Ending the Epidemic in Syracuse

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Housing Works is a healing community of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Our mission is to end the dual crises of homelessness and AIDS through relentless advocacy, the provision of lifesaving services, and entrepreneurial businesses that sustain our efforts.

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Mayor Stephanie Minor of Syracuse

On Monday, the first of a series of regional Ending the Epidemic discussions took place in Syracuse New York. Data tells us that approximately 300 people remain undiagnosed in the Central NY region and approximately 500 remain out of care in the region. These numbers are not so extraordinary that it is impossible to combat.

Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, who served as a keynote speaker, announced the formation of a local Task Force, chaired by Sue McMahon from her administration, dedicated to implementing the Blueprint and ending the epidemic in the Syracuse/Central NY region.

Housing Works applauds the Mayor for her bold steps in committing to end the epidemic in her region. The Mayors announcement serves as a model that other regions can follow as the Blueprint roll out continues. Building partnerships between local social service agencies, local government officials and other interested and affected parties to actualize a true end to the epidemic in each region of the state.

Regional meetings like the one in Syracuse are scheduled throughout New York State and the 5 Boroughs over the next few months. RSVP for one in your community here.

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