1) Jeff Quarles presided over the call.

2) The NOFA is still in the approval/concurrence process. Tentative publication date sometime within the next couple of weeks.

3) The maximum per diem rate increased. For transitional housing, the rate is $45.79. For service centers, the rate is $5.72. The worksheet is located on the Provider website. You can request the increase be back-dated to October 1, 2016, if the request/worksheet is received in our office by December 31, 2016. If you have questions, contact Coral Baker at 877-332-0334 or Coral.Baker@va.gov

4) Presentation on Homeless Criteria. The Presentation is located on the GPD Provider website and attached here.
   a. Veterans must be considered homeless per the definition in VHA Handbook 1162.01. The VA will not pay per diem unless the Veteran is homeless.
   b. The expectation is to divert/prevent Veterans at imminent risk from becoming homeless.
   c. The VA will consider individuals at imminent risk if he/she is fleeing or attempting to flee a domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous or life threatening condition and who have no other residence or the lack of resources or lack of support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
   d. Coordination and communication with your community providers is important to limit Veterans from entering the homeless system.

   Homeless Criteria.pdf

5) The 2017 point-in-time count search is normally the last couple of weeks in January. Contact your local continuum of care for information.

6) Questions from participants:
   a. What are the dates for Low Demand and Hospital-to-Home briefings? The dates have not yet been scheduled, but anticipate late January
   b. Is the VA going to email providers when the NOFA is published? There will be multiple ways that that we will let people know including the Federal Register, Grants.gov, GPD Website and broadcast fax.
   c. Are TIP projects being terminated and do these providers need to re-apply? No, the TIP projects are already time-limited and are not affected by the upcoming NOFA.
   d. Will there by an option to combine projects? If there are multiple projects under the same medical center, there will be some opportunity to combine those projects.
   e. How will this NOFA affect Special Needs? The Special Needs are time-limited awards. They are due to expire September 30, 2017. This NOFA does not affect Special Needs.
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

Next Operations Call is scheduled for January 9, 2017 @ 3:00 pm EST