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## MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT (MBPD)

The MBPD is a fully accredited law enforcement agency, which is dedicated to pursuing every opportunity and engaging all challenges as part of this organization's on-going quest for excellence.

With the continued growth in the popularity of Miami Beach as a destination of choice for out of town and local visitors alike, the Police Department is tasked with balancing the needs of the residential population with the huge increase in the amount of visitors to the City.

Mission: Prevent crime and enhance public safety.

Vision: We aspire to be a world-class agency, which protects our diverse community and serves as a model for character, innovation and service to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Values: Professional, Accountable, Honest and Proud.

# HOMELESS RESOURCE UNIT



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# HOMELESS RESOURCE UNIT



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# When you think of Miami Beach...



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# What about this...



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# This...



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# And this...



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# Impact To The Community

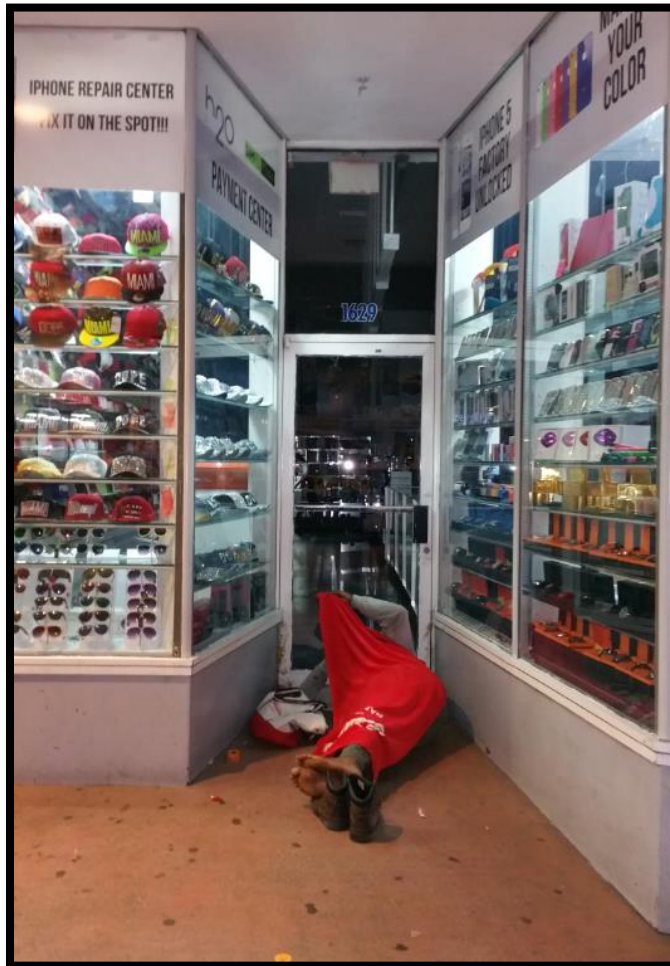






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# Impact To The Community





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## Impact To The Community



Ocean Drive







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## Impact To The Community



**WASHINGTON AVE**

**5<sup>TH</sup> ST & DUNES**



# Florida Marchman Act



The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993, or more commonly referred to as the Marchman act, provides for emergency assistance and temporary detention for individuals requiring substance abuse evaluation and treatment in the state of Florida.



# Marchman Act



A person meets the criteria for involuntary admission if there is good faith reason to believe the person is substance abuse impaired and, because of such impairment:

- Has **lost the power of self-control** with respect to substance use  
**AND EITHER**
- Has inflicted, or threatened or attempted to inflict, or unless admitted is likely to inflict, **physical harm on himself/herself or another**  
**OR**
- Is in need of substance abuse services and, by reason of substance abuse impairment, his/her judgment has been so impaired that the person is **incapable of appreciating his/her need for such services and of making a rational decision** in regard thereto; however, mere refusal to receive such services does not constitute evidence of lack of judgment with respect to his/her need for such services.

For information on involuntary commitment laws in the United States.

