WHY HOUSING?
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• RESEARCH FINDINGS PRESENTED AT THE HOUSING AND HIV/AIDS RESEARCH SUMMIT SERIES:
HOMELESSNESS AND UNSTABLE HOUSING ARE STRONGLY LINKED TO...
• GREATER HIV RISK AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
• POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS
• EARLY DEATH
STUDIES ALSO SHOW STRONG AND CONSISTENT CORRELATIONS BETWEEN IMPROVED HOUSING STATUS AND...
• REDUCTION IN HIV/AIDS RISK BEHAVIOR
• BETTER ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE
• IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES
• SAVINGS IN TAXPAYER DOLLARS.
WHAT IS HOPWA?
(HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS)

• THE PROGRAM, CREATED IN 1992, DIRECTLY ADDRESSES THE HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV (PLWHIV). RESEARCH SHOWS THAT HOUSING IS THE GREATEST UNMET NEED OF PLWHIV.

• HOPWA WORKS IN CONCERT WITH RYAN WHITE. NEW GUIDANCE ENCOURAGES DATA SHARING BETWEEN THE TWO PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES.

• NEW FORMULA UPDATE IS BEING INSTITUTED OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO SIX YEARS YEAR TO INCLUDE ALL LIVING PLWHIV.

• A 2017 INCREASE OF $21 MILLION TO $356 MILLION HELPED TO PREVENT LOSSES IN SOME JURISDICTIONS; ANOTHER $19 MILLION IS NEEDED IN 2018.

• CURRENT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS: SENATE - $356 MILLION VS. HOUSE - $335 MILLION
WHAT CHANGES WITH MODERNIZATION?

- ELIMINATES DISTRIBUTION BASED ON CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES
- ADDS FACTORS FOR FAIR MARKET RENT AND AREA POVERTY
- AS MATHEMATICALLY POSSIBLE, CAPS GAINS AT 10%/LOSSSES AT 5%
- BETTER REFLECTS THE DOMESTIC HIV EPIDEMIC AS IT HAS EVOLVED
- NO JURISDICTION HAS ADEQUATE FUNDING!
- AN ESTIMATED 391,098 PLWHIV NEED HOUSING. ¹
- HOPWA ONLY SERVES 50,000 TO 60,000 ANNUALLY

¹ Center for Disease Control and Prevention
HOW IS HOPWA UTILIZED?

EACH JURISDICTION IS DIFFERENT

• 10% ON COMPETITIVE SPECIAL PROJECTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
• 90% ON MANY FLEXIBLE CATEGORIES BUT WITH EMPHASIS ON HOUSING
  • TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (LONG TERM)
  • SHORT-TERM RENTAL, MORTGAGE, AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE
  • LEASING
  • ACQUISITION/CONSTRUCTION
  • OPERATIONS
  • HOUSING INFORMATION
  • HOUSING PLACEMENT
  • RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION
  • SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (CASE MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.)
THE ALABAMA STATEWIDE HOPWA MODEL

- AIDS ALABAMA MANAGES THE HOPWA STATE FORMULA DOLLARS, AS WELL AS THE BIRMINGHAM FORMULA FUNDS

- THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH AIDS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN SEVEN OTHER CITIES, HOPWA ASSISTANCE REACHES ALL 67 COUNTIES OF THE STATE

- RESULT IS A COORDINATED PLAN WITH THE SAME BENEFITS AVAILABLE IN EACH AREA OF THE STATE
WHERE’S THE MONEY?
A NEW AND INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP

- 1917 CLINIC SURVEYED PATIENTS AND FOUND GREATEST BARRIER TO BE LACK OF HOUSING.
- UAB PARTNERED WITH AIDS ALABAMA USING PHARMACY REVENUE.

- IN FOUR MONTHS:
  - 78 MOTEL VOUCHERS FOR HOMELESS
  - 50 RENTAL AND DEPOSIT ASSISTS
  - 63 FOOD VOUCHERS
  - 50 TRANSPORTS
  - 16 RENTAL APPLICATION FEES
  - 81 FURNITURE/UTILITIES/MOVING ASSISTS
RYAN WHITE AND HOPWA
THE PERFECT MARRIAGE?

THANK YOU!