

## SIX MONTH STATUS REPORT

The Huntington Beach Homeless Task Force (HTF) is comprised of 2 full-time Police Officers and a part-time homeless coordinator and a part-time case manager.

- Over the last 6 months the part time coordinator and case manager, have had numerous contacts with **96** individuals offering them assistance which led to **13 being housed**. Many being chronically homeless, on the streets for over 2 years.
- Another **5** individuals entered treatment **programs** due to the outreach of our HTF team.
- **7** homeless families were provided travel assistance to be reunified with family members in other states.
- The case manager is assisting with but not limited to the following: job applications, resumes, apartment searching, connecting individuals with resources, social security disability applications, ordering social security cards, connecting people to mental health services, life skills.
- The coordinator and additional staff are in the process of creating a homeless taskforce database to ensure follow-up with those being contacted by the police officers.

### HBPD

- Over the last 6 months our Officers have had over **320** contacts with the homeless with approximately **89** being new contacts (first time)
- **55** received assistance (included but not limited to: bus passes, ID vouchers, emergency assistance, transportation, resource contacts) including **4** in the Rescue Mission and other transitional housing.
- The officers are responding and addressing resident and business complaints/concerns regarding homeless issues daily.

### TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance)

- Actively involved in finding appropriate participants for the TBRA program through outreach and VI-SPDATING them.
- Both Interval and Mercy House have assisted in **88** homeless being housed. **21** have graduated to self sufficiency and are permanently housed on their own and **18** are still being assisted.
- Assisting TBRA program participants (including but not limited to: bus passes, resume assistance, job searching, storage payments, ID cards).

### New Affordable Units

- **4** new apartment units are been rehabilitated and will be open to very-low income residents
- City is working on a **107** unit building conversion to extremely low income/homeless services

### Coordination of Efforts

- Working with Susan Price and Central Service Provider Area (SPA) on providing services
- Working with Housing Navigator from 2-1-1, in the last 6 month Huntington Beach:
  - **16** have been housed through continuum of Care – VI-SPDAT
  - **55** are document ready, waiting to be placed
  - **31** are assessed and are getting documentation ready

Mentor Program: community volunteers that want to be a friend and mentor to someone experiencing the challenges of being homeless

- We have **13** community volunteers who will be assisting with outreach efforts once a month from the Downtown substation starting July 2017
- The goal is to pair them with currently homeless and newly housed individuals to assist them with navigating services, self-sufficiency and life skills

### City Partners

- Mercy House, Interval House, Jamboree, OC Rescue Mission, 4G House, Pathways, Building Futures, Grandma's House of Hope, Colette's Children's Home, Thomas House
- Cornerstone, Wavelengths, Charle Street
- OC Health Care agency, HB hospital
- Looking to team up with Illumination Foundation, Home Aid and American Family Housing