

## Yohannes Abaineh- Client Level Data

### Question 1-

You show 9,753 unduplicated clients vs. 12,550 clients reported. Were they seen in different organizations for the same service at the same time?

*This means that there were 2,797 (12,550 minus 9,753) clients who received some kind of Ryan White funded services at different or multiple programs. These are usually different categories of services and always at different times during the fiscal year. An example is that a client can have case management at Program A and be referred to a housing service at Program B.*

### Question 2-

I am assuming that the data that you presented was specifically on only Ryan White clients or was it all HIV clients in the EMA?

*Yes, the data is for clients who received Ryan White Part A and MAI funded services. But in some cases, providers may inadvertently include clients who received Ryan White eligible services in their reports because it can be difficult for providers to filter out only Part A and MAI funded services from their systems.*

### Question 3-

How comprehensive is your client data on viral load? Your stats indicate over 50% have a suppressed viral load and another 22% are under 1,000 copies/mL. This refutes the cascade chart by Gardner (at least for the EMA). This is an important distinction for planning purposes.

*The viral load data is very comprehensive since it included data for the more than 5,500 consumers in primary care who were on HAART treatment. My data shows over 50% (56.4% to be exact) undetectable (or  $\leq 50$ ) viral loads. The Gardner data is for all HIV infected people who may or may not be in treatment. As far as percentages, it all comes down to what number is used in the denominator. Gardner got the 19% suppressed by dividing the undetectable number (209,773) by the number of HIV-Infected (1,106,400). Now if you divide the same undetectable number by Retained in HIV Care number (437,028), you will get 48%, something close to our suppressed percentage in our EMA. I have checked with Jesse's data and my suppressed percentage was similar with his.*

### Question 4-

Is your data able to provide greater clarification as to how 60% of the RW clients can be insured or covered and still be eligible for RW services?

*A client can be covered for PMC by Medicaid or Private insurance or Medicare and still be eligible for outreach or housing or one of those 18 (or more) categories of Ryan White funded core and support services. No single HIV/AIDS client can be covered for all types of services by a single insurance and that is why Ryan White is needed in the first place.*