

Operational Program Conference Call Highlights

September 13, 2010

1. Announcements
 - a. Roger Casey detail to another assignment has ended and he has returned as Director, GPD program. He is presently on travel this week and J. Quarles is filling in for this month's call.
 - b. 2010 Capital and Per Diem Only awards have not been announced as of yet. Once the Secretary makes an official announcement we will be able to offer more information.
2. Special Guest- John Kuhn, National Director of Homeless Evaluation for VA. J. Kuhn spoke to the group about the CHALENG surveys which are to be completed by the field by the end of September. Surveys can be completed by both the agencies and Veterans which provide information about community unmet needs. Questions about CHALENG can be directed to their local CHALENG Point of Contact, their Network Homeless Coordinator or to J. Kuhn. J. Kuhn also spoke about Child Support issues. Child Support issues were identified one of the unmet needs by Veterans in the last CHALENG report. Unpaid Child Support can result in numerous problems for Veterans trying to exit homelessness. VA is participating in 10 site pilot with the American Bar Association to address unpaid Child Support issues. J. Kuhn encouraged agencies to work Veterans and local Child Support Enforcement/Family Courts to negotiate issues relating to unpaid support. Local Law Schools may also be a resource for additional assistance regarding these issues.