

GRANT & PER DIEM NATIONAL PROGRAM OPERATIONAL GRANTEE CALL

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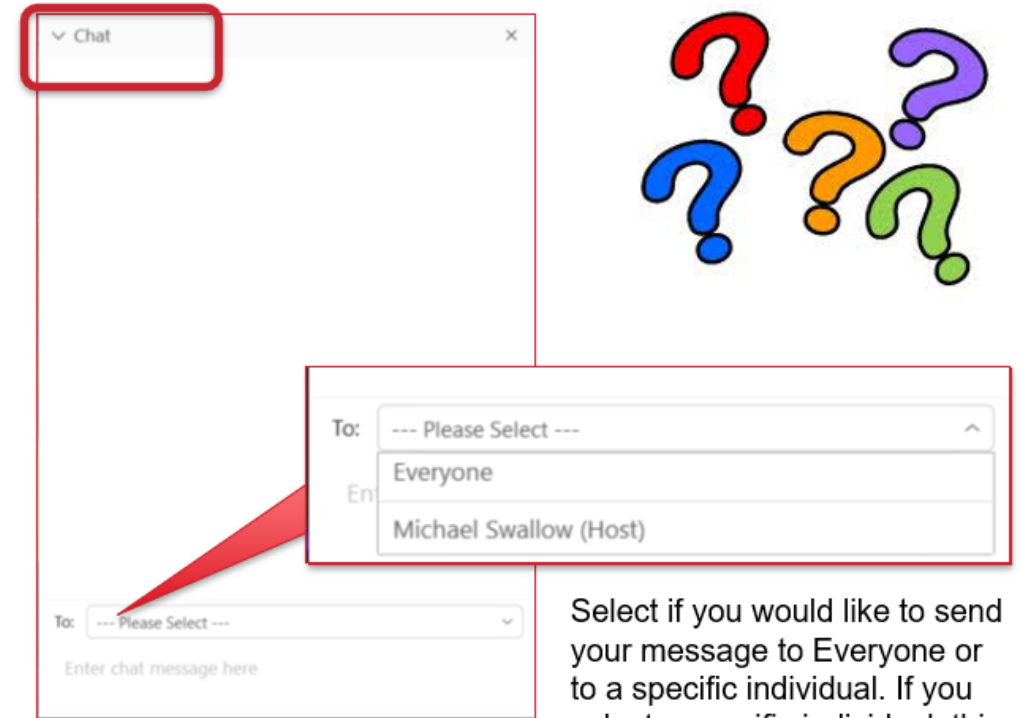
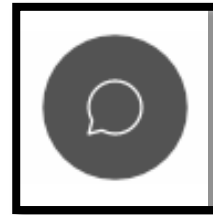
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HOUSEKEEPING

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Past recordings are available on the GPD provider website:
https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp
- The webinar will last approximately 60 minutes.
- Mics and video are disabled (but always check to make sure you're on mute).
- Questions can be submitted using the Chat function.

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AGENDA

- **Announcements**
 - Public health emergency declaration
 - GPD Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) update
- **VA Secretary Denis McDonough's and VA's goals for ending Veteran homelessness, calendar year 2023—Shawn Liu, LCSW, VHA-CM**
- **2023 goals take aways: questions to ask internally and with your GPD liaison**
- **Questions**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY STATUS UPDATE

Monday, April 10, 2023, the President signed into law [H.J. Res.7](#), which terminates the national emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY STATUS UPDATE

President Biden announced the intent to end the national emergency and the [public health emergency on May 11, 2023](#)

- Per diem rates will return to their statutory maximum (see table)
- Comparison of enhanced per diem with what the per diem rates will be when the public health emergency ends

Type of GPD Grant (<u>see also 38 CFR 61.33</u>)	During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (CARES Act, P.L.116-136) <i>March 2020 – end of the public health emergency</i>	Anticipated After the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
Per Diem Only	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 115% of the State Home rate - \$63.12 \$64.52
Transition-in-Place	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 150% of the State Home rate - \$82.34 \$84.15
Service Center	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 115% of the State Home rate - \$7.89/hr \$8.06/hr
Special Need (<u>see also 38 CFR 61.44</u>)	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 200% the State Home rate - \$109.78 \$112.20