<http://www.namsdl.org/IssuesandEvents/NEW%20Involuntary%20Commitment%20for%20Individuals%20with%20a%20Substance%20Use%20Disorder%20or%20Alcoholism%20August%202016%2009092016.pdf>

# Individuals are Selected by the Following Criteria:



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No Support System

Are chronically homeless and likely to die on our streets because of their addiction to substances

Are an extreme strain on public safety resources (i.e. police/fire/code)

Have a history of Marchman Acts and/or Baker Acts & Arrests



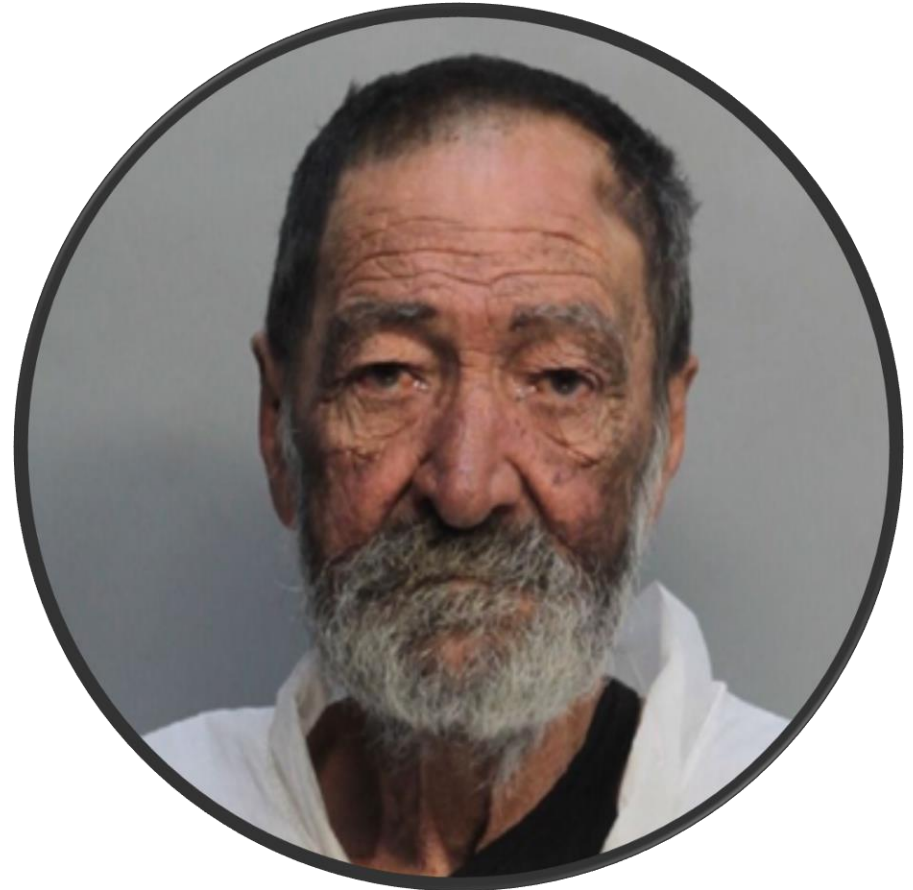


# MBPD HRO INTERNAL PROCESS

1. Creation of Individual's Case File
  - Client photo and information
    - Degradation photos
    - Criminal history printout
  - Marchman Act/Baker Act & Substance related arrests
    - Court/Provider related documents
2. File Petition for Treatment with courts/Court preceding
3. Contact Thriving Mind in reference to treatment bed
4. Continued engagement until treatment bed becomes available
5. Client is transported to treatment facility
6. Weekly follow-ups/case staffing on clients' progress
7. Area officers are made aware of the clients transitioning into treatment
8. Monthly meetings at police headquarters with Thriving Mind, area police commanders/City's Homeless Outreach Team
9. Client "graduates" and is replaced with a new client

