Meaningful Dialogue: on Housing & Health

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Housing: Investing in the Future

No one should experience homelessness.
No one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

The socioeconomic issues associated with poverty, including limited access to high-quality health care, housing, and HIV prevention education, directly and indirectly increase the risk for HIV infection and affect the health of people living with and at risk for HIV infection.

(CDC, HIV Among African Americans, November 2011)

Stable supportive housing is the cornerstone of HIV/AIDS treatment, allowing individuals to access care regularly.

(United State Interagency Council on Homelessness)
Despite the effectiveness of HAART at reducing viral load, only about one fourth of all persons diagnosed with HIV in the United States are virally suppressed, mainly because only about half...are receiving regular care.

328,000 beneficiaries of HAART with viral suppression—28% of 1.2 million Americans living with HIV (with 65% in MA).

Expansion of Medicaid eligibility based on income in 2014 also need to address early interventions, expanding access to care and providing supportive services.

(NMAC, etal, Amicus Brief, FL vs. DHHS 2/17/12)
HOPWA: Investing in the Future

Components of HOPWA FY12 funding: $332 million (part of HUD $38.3 billion—83% used to support 4.5 million households with rental assistance)

Formula Allocations (90%): $298.8 million (125 grantees, established in annual action plans and 5 year Consolidated Plans)
  • highest level in program history
  • allocations coordinated with CBBG, HOME and ESG funds

Competitive Grants (10%): $33.2 million (28 renewals, 3-29-12) including models for re-entry post-incarceration efforts, employment services and life skills, action to address chronic homelessness, and rural projects

Technical Assistance in HUD Transformation Initiative
  (info technology, research, demonstration projects and cross-cutting technical assistance $50 million; selection pending)
HOPWA: Household Results

Housing Components of HOPWA

This investment continues current HOPWA diversity of housing support provided to 60,234 households

- **25,656 households in long-term housing** (TBRA 18,139 & 7,517 in permanent housing facility units) &
- **35,275 households in short-term programs & in transitional/short-term housing units** that help prevent homelessness (28,379 STRMU & 6,896 in TH/ST units, 2011 reports, some movement by types)

Targeted Results: 97% are households with very low incomes, less than 50% area median income (almost 90% with extremely low incomes less than 30% of area median incomes, 2010 data)
HOPWA: Program Results

2011 Expenditure by Type of Housing Assistance

- **Tenant-based Rental Assistance**: 47.94%
- **Households in permanent housing facilities that receive operating subsidies/leased units**: 26.90%
- **Households in transitional/short-term facilities that receive operating subsidies**: 10.64%
- **Households in permanent housing facilities developed with capital funds, and placed in service during the operating year**: 0.79%
- **Households in transitional/short-term facilities developed with capital funds, and placed in service during the operating year**: 0.10%
- **Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance**: 13.63%
HOPWA: Outcomes for Clients

2011 Outcomes by Type of Housing Assistance

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The HOPWA $332 million investment supports a diversity of housing support provided to 60,234 households along with 30,793 in “leveraged” units.

- Grantees identified 145,366 households of PLWH in need of housing assistance (44% for TBRA, 36% for short-term/transitional & 20% facility).

- Unmet need from other HIV programs, e.g. over 25,000 PLWH in homeless situations, sheltered homeless data (2010 AHAR); 103,000 CARE beneficiaries reported in nonpermanent housing, HRSA data from Ryan White projects. (2009);

- Sheltered/unsheltered homeless count of 630,000 at point in time, along with 1.6 Americans experiencing homelessness during year;

- Worst case housing needs increasing, 20% from 2007-2009 data HUD PDR for 7.1 million very low income renters (41% ).
The National HIV/AIDS Strategy establishes three major goals to: reduce HIV infections, increase access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS and improve health outcomes, and reduce HIV-related disparities.

The strategy includes nine objectives, such as:

Achieve the NHAS target of increasing the number of Ryan White clients with permanent housing from 82% to 86% by 2015

HUD is taking actions on 20 items including lead roles on:

- Developing a plan to shift to HIV case reporting as a basis for HOPWA formula funding.
- Increasing access to housing & non-medical services.
Expanding Short-Term Housing Interventions.

