

# Memorandum



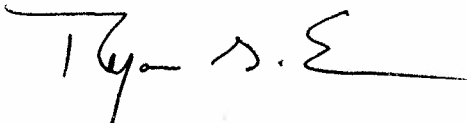
DATE March 30, 2012

TO Housing Committee Members: Carolyn R. Davis, Chair, Scott Griggs, Vice-Chair, Dwaine Caraway, Linda Koop, and Pauline Medrano

SUBJECT Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

On Monday, April 2, 2012, you will be briefed on Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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# Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

A Briefing to  
the Housing Committee

Housing/Community Services Department  
April 2, 2012



# Purpose

- ▶ To provide an overview of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant program
- ▶ To give an update on the activities and performance of the grant

# HOPWA Introduction

- ▶ City of Dallas – HOPWA Grantee for Dallas Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (Dallas EMSA)
- ▶ Dallas EMSA – 8 counties
  - Collin, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties (15,874 total persons living with HIV/AIDS)
    - Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio – have their own HOPWA programs
    - State of Texas HOPWA – covers balance of state

# HOPWA Formula Grants

- ▶ Annual HOPWA entitlement grant – allocation based on cumulative AIDS cases
- ▶ Part of City’s Consolidated Plan (CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA) – since 1993–94
- ▶ 5–Year Funding History:
  - FY2012–13 – \$4,060,375
  - FY2011–12 – \$3,969,841
  - FY2010–11 – \$3,722,637
  - FY2009–10 – \$3,642,608
  - FY2008–09 – \$3,332,000

# HOPWA Competitive Grants

- ▶ Based on proposals submitted by City of Dallas in national competition
- ▶ The Bridge – Homeless with HIV/AIDS
  - FY2005 – \$773,839
  - FY2008 – \$1,183,680 (ends 9/30/2012)
- ▶ Project Reconnect – Ex-Offenders with HIV/AIDS
  - FY2006 – \$721,000
  - FY2009 – \$721,000 (renewal) (ends 12/31/2012)
  - FY2012 – \$746,853 (projected renewal)
- ▶ Ex-Offender Housing & Community Planning
  - NEW FY2011 – \$1,287,500 (began 1/1/2012)

# HOPWA Client Eligibility

- ▶ Low-Income Persons (80% of AMI)
  - 85% of Clients = Extremely Low Income (0–30% of AMI)
  - 2% of Clients = Low Income (51–80% of AMI)
  - 13% of Clients = Very Low Income (31–50% of AMI)
- ▶ HIV/AIDS Diagnosis
- ▶ Residency in Dallas EMSA (8 counties)
- ▶ Includes family members residing in the unit  
*(Under HOPWA, family includes persons important to client's care.)*

# HOPWA Housing Assistance

## ▶ Facility Based Housing

- Congregate / project-based housing
- Funds operational costs
- Providers selected by competition

## ▶ Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- On-going rental assistance (like Section 8 voucher)
- Providers selected by competition (for rural counties)

## ▶ Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU)

- Helps with past due bills to prevent homelessness (i.e. to keep their housing)
- Providers selected by competition (for rural counties)



# HOPWA Facilities

- ▶ Legacy Counseling Center
  - Legacy Founders Cottage
  - Hospice/respice care
  - 7 SRO units
  
- ▶ My Second Chance
  - Pearl's Place
  - Transitional housing for women
  - 6 units

# HOPWA Facilities

- ▶ AIDS Services of Dallas
  - Long-term housing
    - Ewing – 22 units
    - Hillcrest – 64 SROs (homeless)
    - Revlon – 27 units
    - Spencer – 12 family units



# HOPWA Tenant Based Rental Assistance

- ▶ Dallas County Health & Human Services
  - Located on Stemmons
  - Serves about 130 clients in Dallas County
- ▶ Health Services of North Texas
  - Located in Denton, Greenville and Plano
  - Serves about 55 clients in 7 other counties
- ▶ Project Reconnect & Ex-Offender Housing (HOPWA Competitive Grants)
  - Located at MLK Community Center
  - Serves about 35 ex-offenders with permanent housing and 60 ex-offenders with transitional housing

