# NATIONAL PARAMETER STREAMENT



## **Housing & Wellness Success Stories:**

**Preparing Clients for Successful Permanent Placement & To** 

**Achieve Viral Suppression** 

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## **Session Objectives**

- 1. Explore how to structure a successful housing program to ensure clients achieve viral suppression and remain healthy
- 2. Identify how hard discussions create a vision Importance of consumer input and collaboration with your Ryan White Planning Council
- 3. Identify creative ways to use intensive case management support services and linkage to community resources as a way to empower clients to become self-sufficient and live independently



## **HUD Housing Continuum**







## **Transitional Housing Program – Before 2015**



- 1 Funding Source
- 1 site
- 21 weeks in length
- In-Shelter setting
- ~ 27 clients served annually
- \$66,000 contract
- 1 Housing Case Manager

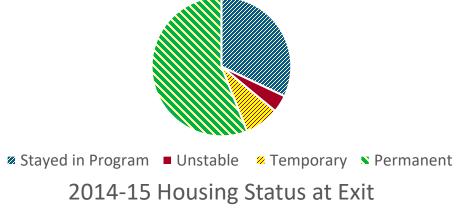




## **Pre-2015 KC-TGA Transitional Housing**



2013-14 Housing Status at Exit





■ Stayed in Program ■ Unstable ■ Temporary ■ Permanent





## **KCHD HIV Services – Housing Program Philosophy**

## Stable, Affordable Housing is a Necessary Structural Intervention to End the HIV **Epidemic**





## Building Systematic, Structural Interventions to Move Clients Along Housing Continuum

#### **Homeless to Subsidy**

- HOPWA Transitional Shelter
  - SPNS Data Integration
  - SPNS KC Life 360
- Ryan White Transitional Shelter
  - RW Emergency Financial Asst.
  - Transitional Off-Site

#### **Affordable**

- Shelter Plus Care
- HOPWA TBRA
  - HUD/DOJ HOPWA/VAWA

#### Market

HOPWA STRMU





## Transitional Housing Program – After 2016

- Longer Placements up to 24 months vs.
   21 weeks
- Added Off-Site Units (x10) Tiered
   Transitional Housing Placement Approach
- An additional Housing Case Manager
- \$349,334 in funding from multiple sources previously \$66,000
- **PLUS** many other sources of leveraged funds, staff, resources and infrastructure







## General Overview of **Data System** Integration

**BRDI: MO Surveillance Data** (CD4/VL)

**Quarterly upload to SCOUT** Labs Module

KSEHARS: KS Surveillance Data (CD4/VL)

Monthly upload to SCOUT **Labs Module** 

**HMIS: Housing Data** (select data elements)

Monthly upload to SCOUT back end tables

MCMs: Medical Care Data (CD4/VL/ Visit)

Standard requires @ least 2 (CD4/VL/VMC) per client per year

**SCOUT Verified Medical** Care Module



**Securing Client Outcomes Through Technology** 

Ryan White (RW) client-level database

Access by all RW provider types, Housing providers, and some surveillance staff







## What's Luck Got To Do With It?

Quote by Thomas
Jefferson, US
President and author
of Declaration of
Independence

"I'm a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."





## **Evolution of KC's Housing Program**

Planning and Decision Making

2012: KC-TGA Comprehensive Plan – Planning Council & Recipient begin to prioritize housing as a service gap for PLWH

2013: KC-TGA Planning Council (PC) conducts a Needs Assessment focused on Housing & Oral Health

2014: Consumer advocacy on PC for more housing resources in TGA; Prioritized but not funded; Discussions between previous Housing Manager and Manager of HIV Services about housing program gaps.

