

## Conference Minutes

**New Capital Grant Awardees Call for April 20, 2011 @ 1 p.m. Eastern  
1-800-767-1750 # 58099**

### I. Announcements

A. Susan Langer, Project Development Specialist, will be out of the office May 11-30, 2011. For general questions, please contact the GPD Program office at 1-877-332-0334. For specific questions regarding projects, please contact Michelle Lewis.

### B. Reminders:

1. Project Development Quarterly Reports were due January 4, 2011.
2. GPD New Capital Grant Awardees Call is the third Wednesday of every month at 1 pm Eastern. Call in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code 58099.
3. Agenda items for future calls may be sent to [Susan.Langer@va.gov](mailto:Susan.Langer@va.gov) and [Michelle.Lewis1@va.gov](mailto:Michelle.Lewis1@va.gov).
4. Notify the GPD Program office in writing when projects are within 90 days of completion to request that a GPD liaison be officially assigned to the project. Your liaison will facilitate the initial inspection by the local VA medical center.
5. Complete the Per Diem Rate Request Form located on the GPD Provider Website and send to the GPD Program office.
6. All Correspondence, forms, and emails should contain your project number and the official name of your agency/organization.

### II. Agenda

A. Dr. Roger Casey, Director, VA's National Grant and Per Diem Program presented an overview of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is a locally administered, electronic data collection system that stores longitudinal person-level information about persons who access the homeless service system. Typically, a web-based software application is developed that homeless assistance providers use to coordinate care, manage their operations, and better serve their clients. HMIS is a response to a Congressional Directive to capture data on homelessness. VA and HUD will combine data resources to better measure the extent and scope of homelessness among Veterans; facilitate closer coordination of VA funded programs; and improve local planning to effectively serve homeless Veterans. Operational GPD projects are requested to participate in HMIS to enhance quality of care for Veterans experiencing homelessness. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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

GPD Website: <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>

GPD Regulations: [http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/gpd\\_38cfr61\\_revisedsec64.pdf](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/gpd_38cfr61_revisedsec64.pdf)

GPD Provider Site: [http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD\\_ProviderWebsite.asp](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp)

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

**Our next conference call will be May 18, 2011 @ 1pm 1-800-767-1750; Access code: 58099**