1) Lisa Pape, Executive Director, VA Homeless Program Office provided opening remarks.

2) Ann Dunne, Deputy Director, VA Homeless Program Office discussed the collaboration and coordination of GPD projects with other homeless programs.

3) Jeffery Quarles, Director, Grant and Per Diem Program led the Call regarding Bridge Housing.
   a. Bridge housing is not a new program but, rather a housing model whereby grantees provide shorter-term housing to Veterans who have been offered and accepted permanent housing but, cannot yet access the housing.
   b. Providers cannot increase the number of authorized GPD beds.
   c. A new grant application is not required as grantees may offer bridge housing thorough the submission of a change of scope request.
   d. Agencies need to review their current program and decide whether it is possible to use a portion for Bridge Housing. If agencies want to participate, they must submit a Change of Scope. Agencies may only utilize up to 50% of their current authorized beds for Bridge Housing.
   e. Exit into permanent housing annotated in performance matrix. Admissions must be clinically appropriate.

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

Main GPD Website: http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp
GPD Provider Site: http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp
CHALENG Site: http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/chaleng.asp
Federal Register Site: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/browse.html

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