

# MINNESOTA HIV HOUSING PLAN

## MISSION

To improve accessibility and expand housing options for HIV-positive individuals through advocacy, education, and use of best practices.

## GOALS

To achieve our mission of expanded and accessible housing options, Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition has **five main goals**:

1. More HIV Housing
2. Advocacy and Education
3. Representation
4. Data and Coordination
5. Partnerships

### MN HIV HOUSING COALITION

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1. MORE HIV HOUSING	1.1 <b>Incentive funds for landlords serving PLWH: create Landlord Mitigation Funds/options</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore the HousingLink Beyond Backgrounds program, potentially with a coalition pot of funds</li> <li>2. Determine how to fund this as a collaborative pot, eligibility of use for funds, etc.</li> <li>3. Propose to the coalition the creation of a risk mitigation fund</li> <li>4. Federal bill in the Senate to fund this.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ HousingLink opened Beyond Backgrounds programming to people who meet eligibility qualifications.</li> <li>▶ Minnesota Housing has a small landlord mitigation fund and is currently running a pilot program, (more TBD)</li> <li>▶ As of 2021 there are 414 units including transitional, PSH, and Scattered site</li> </ul>	<p><i>Lead(s) Kim Lieberman</i></p> <p>Stakeholder(s): HousingLink, Beyond Backgrounds, Sen. Tina Smith's office (possibly funding source through PHAs), Minnesota Housing, Ryan White, HOPWA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 1,000 housing units designated for PLWH/A in MN by June 2025</li> <li>▶ XX low barrier housing options by June 2025 <b>OR</b> XX% of housing options are low barrier by 2025</li> </ul>
	1.2 <b>Increase both supportive housing and affordable housing w/o services</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Landlord Recruitment</li> <li>2. Expanding scattered-site options in Metro and greater MN (Clare, Rainbow, RAAN to talk)</li> <li>3. Building more PSH for PLWH</li> <li>4. More PHA vouchers for PLWH (specialty vouchers)</li> <li>5. Creating a transition plan for people to move on when ready</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Rainbow Health Partnership with St Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) has provided over 50 permanent vouchers. [Specific #'s TBD]</li> <li>▶ Bloom Lake Flats, a new supportive housing model for families and singles via Clare Housing / PPL</li> <li>▶ Aliveness Project Rapid Rehousing</li> </ul>	<p><i>Lead(s): Phoebe Trepp</i></p> <p>Stakeholder(s): Public Housing Authority (PHAs), Minnesota Housing</p>	
	1.3 <b>New Housing Models</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compile a list of housing models</li> <li>2. Connect with interested parties and discuss funding opportunities (?)</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Housing model options/ideas list compiled, shared via Newsletter</li> <li>▶ Participate in Low Barrier Housing meetings to connect with interested parties</li> </ul>	<p><i>Lead(s): Kim Lieberman</i></p> <p>Stakeholder(s): Hennepin County</p>	
	1.4 <b>Identify housing dollars for HIV-specific housing statewide</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the 2018 proposal for the HIV Housing Subsidy Pool modeled after a program of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services</li> </ol>		<p><i>Lead(s): Open Position</i></p> <p>Stakeholder(s): Mayo Clinic, Duluth CM, RAAN</p>	

