

Conference Call Highlights

Grant and Per Diem Program Operational Call

May 14, 2012

1. Jeff Quarles mentioned there is one more technical assistance call for the Per Diem Only (PDO) Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) scheduled for May 15, 2012 at 12:00 EST. Applications are due May 30, 2012.
2. John Kuhn, Director of Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) joined the Operational Call. He discussed the ways in which SSVF could coordinate and work in conjunction with the GPD Program. The focus of SSVF is a short term limited approach to increase housing stability for the Veteran family. The goal is to place the family in permanent housing within 90 days, taking into consideration community resources and the needs of the Veteran and the family.
 - a. There is some temporary financial assistance including credit counseling, security deposits, moving expenses, and child care. The assistance is provided to the third party only. The agency can contact landlords and there must be an executed lease agreement.
 - b. The Continuum of Care is taken into consideration with the range of services. There will be some overlap between GPD and SSVF, but do not want duplication of services. Issues need to be addressed as early as possible so Veterans can receive full range of services. SSVF accepts GPD's confirmation of eligibility.
 - c. Jeff Quarles mentioned that coordination of services is important. If the Veteran requires transitional housing longer than three months, then SSVF resources may be limited. The GPD program allows a Veteran to stay in a facility up to 24 months in order for the Veteran to save enough money so he/she can move into the community.
 - d. For more information, visit the SSVF web site, <http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp>. If you have questions, please email ssvf@va.gov.
 - e. Applications for the SSVF Programs last grant round are still being reviewed. They are expecting to announce awardees this summer.
 - f. SSVF is relative new to the VA. Currently, there are 85 providers in 40 states. There are still some areas that are not being served. It may take a few years for access throughout the country. There are a few GPD Providers working with SSFV Providers in the community.
 - g. The success of SSVF is based on housing placement and retention.
3. Susan Langer reminded everyone that Part III of the PTSD training is scheduled for June 14, 2012 at 2:00 EST. You can call in approximately 10 minutes early. The dial in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code 17663. The PowerPoint presentation should be posted on the website GPD by the end of May.
4. There was a question from the audience asking about the success of having a prior Resident as the House Manager. There are a number of agencies that hire prior residents as House Managers

once they graduate from the program. Jeff reminded everyone that there are boundaries that need to be established. The House Manager will be working differently with the residents and responsibilities change.

5. Jeff mentioned that Eke and Associates are in their second year of the contract. The Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Administration, Finance Office contracted with Eke and Associates to conduct an audit of financial programs. If you are contacted by Eke and Associates, please assist them. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1-877-332-0334.
6. The next GPD Provider Operational Call is scheduled for June 11, 2012 at 3:00p.m. EST. Call in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code 17663. Our office does send a broadcast fax reminding Providers of the monthly call.