**Program Activity** 

2012: No significant changes to Housing Programs

2013: KC-TGA begins participation in HAB's H4C Initiative; No significant changes to Housing Programs

2014: Manager of HIV Services begins to attend local Housing Continuum of Care (CoC) Coalition meetings





## **Evolution of KC's Housing Program 2015**

Planning and Decision Making

2015: Discussions between new Housing Manager and Manager of HIV Services about housing program gaps and need for HIV Care Continuum data for housing (H4C); Notice of upcoming, joint data integration project between HAB and HUD; KC-TGA begins working with state of Missouri to develop 5-year integrated HIV Prevention & Care Plan

**Program Activity** 

2015: New Housing Manager hired; Attends HUD HIV Care Continuum Technical Assistance Conference (Included expectation for attendees to create a local plan for discussing Housing Care Continuum); KC-TGA application for Housing & HIV Data Integration Project





## **Evolution of KC's Housing Program 2016-17**

Planning and Decision Making

2016: PC Allocates FY17 funding for Housing Services; 2016-2020 MO HIV Prevention & Care Integrated Plan completed with multiple references to housing gaps and needs, KC Housing Task Force created; H4C Initiative concludes;

2017: KC-TGA PC provides Part A funding for Housing Services (FY17 and FY16 Carryover) – marks 1<sup>st</sup> time in over 15 years that Part A funds support housing services; KC participates in HAB Data to Care Collaborative; KC video highlighting role of housing in HIV Care Continuum released at APHA Convention

**Program Activity** 

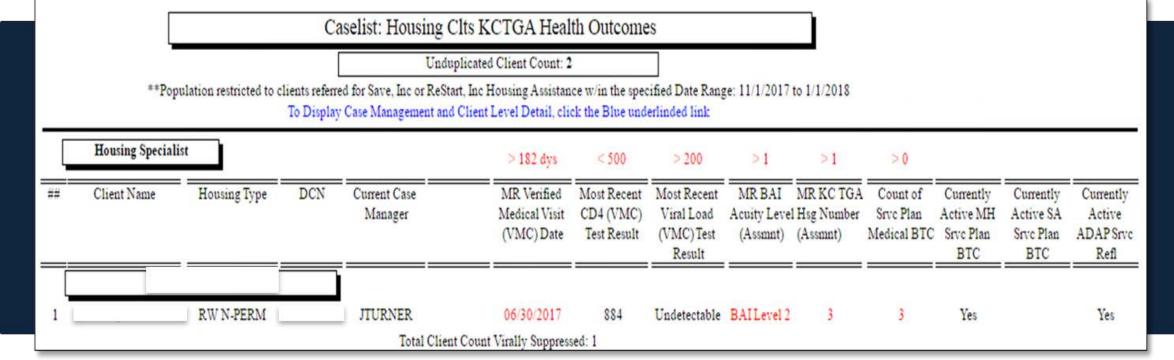
2016: KC-TGA Award for Housing and HIV Data Integration Project, KC application for HOPWA/VAWA Project; Local Housing CoC HMIS Vendor Change; HIV Services adds Housing Support Specialist

2017: 1st HMIS data transfer from previous HMIS; HOPWA/VAWA funded; added requirements for HIV Care Continuum, care coordination & database utilization to housing contracts; New HMIS for local CoC goes live; Offsite transitional housing begins; Housing specialists added to Ryan White Case Management bi-monthly Service Coordination meetings





## Linking Housing & Health – KC Housing & Health Outcomes Report







## **Evolution of KC's Housing Program 2018-19**

### Planning and Decision Making

2018: Manager of HIV Services spent 3 weeks in KCMO Housing Dept as part of Exchange Program; HIV Services participates in joint meetings between KCMO Health Dept., Housing Dept. and City Planning Dept.; Housing measures added to HIV Services performance measures for KCMO budget and Citywide Business Plan.

2019: HIV Services engagement in Citywide & Health Dept. work on access to affordable housing and housing as a social determinant of health;

### **Program Activity**

2018:HIV, Housing & Employment SPNS grant funded; HIV Services added Employment Specialist; 1<sup>st</sup> data transfer from new HMIS into SCOUT;

2019: Off-site Transitional Housing Program consolidates at new location allowing supportive services to be colocated.





### What is Luck?

Quote by Seneca, Roman Philosopher "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."





## KC-TGA HIV-Related Housing Programs – Vision For The Future



- ✓ Complete Tiered Transitional Housing Model
- ✓ Leverage KCMO Housing Projects To Benefit PLWH
- ✓ Help Expand Access to Affordable Housing in Region
- ✓ Partner With Other KCMO/KCHD Programs To Improve Quality Of Housing For PLWH
- ✓ Plan for PLWH transition from Subsidized to Market Housing

