **Visited location and found evidence of bedding and human waste. Nearby neighbor with children made aware. Visited location early the next day and contacted two male transients camping in the location. Males made aware of the report and not to be in the park after dusk. Males cleared the area.**

2200 Block of Fairview: Male and female transient camping in business parking lot. **Couple contacted and made aware of private property. Couple cleared the area.**

2800 Block of Harbor: Camping items observed inside business trash enclosure. **Owner to be notified to be aware.**

1800 Block of Anaheim: Report of transient camping on private property. **Visited location and observed female transient camping inside large trash container. Female made aware of private property and report. Outreach worker spoke to female and gave her contact info for intake hours.**

Outreach

Linkage Housing: This week Outreach housed one client through the Permanent Supportive Housing program.

Emergency Housing: A long-term homeless client, was accepted into the emergency housing program. Outreach has submitted a letter of reference to assist client with the admission process.

Temporary Housing Independently: This week a minor homeless client, was placed in a youth housing program with the assistance from a volunteer.

Housed Independently: A Costa Mesa, chronically homeless and disabled client informed Outreach that he is no longer in need of services and is housed and working.

New Client: A young man who has been living in a Costa Mesa apartment for 12 years came into the Outreach Office for an intake. Client is looking for a board and care facility and interested in a mental health linkage with the County.

New Client: A homeless army veteran has been living on the streets for several years. Outreach provided Veteran Administration resources to assist him in obtaining veteran benefits.

New Client: Outreach met with non-resident homeless client from San Clemente at Lion's Park. Client stated he had broken bones due to a car accident. Outreach provided client with bus pass and encouraged client to visit the emergency room.

New Client: Outreach met homeless parolee at Lion's Park. Client has been residing in Costa Mesa since the beginning of the year. Client requested a free identification card application and medical linkages for various physical issues.

Linkages Social Services: Outreach met with chronically disabled and homeless client at social services office to apply for general relief and food stamps.

Linkages Social Services: Outreach linked resident client's Social Security appeals worker with client's housing case manager to assist in re-applying for Social Security.

Linkage Social Services: Outreach and OC Mental Health met with client who is undergoing medical treatment. Outreach provided the client a bus pass and encouraged her to visit the Social Services office and apply for public assistance benefits.

Linkage Social Services: Severely medically ill client sought assistance in completing Social Security Income application, transportation to medical office to pick up lab results, and obtaining a Department of Motor Vehicles Temporary Operating Permit.

Linkage Social Services: Outreach contacted 3 clients and provided affordable room rental resources.

Linkage Documentation: Outreach assisted a chronically homeless individual update his housing assessment. The client scored higher on the assessment and has a higher chance being matched for housing.

Linkage Documentation: Outreach worked with mentally ill homeless parent and child to obtain documentation which would allow them to reconnect them to a shelter out of the state.

Linkage Documentation: Outreach filled out a free identification card voucher for chronically homeless Costa Mesa resident.

Linkage Documentation: Outreach administered a housing assessment on elderly female client who is temporarily housed and receives Social Security benefits.

Linkage Medical: Outreach has linked an elderly housed client to medical services and provided linkages to insurance resources.

Linkage Medical: Outreach linked volunteer with wheelchair donation from local assisted living facility.

Linkage Medical: Outreach linked parolee client with a County worker to apply for Medi-Cal. Once client receives Medi-Cal he will start treatment for substance abuse. Outreach will follow up with client to check his progress with insurance.

Linkage Mental Health: Outreach has linked a homeless individual to OC Mental Health. Based on the referral, client was linked to medical services in Orange County.

Linkage Mental Health: Elderly client was interviewed by Oasis to determine eligibility into program. Outreach will follow up to determine remaining services needed by the client.

Linkage Mental Health: Outreach and OC Mental Health met with chronically homeless and mentally ill client. Client indicated upcoming appointment with psychiatrist. Outreach provided client with a bus pass and will contact psychiatrist to check up on client's mental health condition.

Linkage Mental Health: Outreach and OC Mental Health met with severely mentally ill client at Lion's Park. Client indicated no need for services or assistance at this time.

Linkage Mental Health: Outreach and OC Mental Health encountered a visibly distressed homeless woman who indicated that her mental health symptoms are problematic. Outreach linked client to OC Mental health.

Linkage Mental Health: Outreach and OC Mental Health met with a recovery home drop out client at the park. Client was interested in going back to recovery and is looking into sober living homes in Pasadena.

Other: Outreach contacted client's probation officer and father for the purpose of reconnection. Outreach is compiling documentation from various government agencies to ensure client's conditions of probation are accepted by the state where she is going to be living.

Other: Outreach followed up with a client who was sent to UCI for a severe open leg wound. Client has undergone several surgeries and will be transferred to a skilled nursing facility and then will move to a recuperative care facility.

Other: Outreach received a call from Centralized Assessment Team regarding a client who is in need of housing resources. Outreach left the client a voicemail message and will follow up when necessary.

Other: Non-resident client met with Outreach at the office in need of general assistance. Client indicated that he has an attorney assisting with his immigration paperwork. Client was visibly irritated and Outreach asked client to leave.

Other: Outreach is assisting a client with housing by working with the non-profit Off the Streets, and Orange County Healthcare Agency.

Other: Outreach and Park Ranger went to Talbert Park and met with 7 individuals who were illegally camping.

Other: Volunteer informed Outreach that a couple of homeless Costa Mesa residents have found housing and will be moving in the units soon. Outreach will support clients with rental assistance through a local nonprofit organization.

Community Impact Team: Teams worked at Mariners Church in Newport and the Crossing Church in Costa Mesa doing clean-up and maintenance.

Field Supervision: Outreach has collaborated with Code Enforcement in follow ups with old and existing clients.

Network for Homeless Solutions

Rick attended Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee public forum on Monday where members of the community weighed in on needs they are seeing in the community. A County spokesperson indicated that the Santa Ana Civic Center transitional housing at the old bus terminal opened on Wednesday this week with space for 300 people. Those occupants will be solely from the Civic Center area. The County is interested in launching additional shelters and multi-service centers as opportunities arise.

Rick also participated in Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) panel with County and City representatives to strategize countywide efforts to create a more efficient and effective homeless response. New County Homeless Czar expressed interest in leveraging

County housing funds to purchase motels that may be for sale to convert them to supportive housing projects.

Rick also attended League of Cities statewide conference in Long Beach. Sat in on several discussions on homelessness and responses by various cities and counties. Gained some good insight on regional approaches to collaboration.