GPD NOTICES OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- October 27, 2022, GPD published 2 grant opportunities:
 - [Transition in Place \(TIP\)](#) – due 4:00 p.m. ET on January 30, 2023
 - [Per Diem Only \(PDO\)](#) – due 4:00 p.m. ET on February 6, 2023
- We anticipate conditional selections to be made by April/May 2023
 - Conditionally selected grantees will then need to:
 - Sign the grant agreement
 - Submit a per diem rate request
 - Update contact information in eGMS
 - More information to follow
- New grants will start on October 1, 2023 (fiscal year 2024)

CASE MANAGEMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- On February 3, 2023, VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) published a **new funding opportunity** ([Case Management](#)) for organizations to help formerly homeless Veterans maintain their independence and housing stability as a part of ongoing efforts to prevent and end Veteran homelessness.
- VA anticipates awarding 100 Case Management grants for up to \$300,000 each to support approximately 150 case manager positions nationwide.
- Awards will fund two years of operations, **starting on Oct. 1, 2023, and ending Sept. 30, 2025.**
- This funding opportunity will give organizations the funding they need to hire case managers, who will help Veterans search for, obtain, and successfully transition to permanent housing; troubleshoot challenges and barriers to maintaining permanent housing; connect with services to address issues such as poor credit history, rent arrears, and legal issues; and more.
- Additional information is posted on the [GPD website](#) and applications are due **May 4, 2023 at 4pm Eastern Daylight Time.**
 - Late applications cannot be accepted.

VA'S 2023 HOMELESSNESS GOALS

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BACKGROUND: VA'S GOAL TO HOUSE 38,000 HOMELESS VETERANS IN 2022

- Last year, VA set a goal to permanently house 38,000 homeless Veterans in the calendar year (CY) 2022.
- “Permanent housing” includes apartments or houses that Veterans could rent or own, often with a subsidy to help make the housing affordable or reuniting with family and friends.
- **VA housed 40,401 homeless Veterans, exceeding the goal by more than 6%.**
- However, of the 40,401 Veterans housed in 2022, 2,443 returned to homelessness at some point last year.
- Thanks to VA staff and community partners, 86% of those Veterans were rehoused or on a path to rehousing by the end of the year.



OUR NEW CHALLENGE: VA'S 2023 HOMELESSNESS GOALS

Goal 1: Consistency in Permanent Housing

- VA will house at least 38,000 more individual Veterans in CY 2023.

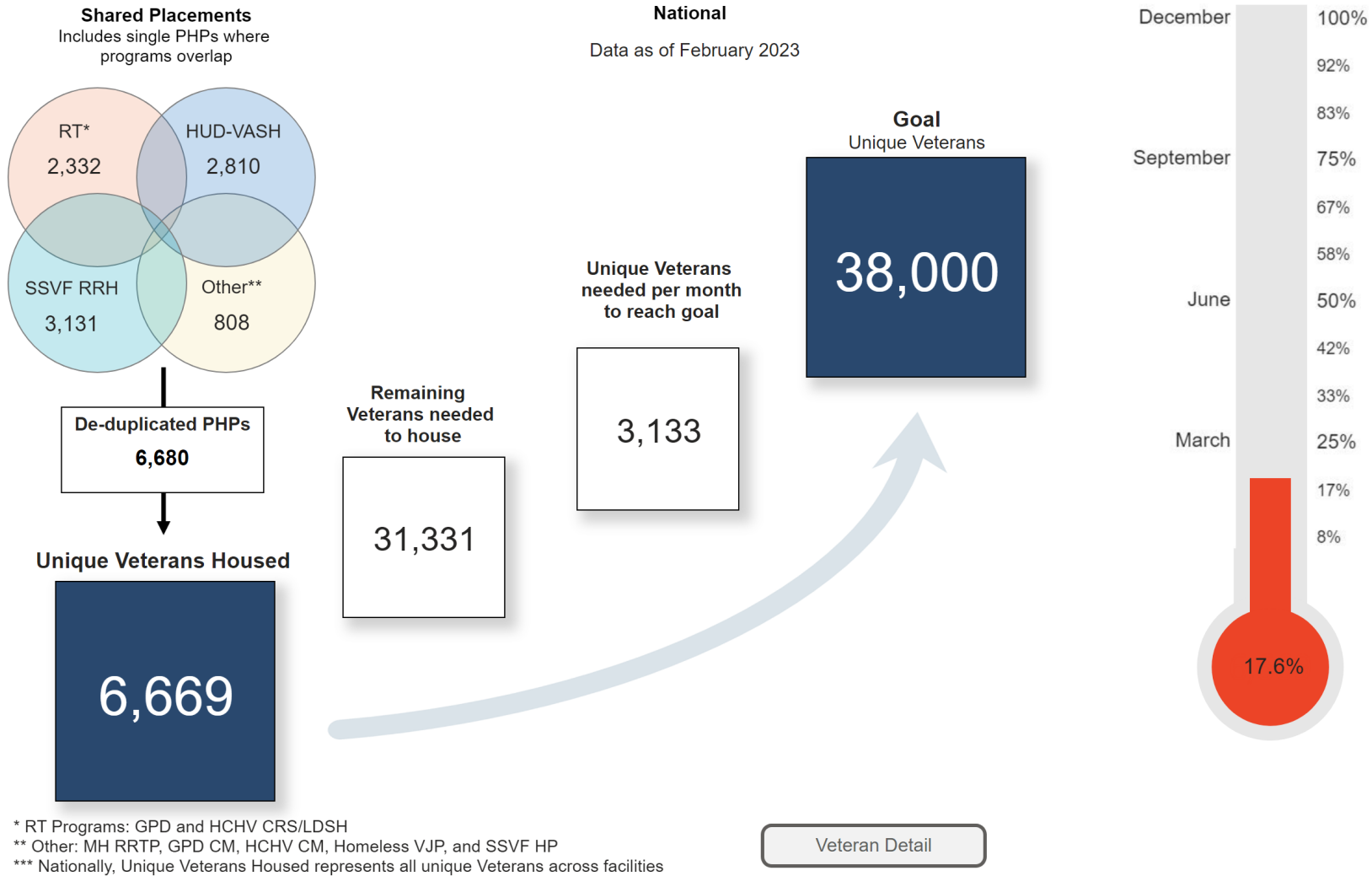
Goal 2: Prevention of Returns to Homelessness