## **CASE EXAMPLE: PEDRO**

**EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL PAST**  
**52 ARRESTS:** Possession of  
alcohol,  
Trespassing, Panhandling,  
Disorderly Intoxication,  
Disorderly Conduct, Drinking  
in Public, Urinating in Public  
**5 MARCHMAN ACTS**  
**2 BAKER ACTS**  
**CHRONIC MEDICAL**  
**CONDITIONS**





## CASE EXAMPLE: PEDRO (CONT.)



2009



2012



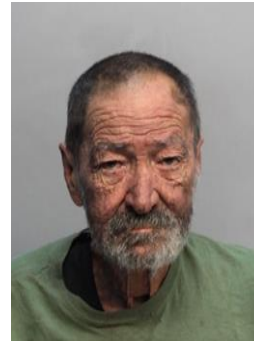
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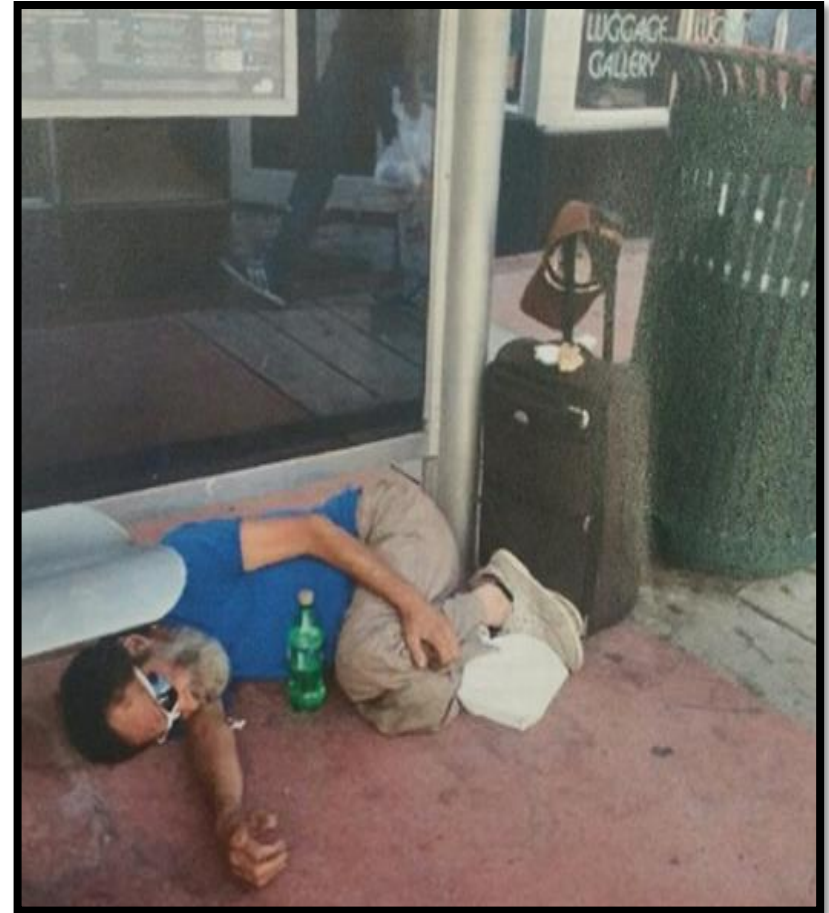
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## CASE EXAMPLE: PEDRO (CONT.)



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## CASE EXAMPLE: PEDRO (CONT.)



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# TREATMENT TIMELINE: PEDRO

8/2016  
Thriving Mind receives information on Pedro from MBPD

8/2016  
Pedro is admitted to ICU

11/14/16  
Pedro is ready for discharge from the hospital. Thriving Mind places Pedro on residential substance abuse waitlist

11/22/16  
Thriving Mind secures shelter bed. MBPD transports to shelter, so that Pedro can await placement for residential treatment bed.

11/28/16  
Pedro is admitted into residential substance abuse treatment program.

4/28/17  
Pedro successfully completes residential substance abuse treatment program. He is placed in an emergency shelter bed, until an apartment is secured for him.