# HOPWA Short-Term Rent/Mortgage/ Utility Assistance

- ▶ Dallas County Health & Human Services
  - Located on Stemmons
  - Serves about 145 clients in Dallas County
- ▶ Health Services of North Texas
  - Located in Denton, Greenville, and Plano
  - Serves about 45 clients in 7 other counties
- ▶ City of Dallas
  - Located at MLK Community Center & West Dallas Multipurpose Center
  - Serves about 135 clients primarily in Dallas County

# HOPWA Supportive Service Assistance

- ▶ Homeless Outreach
  - Outreach worker at AIDS Services of Dallas Hillcrest House
  - Serves about 150 clients at The Bridge and other locations
- ▶ Child Care for Infected/Affected Children
  - Bryan's House – serves about 25 children
- ▶ SSI/SSDI Initiative Project
  - Has assisted 25 HOPWA clients with filing SSI/SSDI applications

# HOPWA Performance

## ▶ Formula Results (FY2010–11)

- Households Served (887 unduplicated, with 12 duplicates)
  - 195 households – Facilities
  - 193 households – Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
  - 301 households – Short Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance (STRMU)
  - 210 households – Supportive Services Only
- Housing Stability Outcome (overall 97.8%)
  - 96.6% – Permanent Housing Facilities
  - 89.5% – Transitional Housing Facilities
  - 97.4% – TBRA
  - 99.6% – STRMU (but 66.2% likely to return for more asst in future)

# HOPWA Performance

- ▶ **Formula Results (FY2010–11)**
  - **Access Outcomes** (overall 93.6%)
    - **Based on five proxies mandated by HUD**
      - 96.3% – Support for Stable Housing (Housing Plan)
      - 97.0% – Access to Support (Contact w/Case Manager)
      - 97.8% – Access to Health Care (Contact w/Medical Provider)
      - 97.5% – Access to Health Care (Medical Coverage)
      - 79.9% – Income Support (Source of Income)

# HOPWA Performance

- ▶ **Competitive Results** (provides TBRA only)
  - **Homeless** (FY2008 Grant – transitional housing)
    - 94 households served – over three years
    - 74.4% Housing Stability Outcome
    - 93.8% Access to Care Outcomes
  - **Project Reconnect** (FY2009 Grant– permanent housing)
    - 40 households served – over first two years
    - 82.5% Housing Stability Outcome
    - 88.9% Access to Care Outcomes



# HOPWA Special Initiatives

## ➤ Getting to Work Initiative

- Pilot employment services with AIDS Services of Dallas to help residents back into the workforce (if able)
- Plan to expand to other HOPWA sites next year
- ASD Accomplishments to Date (11/2011 to date)
  - Hired Vocational Coordinator (new position)
  - Developed/enhanced relationships with employment providers, including Goodwill and Ticket to Work
  - 104 residents – received Vocational Assessment
  - 48 residents – received Job Readiness Assessment
  - 15 residents – received Job Skills Training
  - 18 residents – received Job Search Assistance
  - 4 residents – obtained new part-time jobs

# HOPWA Special Initiatives

## ➤ IHHP Community Planning Project

- 1 of 7 projects selected across U.S.
  - Supports HUD's objectives under the *National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)* and *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness*
- Engage 20+ community planning partners
- Develop and implement Integrated HIV/AIDS Housing Plan (IHHP) for Dallas area
- **Accomplishments to Date** (1/2012 to date)
  - Held 4 of 12 planning meetings (avg of 22 attending)
  - Planning teams – have developed draft Action Plans around HIV Housing Demand, Supply, Connections, and Stability
  - Dept – proposed FY2012–13 HOPWA allocation to Resource Identification & Housing Information Services – to begin implementation in 2013

# Questions