

2016 Coalition Business from Coalition Chair, Chuck Peterson, Executive Director, Clare Housing

Greetings! Welcome to the 12th issue of the HIV Housing Coalition Status Report. The Coalition is comprised of advocates, representatives of government agencies, and HIV housing and service providers. We continually strive to improve our knowledge about good housing policy and practice.

This past year the Coalition primarily focused its conversations around GRH reform and the launch of Coordinated Entry. Coalition members have been working closely with both Hennepin and Ramsey Counties to ensure people living with HIV who are homeless understand how to access Coordinated Entry and are made aware of HIV specific housing options.

In addition to this work we have been monitoring the impact of Minnesota's new statewide Olmstead plan and the Department of Human Services work on a new Statewide Transition Plan that brings the state into compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Finally, as Coalition members as well as the broader HIV Community digests the results of the 2016 Presidential and State elections, we re-affirm our commitment to building an equitable community where all people living with HIV are valued and have access to housing and healthcare to maximize their HIV health outcomes. As a Coalition we will vigorously oppose any effort to roll back the progress we have made and will continue our work to ensure that all people living with HIV have access to the services and supports they need.

Anyone interested in our work is welcome to attend our monthly meetings. If you'd like to join us, or have questions, feel free to contact me at 612-236-9521, or email at chuck.peterson@clarehousing.org.

Our Mission: "to improve accessibility and expand housing options for HIV positive individuals through advocacy, education and use of best practices"

MN HIV Housing Coalition meets every month -- join us!

- 3rd Thursday every month
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Clare Apartments (929 Central Ave NE Mpls)

To be added to the email list, contact chuck.peterson@clarehousing.org

National information source website:
[National AIDS Housing Coalition](#)

First Call Resource

Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP)

AIDSLine:

- Metro: 612-373-2437
- Statewide: 1-800-248-2437
- www.mnaimsproject.org

HIV Housing Inventory – please contact the program for availability*

Facility	Address	Housing Type **	# Units
Clare Housing Apartment Buildings (Clare Apartments, Clare Midtown, Clare Terrace)	Minneapolis	PSH	113
Clare Housing Adult Foster Care (Grace House, Damiano House, Agape Home, Agape Dos)	Minneapolis	AFC	16
Clare Housing Scattered Site Housing	Various Locations Metro Area	PSH	42
Ford House	Minneapolis	PSH	11
Hope House	Stillwater	AFC	4
Lydia Apartments	Minneapolis	PSH	6
MLK Court (YWCA of St. Paul)	St. Paul	PSH - Families	8
St. Christopher Place (Catholic. Charities)	St. Paul	PSH	5
The Salvation Army	Metro Area	PSH - Families	14+
Metropolitan Council HRA – Housing Assistance Program (access thru THP)	Scattered Site: Metro Area	PRA	52
Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) - Transitional Housing Program (THP)		THP	70
Total (Including PRA & THP housing vouchers):			341

* Note: all programs listed above house families and singles unless specified otherwise

** **PSH** (Permanent Supportive Housing); **AFC** (Adult Foster Care); **PRA** (Permanent Rental Assistance); **THP** Transitional Housing Program

MAP's Transitional Housing Program has access to rental supports in greater Minnesota.

Clare Housing will be opening Marshall Flats, a new 36-unit supportive housing building in October 2017.

Housing Analysis

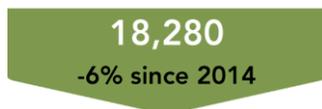
[Minnesota Housing Partnership](#)'s 2016 [2X4 Report](#) indicates that low rental vacancy rates and steadily climbing rents continue to tighten the competition for lower priced rentals, increasing cost burden and putting further strain on low-income renter households. The real-estate consulting firm Marquette Advisors reports that the average rent in the Twin Cities metro during the last quarter of 2015 was \$1,055 per month. In order for a household to meet the federal standard of housing affordability, they would need a monthly income of at least \$3,517 - that's \$42,200 annually or roughly \$20.28/hr with full-time employment.



Vacancy Rate
Twin Cities, 2015



Median Rent (10+ Units)
Twin Cities, 2015



Evictions
Minnesota, 2015

Research shows that for people living with HIV/AIDS, adequate and stable housing is preventative, hence, *housing is health care*, and serves to reduce overall healthcare costs of services provided, averts transmissions, and adds years of life.

Housing Funding and Information

- [HOPWA](#): Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- [Minnesota Housing](#): Housing Finance Agency
- [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Competitive Awards for Homeless Programs](#): a program to address homelessness through HUD's published [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#); application proposals must be consistent with the Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction of proposed projects
- [Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention](#): Local funding for [Ryan White Care Act](#) health services.
- [National Health Insurance: Affordable Care Act](#): For questions call 1-800-318-2596
- [HousingLink](#): web-based housing referral: For questions call 612-522-2500

2015 Minnesota Epidemiology

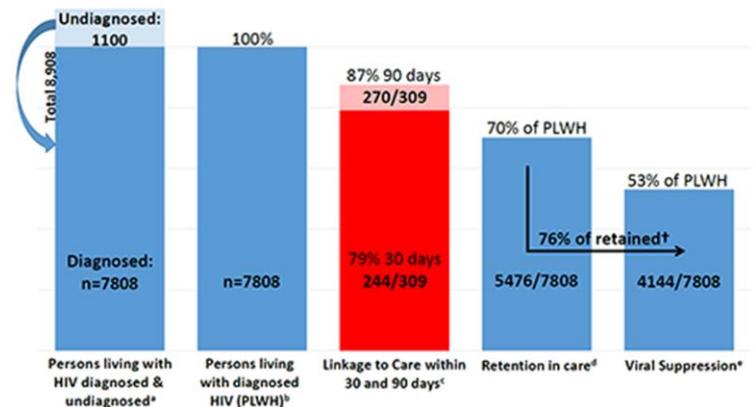
- 8,215 persons estimated living with HIV/AIDS
- 294 new HIV diagnoses statewide in 2015, a 4% decrease over 2014
- 90% of new infections are in Mpls/St. Paul metro area
- HIV cases among 20- to 29-year-olds increased by 24 percent, with 108 new cases reported in 2015 compared to 87 cases in 2014.
- The number of cases among injection drug users (IDUs) increased by 86 percent, with 26 new cases in 2015 compared to 14 cases in 2014.
- 58 percent of newly reported HIV cases were people of color.
- Male to Male sex remains the leading risk factor for HIV

Number of Cases and Rates (per 100,000 persons) of HIV Diagnoses by Race/Ethnicity†– Minnesota, 2015*

Race/Ethnicity	Cases	%	Rate
White, non-Hispanic	120	41%	2.7
Black, African-American	72	25%	36.5
Black, African-born	59	20%	76.1 ^{††}
Hispanic	24	8%	9.6
American Indian	0	0%	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	10	3%	4.7
Other [^]	6	2%	#
Total	291	100%	5.4

2015 Data Source: [Minnesota HIV/AIDS Surveillance System](#)

Percentages of persons with HIV engaged in selected stages of the continuum of care



Data Source: [MDH HIV Care Continuum](#)