7/4/17  
Pedro is moved in to his own apartment.

1/2018  
Pedro has an accident (fall) that resulted in hip surgery. While hospitalized, his apartment is broken into and burglarized. He gets evicted by his landlord.

2/2018  
Discharged from the hospital to homelessness and is placed back into a shelter bed.

5/14/18  
A new apartment is found for Pedro, he signs his lease and receives his keys.



## CASE EXAMPLE: PEDRO (CONT.) A NEW BEGINNING...





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## CASE EXAMPLE: KENNETH

**EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL PAST**  
**27 ARRESTS:** Trespassing,  
Public Intoxication,  
Disorderly Conduct,  
Resisting Officer w/o  
Violence, Urinating in Public,  
Robbery, Possession,  
Drinking in Public  
**9 MARCHMAN ACTS**  
**3 BAKER ACTS**  
**CHRONIC MEDICAL**  
**CONDITIONS**







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## TREATMENT TIMELINE: KENNETH (CONT.)



2009



2011



2012



2016



2016



2017

# CASE EXAMPLE: KENNETH (CON'T)



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# TREATMENT TIMELINE: KENNETH

3/30/17

Thriving Mind receives information on Kenneth from MBPD

4/21/17

Kenneth is given a bed at a residential substance abuse. individual was transported to the program by MBPD, but later eloped.

4/26/17

MBPD finds Kenneth and transports him back to the program.

5/18/17

First appointment with Carrfour Supportive Housing.

6/6/17

Kenneth is accepted into Carrfour's housing.

7/7/17

Discharged from residential treatment and moved into independent apartment.





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## CASE EXAMPLE: KENNETH (CON'T)

