

Conference Minutes
New Capital Grant Awardees Call for January 20, 2010 @ 1:00 P.M.
Eastern
1-800-767-1750 # 58099

I. Announcements:

- A. 2009 Capital Awardees Training Conference, scheduled for February 8th-9th, 2010 at Embassy Suites Westshore, Tampa FL.
- B. Guy Liedke, Program Analyst, will be discussing GPD Program Regulations on the conference call next month.

II. Reminders:

- A. Grant recipients are encouraged to frequently visit the GPD Providers Webpage.
- B. Notify the GPD Program Office on changes to original grant application.
- C. Grant recipients should contact the local VA medical center to request safety reviews of project site prior to formal medical center inspections.
- D. Please notify the GPD Program Office in writing when projects are 90 days to completion. You will need to request a GPD Liaison be appointed by the local VA medical center and submit documentation to request establishment of per diem rate. Please refer to the GPD Providers webpage to download the Per Diem Request Form with instructions.
- E. Agenda items or project development inquiries should be sent to Mike Lamb at mike.lamb@va.gov and Susan Langer at susan.langer@va.gov.

II. Agenda

- A. Roger Casey, Director, GPD Program, provided an overview of GPD Program activities. Roger also discussed VA Secretary's Five-Year Plan to end homelessness among veterans, and other homeless initiatives.
 - 1. VA will soon announce Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Capital Grant and Per Diem Only (PDO). Providers are encouraged to contact VA Technical Assistance Providers for additional information on applying for Capital Grant and PDO funding.
 - 2. All 2009 Capital grantees are encouraged to attend the post-award grant training scheduled in Tampa next month.
 - 3. VA Secretary Shinseki has committed to a Five-Year Plan to end homelessness among veterans. The plan will link government and private resources to homeless veterans in the areas of outreach, housing and supportive services, treatment, and employment/benefits.
 - 4. HUD/VASH is a collaborative between VA and HUD to establish permanent housing for homeless veterans. This initiative is separate and distinct from the GPD Program.
- B. Open Discussion/Items from the Field

Here is a list of web pages that you may find helpful;

GPD Website: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3>

GPD Regulations: http://www1.va.gov/homeless/docs/GPD_Regs_38_CFR_Part_61.pdf

GPD Provider Site: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=35>

Federal Register Site: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/browse.html>

Our next conference call will be February 17, 2010 @ 1pm 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 58099