

Housing as Healthcare:  
Sustainable Models for Care, Treatment and Prevention  
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1.	So the goal (of the undetectables project) was 80% of participants being virally suppressed, what percentage of participants were virally suppressed at the start of the two year pilot and what percentage were virally suppressed at the end of the two year pilot?	At pre enrollment 54% were virally suppressed and 37% were undetectable. After the first year 77% were virally suppressed, 19% undetectable and 3% unknown. We are still awaiting data for year two.
2.	You mentioned a website that can help people build the housing continuum of care in their communities, can you give the address for that?	Yes, it's, well the easiest way to get to it is <a href="http://HUDexchange.info">HUDexchange.info</a> --one word. Then in the search bar type in HIV Housing Care Continuum Initiative and that little page will pop up.
3.	We house over 200 individuals but have over 300 on our waiting list it appears now to be an issue of "affordable housing" to support those living with HIV and AIDS, do you have any thoughts on funding to assist those who need help? (to address those on the waiting list)	<p>A lot of ideas and it's probably going to get more challenging in this current political climate but that being said we are actually doing a lot of work showing housing as healthcare and really looking at models where people are actually using some other health resource dollars to actually develop housing. So there are places in the country such as, I believe, in the Chicago area there are some of their healthcare providers that are actually being incentivized for improved health outcomes. One of the things we are seeing is that when their clients are housed they are actually improving their health outcomes so therefore it is in the healthcare provider's best interest to invest in housing.</p> <p>Of course you've got really progressive places like New York who has the Medicaid redesign team that is looking at ways of really using some of their local dollars to really do housing development just because we are seeing those healthcare improvements and then we are looking at models where people are really combining the services in an integrated way to provide services as a kind of package of supportive housing dollars to be able to really make sure that the housing is provided to those people.</p> <p>We say that with the caveat that we know it's a challenge. There is no easy fix for this and a lot of it is about how do you bring your community together and show that this is a priority to be able to do it and develop</p>

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		<p>housing plans. Some communities like what we are doing here in D.C., are really looking at their plan to end the epidemic and where do some of these structural interventions play a role so how do we get those services prioritized so we can increase dollars to the housing development side or even the housing subsidy side. If we can get a way to really increase the money available for housing subsidies that will do a tremendous amount to really decrease some of the homelessness among people living with HIV.</p> <p>And the other piece is really partnering with your homeless providers and other areas providing services to chronic conditions and seeing how people living with HIV are either eligible for or how you can create a different kind of system.'</p> <p>Again we don't say this lightly, that there's an easy solution to it but we do know that if we keep working at it we will make strides in the direction we need to go.</p>