GRANT AND PER DIEM: MODEL STATUS

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VA’s Grant & Per Diem Program

- The Grant and Per Diem first became operational in 1996
- Appropriation authorization at $257 million
  - Grantees are non-profit agencies and State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments

- The GPD Program approximately
  - Operates 12,700 Beds
  - Serves over 30,000 homeless Veterans per year
  - Has 680 operational grants with community providers
    - Supervised by 300 GPD Liaisons who are VA Social Workers at approximately 120 VAMC’s
Who can we serve in the GPD Program?

Homeless Veterans in need of supportive housing & supportive services

Homeless: Amended GPD regulations (published November 3, 2017) Definitions 38 CFR 61.1

- **Veteran**: a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom. Veteran excludes a person who received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces or was discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces by reason of the sentence of a general court-martial. The length of service restrictions under 38 U.S.C.5303A do not apply.

- Types of Discharges Eligible for GPD: Honorable, General, Other than Honorable, Bad Conduct (Special court-martial).

- Types of Discharges Ineligible for GPD: Dishonorable, Bad Conduct (General court-martial)

In need: The Veteran is clinically appropriate for GPD admission

Supportive Housing: Must include supportive services, is not shelter care, & must lead to permanent housing
Types of GPD Programs

- Current types (models) of GPD Programs:
  - Hospital to Housing (H2H)
  - Low Demand (LD)
  - Bridge Housing (BH)
  - Clinical Treatment (CT)
  - Service Intensive Transitional Housing (SITH)
  - Transition in Place (TIP)

- & extended awards – Transitional Housing
Performance Measure Targets by GPD Model

- **Bridge Housing**
  - Exits to permanent housing > 70%
  - Negative Exits < 23%

- **Low Demand**
  - Exits to permanent housing > 50%
  - Negative Exits < 23%

- **Hospital to Housing**
  - Exits to permanent housing > 65%
  - Negative Exits < 23%

- **Clinical Treatment**
  - Exits to permanent housing > 65%
  - Negative Exits < 23%
  - Employed at exit > 50%

- **Service-Intensive**
  - Exits to permanent housing > 65%
  - Negative Exits < 23%
  - Employed at exit > 50%

- **Transitional Housing (extended grants) & TIP**
  - Exits to permanent housing > 65%
  - Negative Exits < 23%
  - Employed at exit > 50%
### Clinical Treatment

#### Performance Metric

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#### Key Metrics

- **Total Grantees**: 97
- **Total VAMC’s with Model**: 67
- **Total Beds**: 2,887
- **Approximate Beds Currently Occupied**: 2,427
- **Exits in the 2nd Quarter**: 1,046
Clinical Treatment Positives

Provided services to 3,473 Veterans in Q2

Exited 577 Veterans in Q2 to the below permanent housing placements

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Clinical Treatment 2nd Quarter Exits
Clinical Treatment Challenges

- Approximately **14% did not have a SMI or SUD documented** on their HOMES Assessment
- 35% of admissions didn’t need psychiatric treatment at intake
- Of the 1,046 Exits:
  - **12.5% went to “don’t Know”**
  - 12.5% were exited for rule violations
  - 13.7% left without consulting staff
## Low Demand

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### Key Metrics

- **Total Grantees**: 61
- **Total VAMC's with Model**: 51
- **Total Beds**: 1,063
- **Approximate Beds Currently Occupied**: 989
- **Exits in the 2nd Quarter**: 471
Low Demand Positives

113 Veterans Diagnosed with a Psychotic Disorder

383 Chronically Homeless Veterans

665 Diagnosed with a Substance Use Disorder

Low Demand 2nd Quarter Exits

- Housing Owned by Veteran: 1.1%
- Housing Rented with HUD-VASH: 12.7%
- Housing Rented with Non-HUD-VASH Subsidy: 10.4%
- Housing Rented with No Subsidy: 14.6%
- Family or Friends Permanent: 13.8%
Low Demand Challenges

• Low demand is NOT no demand
• Focus on:
  • Engaging Veterans
  • Maintaining safety
• Approximately 17.6% were not chronically homeless, did not have a SMI and denied any substance use in the last 30 days on their HOMES Assessment
• Technical Assistance Calls
Bridge Housing

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**Key Statistics**

- **Total Grantees**: 161
- **Total VAMC's with Model**: 93
- **Total Beds**: 2,570
- **Approximate Beds Currently Occupied**: 1,551
- **Exits in the 2nd Quarter**: 1,265
Bridge Housing Positives

Provided services to 2,816 Veterans in Q2

Exited 875 Veterans in Q2 to the below permanent housing placements

Bridge Housing 2nd Quarter Exits

- FAMILY OR FRIENDS PERMANENT: 7.30%
- HOUSING RENTED WITH NO SUBSIDY: 20.60%
- HOUSING RENTED WITH NON-HUD-VASH SUBSIDY: 14.10%
- HOUSING RENTED WITH HUD-VASH: 25.70%
- HOUSING OWNED BY VETERAN: 1.60%
Bridge Housing Challenges

- Total exits with a housing subsidy 40.4%
- 11.3% exit to “Don’t Know”
- Modification to guidance to increase access to care
- Homeless Veterans may be admitted to Bridge Housing GPD Programs if one of the following is true:
  - A Veteran has been referred to or has already been accepted into a permanent housing (PH) intervention; or
  - If a Veteran is over income for permanent supportive housing programs and the Veterans GPD stay is intended to be short.
Hospital to Housing Positives

Provided services to 349 Veterans in Q2

Exited 128 Veterans in Q2 to the below permanent housing placements

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Hospital to Housing Challenges

• New model. New ways of thinking: Coordinating care with new partners can seem daunting to some staff and grantees.

• Medical Concerns: Some additional considerations must be given to limitations some of the H2H Veterans may have (e.g. ambulation, access to food, transportation)

• The Importance of in-reach and education
Service Intensive

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- Total Grantees: 172
- Total VAMC's with Model: 88
- Total Beds: 3,868
- Approximate Beds Currently Occupied: 3,610
- Exits in the 2nd Quarter: 1,461
Transition in Place (TIP)

- Only 1 Veteran exited to an unknown location!

### TIP Q2 Exit Location

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- Total Grantees: 19
- Total VAMC's with Model: 18
- Total Beds: 406
- Approximate Beds Currently Occupied: 309
- Exits in the 2nd Quarter: 76
How Can GPD Grantees Help?

• Attend technical assistance calls
• Assess patients
• Educate patients on programming prior to admission
• Educate referrals sources
On the Horizon
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- Case management program grant
  - Publish regulations
  - Target grant offering Fiscal year 2019
- Full year of Performance Metrics for FY 2018 awards
- Implementing new awards
Change is Hard

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.”

Frederick Douglas
Closing Thoughts

• Performance data to improve programs
• Performance data for renewal decisions
• Growing pains and program adjustments
  • Balancing what we learn to make adjustments in our program with changes in how grantees and communities operate
• We want programs to succeed, we are here to help
Questions?