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City and County Work Together In Homeless Outreach

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On May 11, 2016, LACDMH participated in a homeless outreach effort with Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS) and Mayor Eric Garcetti.

During the initial phase of this outreach effort, participating agencies met in order to do a pre-briefing and meet and greet. In this phase, Mayor Garcetti spoke about his experience with the homeless population. Mayor Garcetti stated that he has done homeless outreach in the past in different stages of his own life. He also spoke about the importance of collaboration between the different agencies in order to address this social issue.

During the second phase, the teams with Mayor Garcetti engaged in the outreach effort. About 15 individuals were outreached. The location that was targeted was: 39th/ Figueroa St. (both sides of the street) underneath the 110 freeway. The outreach effort lasted about 1.5 hours (9:30am-11:00am).

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During the third phase, all involved parties met in order to debrief. In this debriefing, the following points were addressed:

- Future plans for individuals outreached
- Stabilization of individuals outreached
- The importance of continuity when outreaching homeless individuals

Below are the agencies that participated in this outreach effort:

- Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS)
- Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) Randall Mullins and Tyrone Barlow
- SB 82 SA 6 (Sherry Yam, Rosa Alvarez and Joana Rios)
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
- Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)
- Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti and his team