Grant/Per Diem Provider Call Highlights
September 12, 2016; 3:00 pm EST
1-800-767-1750, 17663#

1) Jeffery Quarles presided over the call.
   a. The annual inspection process is from October through March
   b. The GPD Office has two detail personnel, Whitney Lott and Beth Wolfsohn. Both ladies will be on detail for 120 days.

2) What it means to lower barriers.
   a. Eliminate the 30-day sober requirement, especially for Bridge Housing.
   b. Instead of discharging someone with a positive UA, work with that Veteran.

3) Agencies need to submit a Change of Scope for Bridge Housing. Sobriety should not be a requirement for admission. The focus is on a housing plan, not treatment. The Change of Scope needs to be on agency letterhead and signed.

4) Bridge Housing is a short-stay plan. Veterans may or may not commit to recovery. Veterans must have been offered and accepted a permanent housing option. The focus is on housing, not treatment.

5) Coordinate with your local Continuum of Care to educate property owners and landlords on Bridge Housing.

6) The GPD Office no longer uses the Yammer website forum due to security and privacy issues.

7) There will not be an Operational Call in October due to the Columbus Day holiday.

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 November 14, 2016 @ 3:00 pm EST