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<b>1. MORE HIV HOUSING</b>	<b>1.5</b>  Use data to inform priorities in the new housing model	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get the answer to the question: what do un-housed PLWH want in housing?</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Aaron Peterson's 2020 needs assessment can inform this.</li> <li>▶ Low Barrier meeting, HOPE (Twin Cities and Duluth) meeting, and further surveys can continue to help inform this question.</li> </ul>	<i>Lead(s): Phoebe Trepp</i>	
<b>2. ADVOCACY &amp; EDUCATION</b>  <i>Draft goal:</i>  <i>Have processes and relationships in place to continually advocate for appropriate funding for PLWH/A in MN. (Congressional reps and state administrators will have info and understand the needs, and have direct go-to people in these offices)</i>	<b>2.1</b>  Create a specific housing advocacy platform and update it annually	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compile local data to inform the platform</li> <li>2. Use local data to communicate needs on the national and state level, share key talking points, briefs, etc. with the public, to reinforce the advocacy platform</li> <li>3. Disseminate information via MN HIV Housing Coalition email such as action alerts, related information, etc.</li> <li>4. Create an advocacy platform one-pager (?)</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ HIV Public Policy Coalition - HIV Advocacy Entity (MN HIV Housing Coalition must inform them about HIV Housing policy)</li> <li>▶ One platform is Public Policy Advocacy; HIV Housing Coalition's responsibility is to advocate for housing within this platform</li> </ul>	<i>Lead(s): Bill Tiedemann, Phoebe Trepp</i>	▶ Housing advocacy platform established and updated annually
	<b>2.2</b>  Consistent communication with congressional offices and elected and appointed officials about Coalition work and goals.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create an MN HIV Housing Coalition email address to forward and send action alerts, and other advocacy-related information – Aamina M./Kim L. working with Antonio R. internally @ Rainbow Health</li> <li>2. Keeping elected officials in the loop about our work</li> <li>3. This can be written to elected officials as constituents or agencies. Action alerts through coalition based on information from HIV/Housing community</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Conversations between Coalition and Sen. Tina Smith's staff</li> <li>▶ Sent out action alerts urging Coalition members to reach out to their representatives as individuals</li> </ul>	<i>Lead(s): Bill Tiedemann</i>	▶ Provide biannual coalition work and goal updates to congressional offices and elected and appointed officials

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<b>2. ADVOCACY &amp; EDUCATION</b>	<b>2.3</b> <b>HOPWA &amp; Ryan White funding advocacy on the National level</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coalition reps share National updates regularly: tap Phil D., Matt T., Phoebe T.</li> <li>Sign-on process to support advocacy as needed.</li> </ol>		<i>Lead(s): Bill Tiedemann</i>  Stakeholder(s): Calvin at IPTF on MN HIV Planning Council, Phoebe T. at Clare on NAHC, Phil D. at Rainbow & Matt T. at Aliveness is on AIDS United	► Have Coalition representation in National AIDS Housing Coalition
	<b>2.4</b> <b>Regular education, training &amp; speakers, such as on Olmstead Act, relevant topics, emerging issues</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate coalition on what Olmstead is</li> <li>Explore Olmstead committee rep/membership</li> <li>Identify areas/topics of interest</li> </ol>	► Shelley Madore, Olmstead Implementation Office Director spoke at April 2022 MN HIV Housing Coalition meeting	<i>Lead(s): Bill Tiedemann</i>  Stakeholder(s): Statewide Olmstead Subcabinet, ARRM ('Association of Residential Resources in MN')	► Host webinars, lunch and learns, and/or training on different housing-related topic areas <b>quarterly/ biannually</b>
<b>3. REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>3.1</b> <b>Increase participation and diversity in the HIV Housing Coalition</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage members to bring coalition information back to their orgs</li> <li>Plan for staff turnover and how to engage new staff without losing steam</li> </ol>	► Reach out to African American AIDS Task Force and other agencies not represented in the coalition  ► Connect with Zara Wolfe, MCN about statewide (socio-cultural?) diversity	<i>Lead(s): Aamina Mohamed</i>	► Conduct XX outreach events in Greater MN
	<b>3.2</b> <b>Greater MN representation in the HIV Housing Coalition</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect with Rochester-Mayo to gauge their interest in getting involved</li> <li>Connect with satellite services and exchange programs to see if they'd get involved from rural MN</li> <li>Connect w/ Duluth health and housing group</li> <li>Reach out to HUD CoC regions</li> </ol>	► Nikki St Claire currently doing Greater MN outreach (HOPE meetings are coordinating pop-ups between Twin Cities/Duluth)  ► Kim L. is in contact with several CoCs	<i>Lead(s): Lauri Simons</i>	► Have greater MN representation from St. Louis County (Duluth), Stearns County (St. Cloud), Olmsted County (Rochester), and Clay County (Moorhead)

