

Conference Call Highlights
Grant and Per Diem Program Operational Call
April 8, 2013

1. Mr. Quarles reminded everyone the next Continuing Education presentation is scheduled for April 18, 2013 at 2:00 pm EST. Dr. Beth Jenkins will be conducting the presentation on Motivational Interviewing. The target audience is front-line staff working with Veterans in our GPD projects. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Langer at (303) 504-3561.
2. Mr. Quarles mentioned the 2013 Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) is in Central Office for review. It will be published in the Federal Register and on the GPD website. We will be offering a van NOFA and rehabilitation NOFA. Funding for both is considered capital grant funding and agencies must have the 35% matching funds at time of application.
3. The remainder of the conference call was dedicated to providing information on the new changes to the Grant and Per Diem Regulations (38 CFR, Part 61). The new regulations are posted on the GPD Provider website along with the PowerPoint presentation under the heading "New GPD Regulations."
 - a. The new regulations were effective March 27, 2013. The full implementation date is October 1, 2013.
 - b. The emphasis is on performance.
 - c. GPD will now use the definition of homeless as defined by Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. As a reminder, GPD will still only pay per diem for the Veteran.
 - d. Providers will be required to submit quarterly Technical Performance Reports directly to your liaison. The first report is due June 30, 2013. You may use any acceptable business format. The report will cover actual performance compared to the goals set forth in the grant application. If a target is not met, there needs to be a narrative explaining why and outlining an action plan. The provider needs to keep the liaison updated on any changes in the program, i.e., key staff losses, loss of contracted provider, funding loss. If the performance variance is greater than 15%, then a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is required. Submit the CAP directly to the liaison for review and approval. The CAP must identify reasons for the variance, any corrective action, and the timetable.
 - e. Each agency must have a written disaster plan. The organization and any Veterans in the facility need to know the procedures in case of a disaster, manmade or natural.
 - f. Participant fees (formally referred to as rent) may not exceed 30% of the Veterans monthly income. Extracurricular activity fees are voluntary. Participant fees must be documented in the agency's operating procedures.
4. The next GPD Provider Operational Call will be May 13, 2013 at 3:00 pm 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.