### A NEW BEGINNING...



# CASE EXAMPLE: KENNETH (CON'T)



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# BEFORE AND AFTER: ALFREDO

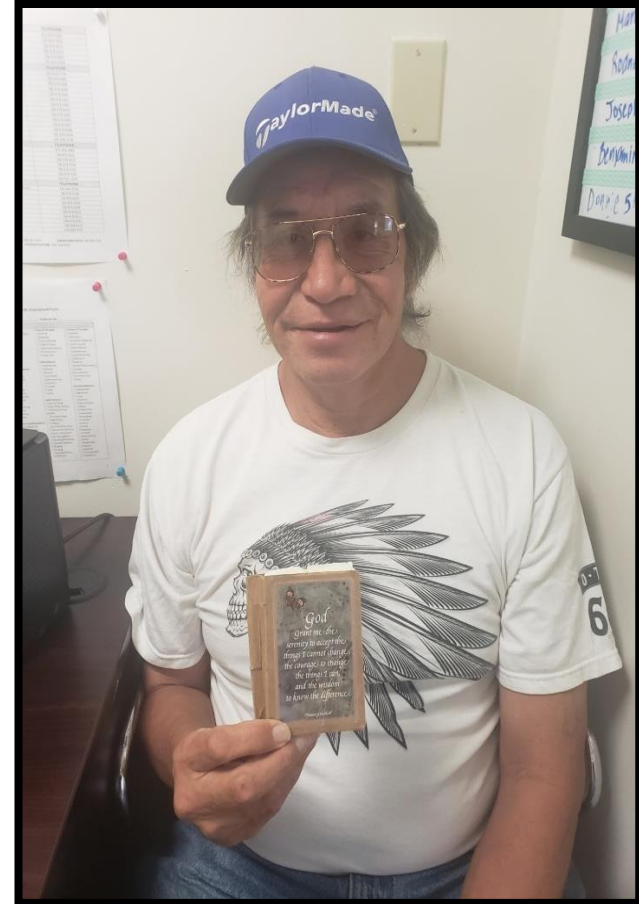




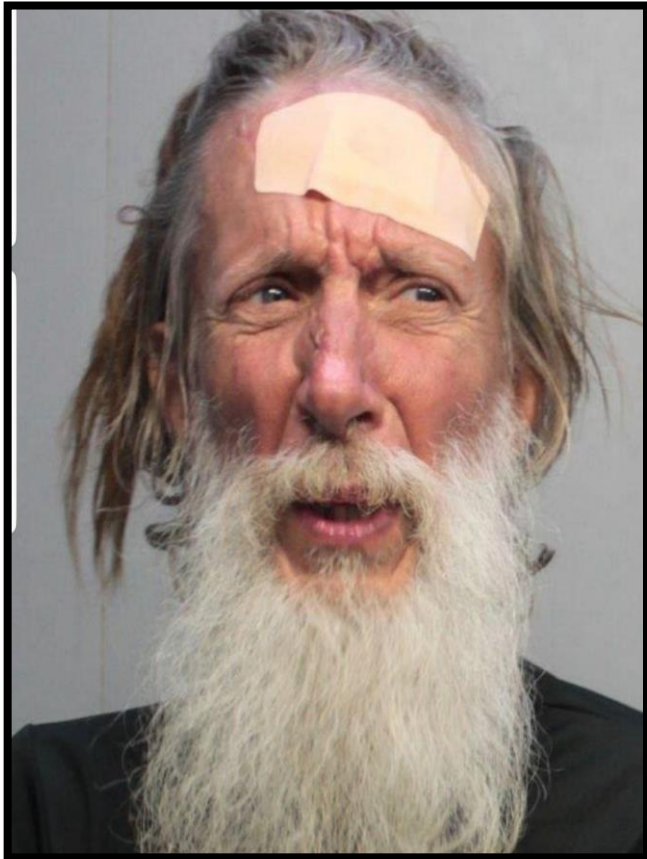


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## BEFORE AND AFTER: JOSEPH



## BEFORE AND AFTER: PAUL



# CHALLENGES



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## Lack of Resources

- Officers don't want to work with the homeless
- No housing available upon discharge
- Lack of shelter beds
- Length of residential treatment waitlist
- Chronic medical conditions
- Fair Market Rent \$1066, SSI payment is \$771

## Social Engagement

- Poor Engagement = Elopement from treatment
- Elopement could result in jail petition
- Lack of meaningful activities (employment) leads to relapse

## Data Sharing

- Limited data sharing with private facilities impairs our ability to fully assess an individuals' needs.
- Lack of jail release notification means that individual returns to the streets and process starts all over again.





# RESOLUTIONS

## Lack of Resources

- MBPD held interviews for open position until the right candidate was found
- Thriving Mind begins housing search immediately
- Thriving Mind contracts with Camillus House for shelter beds
- SOAR process for those not linked to benefits
- Use of blended funding to assist with housing

## Social Engagement

- Use of Peer Services instrumental in engagement
- MBPD visits the individual while in treatment to provide additional support and encouragement
- Thriving Mind's Housing Peer facilitates WRAP groups
- Use of drop in centers and clubhouses
- Weekly HRO staffings and monthly meetings

## Data Sharing

- Thriving Mind drafted a data sharing agreement with private facilities
- Thriving Mind has met with Dept. Of Corrections to assist with discharge planning
- Thriving Mind has held quarterly meetings with private hospitals to inform them of this project and Care Coordination services

