Welcome to the GPD Operational Call for August 14, 2017.

We have a lot to cover today and we are expecting a large audience for the call. The call will be lectured for the benefits of all participants.

There will be additional calls and information provided to you soon that will be made available to you to help you with the topics we will cover today.

We will post this information on the GPD provider website for your reference.

1. **Awards update** - The grant awards for the 2017 GPD grants as well as the Special Need giant renewals are in the final stages of processing. We anticipate these awards to be announced by the beginning of September, if not sooner.
   a. Once the new awards are announced we will dispatch...
      i. Awards letter
      ii. The new grant agreements
      iii. Recipient guide

2. **Transition to new models**
   a. New awards begin October 1, 2017
   b. Organizations should have a plan in place related to transition to their new models.
   c. We recognize that some changes will require time to implement (hiring of staff, sorting out plans for Veterans currently in programs).
   d. There is the additional variable now related to the extension of non-selected applications that will also come into play with your planning. (We will be covering the extensions later in this call).
   e. We will work with your organizations to sort out a reasonable transition period.
   f. It is important to have a meeting with your GPD liaison about the timetable for your planned transition. We will be providing a separate call in a couple of weeks (tentatively planned for August 31, 2017 we will be sending a confirmation) which will focus on transition activities for new awards.
   g. Performance metrics for new models
      i. Each model (excluding service centers has performance targets noted in the NOFA).
      ii. Your recipient guide will contain information on the metrics which will include the business rules.
      iii. We will be doing a presentation on performance metrics during one of the upcoming operational calls.
   h. Technical assistance (TA)
      i. Our office will be reaching out to our new grant recipients related to a variety of TA activities we will be offering this year.
      ii. Stay tuned for information about TA activities; we hope to begin some of the TA as early as September.
3. Extension for non-selected applicants
   a. By now many of you may have seen or read the press release published on August 4, 2017 from Secretary Shulkin offering a 1 year extension to non-selected applicants. Press release available on the VA Homeless webpage https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/index.asp
   b. This is a relatively new announcement, therefore there are a lot of details we will need to work out in a very short period.
   c. This means there will be some questions we will still have to sort out, but here is what we can tell you at this point.
      i. We are seeking clarification on what type of agreement we will need to have in place for each organization that accepts the extension.
   d. If you applied for the NOFA published Dec 23, 2016 that is not selected for award, you are eligible for a one-time extension for one year. Not to exceed September 30, 2018.
   e. During this period, you would be expected to provide services as described in your current grant application under which you are now operating.
   f. Your organization would be eligible to apply for a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which is expected to be published in early FY 2018 (could be as early as October).
   g. The extension does not apply for an organization that did not apply for the December 23, 2017 GPD NOFA, or for beds that were not sought through application in this grant round.

Example: Organization A did not submit an application for this NOFA for its 30-bed transitional housing program. It is not eligible for the extension and their award ends Sept 30, 2017

Example: Organization B currently has a 30-bed transitional housing program. The organization submits 3 applications; 10 beds each for Bridge, Service Intensive and Clinical Treatment. Two of the applications are selected. The Clinical treatment application is non-selected. The applicant is eligible for a 1 year extension for the remaining 10 bed balance to continue the work described in their original grant application. The extension is not based on the services described in the FY 2017 Clinical Treatment application that was not selected.

Example: Organization C submitted an application for a service center that was not selected. The service center is eligible for a 1 year extension of services as described in its current operational grant application.

Example: Organization D currently has a 30 bed GPD program. It submitted two applications for 10 beds each to do Bridge housing and Service Intensive Transitional Housing. As the remaining 10 beds that were not applied for under this NOFA are not eligible for the extension.
h. The GPD Office will be sending out non-selection letter in the coming days. Any organization receiving this non-selection letter will be eligible for the extension. There will be a one page document that you will need to return to our office declaring your intention to accept or not accept the offer of extension. Please complete it as instructed and return to the GPD Office per the instructions on the document.

i. Watch for information coming soon about anonymous posting of GPD grant round scores, under review for approval, likely to be posted after GPD awards are announced.

4. Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 NOFA
   a. Our office has been given approval to offer a NOFA for FY 2018. As noted earlier the NOFA is targeted for publication in early in the fiscal year.
   b. Funding would begin October 1, 2019.
   c. The details of the NOFA are not finalized yet, but it will be an open competition. Non-selected applicants, will be eligible to apply.
   d. As our Transition in Place awards are also expiring as of the end of FY 2018, we plan to do a separate NOFA for that model. We will keep you posted as additional information becomes available.
   e. There will be technical assistance offered on the GPD NOFA’s.
      i. There will be an in-depth webinar on lessons learned from the FY 2017 NOFA targeted for non-selected applicants.
      ii. As in the past there will be a series of webinars on the NOFA once published and the various modes noted in the NOFAs