

Conference Call Highlights

Grant and Per Diem Program Operational Call

March 12, 2012

1. Jeff Quarles announced that Roger Casey has left the Grant and Per Diem Program and moved on to the National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans. Roger thanked all providers for their great work over the years.
2. Jeff also announced that Michelle Lewis has left the GPD Program and moved back to her home state of Washington.
3. Susan Langer mentioned that Part II of the PTSD training is scheduled for April 19, 2012 at 2:00p.m. EST. Approximately two weeks before the training, the PowerPoint presentation will be available on the website at http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_Staff_Dev_Training.asp.
4. Jeff reminded everyone that the VIS electronic invoicing system was operational in October 2011 and providers are to use this system for their monthly per diem billing. Please check the Provider website at http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp. If you have questions/issues regarding VIS, please contact Chelsea Watson in the GPD office at 1-877-332-0334. Jeff mentioned that the VIS is only for Grant and Per Diem, not for any contract beds and not for SSVF or HUD-VASH.
5. There was a question regarding Change of Scope requests. Jeff mentioned that all Change of Scope requests must be on the agency's letterhead, signed, dated, and sent to the National GPD Program office at 10770 N. 46th St, Suite C-200, Tampa FL 33617. Be sure to discuss/coordinate your requested changes with your Liaison.
6. The OIG did a review of 26 sites within 8 VISNs. The report is now published. There were some concerns regarding safety, security and privacy for the women Veterans; food and nutrition; and medication control. Our office will be discussing an action plan. You can review the report at: <http://www.va.gov/oig/>.
7. Chelsea mentioned the NOFA. This NOFA is per diem only - no capital funding is available at this time. There are four funding priorities: #1 - Transition in Place; #2 - Rural; #3 - Indian Tribal Governments; and #4 - All other eligible entities. There are three phone conference calls scheduled to discuss the NOFA and answer questions. We ask that you send your questions ahead of time to our main e-mail address found on our website. All information can be found on the GPD website at <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>. There is also a PowerPoint presentation on the website that will aid you in understanding the NOFA. Please review the NOFA and PowerPoint presentation prior to the call.
8. The next GPD Provider Operational Call is scheduled for April 9, 2012 at 3:00 p.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.