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Objectives/Obiettivi	By documenting case studies of the most severely mentally ill, chronically homeless individuals in the heart of Hollywood, a movement was started to push for systems change in Los Angeles county.		

Contents-text/Contenuto-testo:

In 2013, a coalition came together to identify the most severely mentally ill individuals who remained homeless on the streets of Hollywood, despite efforts underway to house homeless people. A list was created of the most severely mentally ill, who were vulnerable and most likely to die without intervention. Fourteen names were placed on the list – hence the “Hollywood Top 14” was born.

By following the lives of these 14 people, much was learned about the system that relegates people to a life on the street (some moving in and out of jail) because of laws, procedures and resource limitations that have evolved ever since the deinstitutionalization movement of the 1970’s. America went in the opposite direction of Italy, and the consequences of this fatal direction is evident in the shocking rates of homelessness and incarceration of mentally ill people.

Lessons learned from Hollywood 14 case studies have documented where changes could be made to improve the prospect of a better quality of life for our mentally ill neighbors, and the Los Angeles delegation of county leaders has travelled to Trieste to bring new inspiration home to Los Angeles to forge a better way forward.