- Updates this cost-effective option in alignment with related short-term interventions under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (HPRP) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.
- Adds more flexible rental assistance term limits, up to 24 months, where appropriate, beyond current statutory limit on HOPWA at 21 weeks.
- Provides client stability assessment every 3 months
- Expands types of short-term actions in rapid rehousing of homeless persons with HIV with the use of payment caps or shallow payments when appropriate to needs.

Benefits:
(1) builds on demonstrated successes from rapid re-housing,
(2) Increases alignment with local homelessness prevention, and
(3) improves system-level coordination, training, & efficiency in assisting vulnerable households.
Targeting to areas with the greatest needs

1. Legislative action needed to shift HOPWA data source to HIV case reports, as the current formula uses cumulative AIDS cases (e.g. cases since 1981) for 75% of funds & AIDS incidence (e.g. new cases per population reported in last three years) for 25%.

2. Update targeting on needs & greater equity by addressing housing costs & community resources, such as use of Fair Market Rents (FMR) and Poverty to recognize disproportionate impacts on service delivery.

3. Protect current operations & administrative adjustments.

4. Estimated to shift about 14% of funds, 4% each year over three years.
Fair Market Rents (FMRs) among all States and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) receiving FY2012 HOPWA funding

Fair Market Rent
- Under $800 (66)
- $800 - $1,000 (49)
- $1,000 - $1,400 (18)
- $1,400 - $1,700 (10)
- $1,700 - $2,000 (2)

Created by: Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, HUD, December 2011

Data source: Office of Policy Development & Research, US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The FMRs in this map reflect 2-bedroom rates. For more information about Fair Market Rents, visit www.huduser.org/datasets/fmr.html

Data shown in this map are among the many data sets being used to assess the potential effects of changes to the statutory requirements for HOPWA formula calculation, as recommended by the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. States in white are not currently eligible for formula funding, but competitive grants operate in these areas.

All State areas are displayed regardless of HOPWA program eligibility. Only MSAs which qualify for HOPWA funding are displayed.
Poverty Rates
among all FY2012 HOPWA States and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

Poverty Rate
- 5-10% (29)
- 10-15% (82)
- 15-20% (23)
- 20-25% (7)
- Above 25% (3)

Data source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. The poverty rate was calculated as the number of individuals living in poverty divided by the total number of individuals for whom poverty status has been determined. (Persons in prisons or mental institutions, among others, would not be included in the denominator.) Poverty rate for each state was calculated by first deducting the individuals living in poverty in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) receiving HOPWA funding in their state.

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HOPWA & CPD Updates

OneCPD Technical Assistance on cross cutting needs for local capacity, on-line training on core curricula in grants management & housing service delivery

Community planning – sharing meaningful data to inform local plans, map resources, needs and market data & review project results -- with associated update in HOPWA information technology (IDIS)

Cross-program linkages to leverage resources on HIV & homelessness – core indicators, outcomes & linkage with homeless systems (HMIS) & related CARE reporting

New authorization -- HEARTH Act homeless assistance, e.g. Emergency Solution Grants (rapid re-housing/homelessness prevention)

Housing First concepts, alignment of systems of care that target vulnerabilities, build allies, check on capacities & prioritize resources
HOPWA & Other Updates

New Partnerships with housing authorities – Community Planning and Public Housing networks *Promoting Partnerships to Utilize Housing as a Platform for Improving Quality of Life*, CPD Notice 2011-09 issued 9/20/11 and related second chance activities in assisting ex-offenders in re-entry.


LGBT WH Conference on Housing and Homelessness (Detroit 3/12) including issues on runaway and homeless youth.

HUD issued Equal Access rule (effective 3/5/12) on rights of LGBT people to prevent discrimination on basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in HUD funded programs.
HOPWA Information

HOPWA documents, profiles, on-line financial management training, oversight/desk guide and links to webinars & eLearning resources

www.HUDHRE.info/HOPWA section
on the Homelessness Resource Exchange

• Find a Local HOPWA Project Info
• Email to HOPWA@hud.gov