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3. REPRESENTATION	3.3  Coalition representation at non-HIV-specific housing collaborations (Hennepin Co CES, Homes for All)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New HIV rep on Hennepin Co CES</li> <li>2. Need an HIV rep to attend Homes for ALL (meets the same time as HIV HC)</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Coalition represented on CDC Center for Excellence group (Kim L.)</li> <li>▶ Amber Poppe, Clare Housing, will serve on HC CES</li> </ul>	Lead(s): Kim Lieberman	Have Coalition representative on non-HIV-specific housing collaborations
	3.4  Coalition representation with MDH/DHS/End HIV MN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Virtual introduction with Brenda, Hennepin County coordinator, and Aaron to set up a meeting w/ Kim</li> </ol>			Have Coalition representative on End HIV MN advisory board
4. DATA AND COORDINATION	4.1  Define one housing continuum model we want to use (establish shared definitions of homeless categories.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defining one housing continuum model proved difficult due to different funder definitions(?) - We discussed making established definitions more accessible.</li> <li>2. Rewording goal</li> <li>3. Ask Hennepin County (Jonathan H.) to work with us to create a continuum</li> <li>4. Glossary of set definitions so there's an accessible one-pager.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Kim to check with Jonathan Hanft about developing a model</li> <li>▶ Use data from Aaron for support on this, potential data 101 for HIV and Housing?</li> </ul>	Lead(s): Calvin Hylton  Stakeholder(s): Hennepin County (?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The housing continuum model developed</li> <li>▶ Glossary of set definitions one-pager developed and accessible</li> </ul>
	4.2  Gather Coordinated Entry/ HMIS data on HIV status and housing preferences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline questions to answer – how data can be useful</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Discussion with Aaron at meeting 2/24/2022 - document follow-up.</li> <li>▶ Look at the <a href="#">2020 survey data</a>, and reports from Aaron with details.</li> </ul>	Lead(s): Brenda Senyana, Calvin Hylton  Stakeholder(s): Aaron Peterson	<p>XX% of eligible HIV-positive individuals housed (vs. # referred)</p> <p>XX% of housed individuals that are virally suppressed</p> <p>XX% of HIV Housing units occupied</p>

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4. DATA AND COORDINATION	4.3 Compare CES and Ryan White data	1. Outline questions to answer – how data can be useful		Lead(s): Calvin Hylton, Brenda Senyana  Stakeholder(s): Aaron Peterson	XX% who is missing on the housing waitlist, & are those in housing getting medical care
	4.4 Look at outcomes beyond HIV viral status, other emergency health service use, detox, corrections, recidivism, and how housing and/or health care for PLWH changes service use.			Lead(s): Phoebe Trepp	XX% emergency health service use,  XX% detox/withdrawal management use  XX% corrections/justice-involvement  XX% recidivism rates  how housing and/or health care for PLWH changes service use.
5. PARTNERSHIPS	5.1 Bringing together HIV Housing Govt Funders to help work toward shared goals, i.e., COVID response, encampment response, and other priorities. Inform our representatives of the status of these projects.	1. Pursue quarterly meetings of funders	▶ Quarterly meetings occurring, updates at coalition meetings	Stakeholder(s): Ryan White from Hennepin Co. and DHS, HOPWA, and providers	Platform to bring together HIV Housing Govt Funders established



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5. PARTNERSHIPS	5.2  Coordination with Healthcare for the Homeless, on the unsheltered population's needs and status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working to increase med compliance from 68% - to 73% in metro (CQ2 focus)</li> <li>Lauri to connect Scott &amp; greater MN re: homeless pop needs</li> </ol>		<p><i>Lead(s): Lauri Simons, Scott Olson</i></p> <p>Stakeholder(s): Sarah Jane/HCH, Susannah King, Samantha Cooke, St. Louis Co. COC, CQ2 - local &amp; national cohort, Duluth Health &amp; Housing group</p>	5.2  Coordination with Healthcare for the Homeless, on the unsheltered population's needs and status
	5.3  Connect with mainstream resources to supplement HIV-specific funding, particularly HUD and homeless dollars, and CoC funding, and begin to explore USDA and VA, SAMHSA, Medicaid, etc. for housing and supportive service dollars.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a client-centered process among HIV service providers and other applicable community organizations to support people living with HIV in accessing Housing Stabilization Services.</li> </ol>	<p>► Kim's Housing Info Newsletter (shares resources)</p>	<i>Lead(s): Kim Lieberman</i>	
	5.4  Partner with Public Housing Authorities to obtain more HIV-specific units, Mainstream or Emergency Housing Vouchers, etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hennepin &amp; Ramsey CoCs/PHAs were accepting partners for Emergency Housing Vouchers</li> </ol>		<p><i>Lead(s): Kim Lieberman</i></p> <p>Stakeholder(s): Rainbow Health partners with SPPHA for Mainstream vouchers, Metro HRA, MPHA</p>	