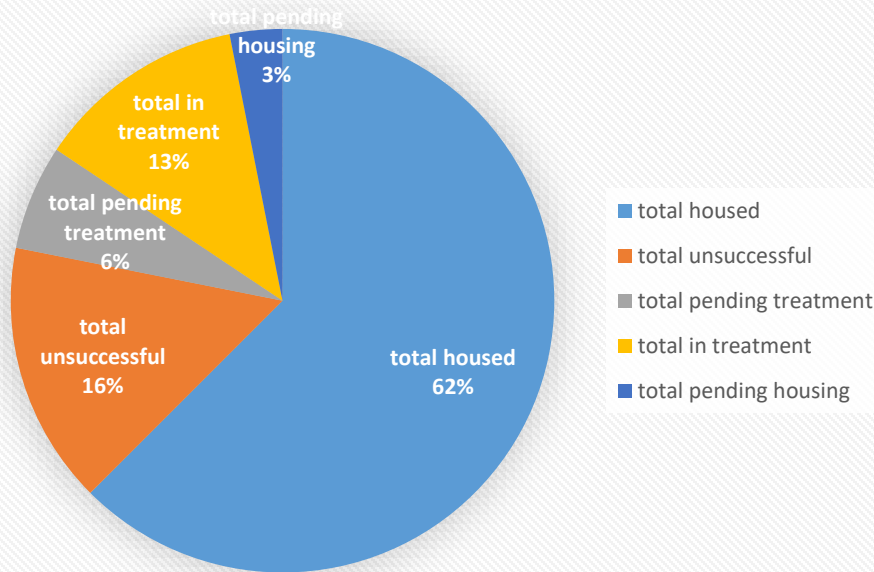


# PATH AND MBPD

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funds services for people with serious mental illness (SMI) experiencing homelessness.
- Miami-Dade County has one PATH Team at New Horizon's Community Mental Health Center.
- PATH Team:
  - Team of 4 individuals that are outreach/case managers
    - 1 Housing Navigator
    - 1 PATH Program Manager
    - 1 SOAR Specialist
    - 1 Part-time Therapist
- PATH activities include:
  - Outreach
  - Case Management
  - SOAR
  - Housing assistance
  - Coordinated outreach with Law Enforcement and Continuum of Care (CoC)

# OUTCOMES

Chart Title



There is a clear cost savings of approximately **\$238,944.48** to the community by linking these individuals to treatment and housing services. The Miami Beach residents/business owners have notified MBPD's HRO Unit to applaud their efforts as they have noticed a marked difference in the amount of homeless individuals in the streets. There is an increased awareness of this program's efforts within the treatment community that has led to increased collaboration to serve these individuals.

- 32 individuals have participated in the program, 4 are females
- 2 individuals are deceased
- 2 individuals are currently incarcerated, 1 due to felony crime
- 62 % (20) have successfully completed treatment and have been housed
  - Housing includes PSH, ALF,  $\frac{3}{4}$  way house, Residential level IV and relocation
- 16 % (4) are in treatment and (1) has completed treatment and is pending housing
- 79% of all participants are no longer on the streets



# PATH AND MBPD



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# LESSONS LEARNED

- Establish relationships and communication early in the process;
- Having dedicated Homeless Resource Officers is vital to the success of the program;
- Relapse is part of recovery. Individuals will likely engage in this process multiple times;
- Private facilities should be informed of this process to allow for the coordination of care for the individuals and MOU creation for data sharing;
- Begin the search for housing options early in the process as safe and affordable housing is difficult to access;
- Individuals are likely to elope from facilities unless they are ready to fully commit to treatment, engagement is key;
- Place individuals onto the Substance Abuse Residential Treatment waitlist as soon as the Marchman Act order is in place;
- Coordination with providers and stakeholders (police, hospitals, crisis unit, courts, jails, treatment providers) is key to treatment planning and success;
- The importance of the use of Peers in Recovery;
- Buy-in from administration is vital to getting any program off the ground and for ensuring long-term viability;
- Monthly case staffing have been crucial in treatment planning and provision;
- Establishing aftercare supports upon discharge from residential treatment leads to a smoother transition into independent living.

# RECOGNITIONS



South Florida Behavioral Health Network and its community partner, the Miami Beach Police Department, were honored in early November with the 2018 Homeless Trust "Changemaker Award" for the team's overwhelming dedication to those in our community who find themselves homeless.



NBC 6 features MBPD and Thriving Mind's TEAM UP project to help the homeless.

[MBPD Tackles Homeless Problem](#)



## Partners

- Mt. Sinai Hospital
- Jackson Crisis Mental Health
- Miami Beach Homeless Outreach Team
- Miami Beach Park Rangers
- Thriving Mind South Florida (Formally SFBHN)
- Banyan Health
- 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida

# Partnerships



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