- VA will accomplish the ambitious goal of ensuring that at least 95% of Veterans housed during this initiative stay housed.
- At the end of CY 2023, VA will ensure that at least 90% of Veterans who returned to homelessness are rehoused or on a path to rehousing.

Goal 3: Engagement of Unsheltered Veterans

- VA will accomplish the ambitious goal of engaging with at least 28,000 unsheltered Veterans in CY 2023, an increase of 10% from CY 2022.
- In addition, VA intends to decrease the number of unsheltered Veterans counted in the 2024 Point-in-Time Count by 15%.

GOAL 1: PERMANENT HOUSING



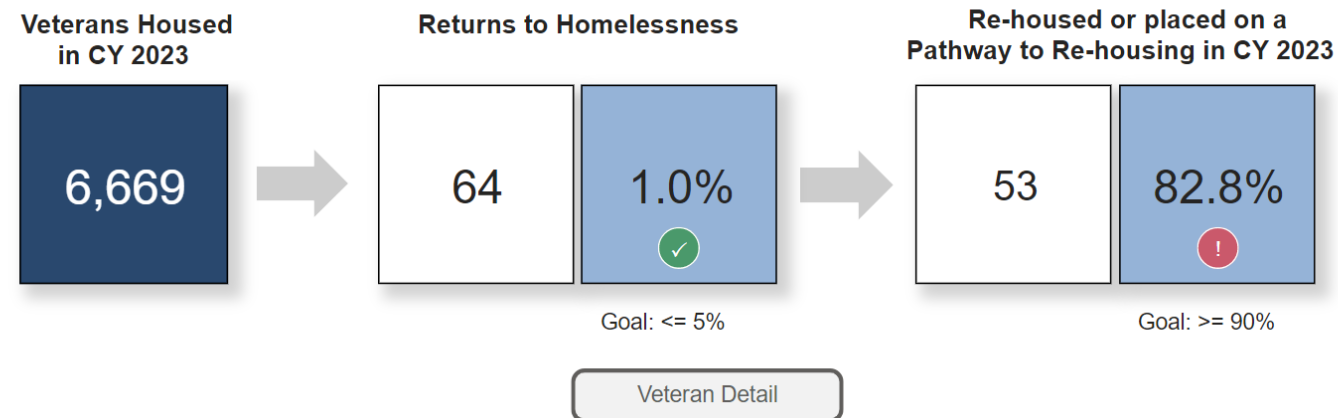
GOAL : PREVENTION OF RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS

Goal 2: Prevention of Returns to Homelessness

Prevention of Returns to Homelessness: For Veterans who become permanently housed in CY 2023, no more than 5% return to homelessness. Of those who return to homelessness in CY 2023, no less than 90% will be re-housed or placed on a pathway to re-housing in CY 2023.

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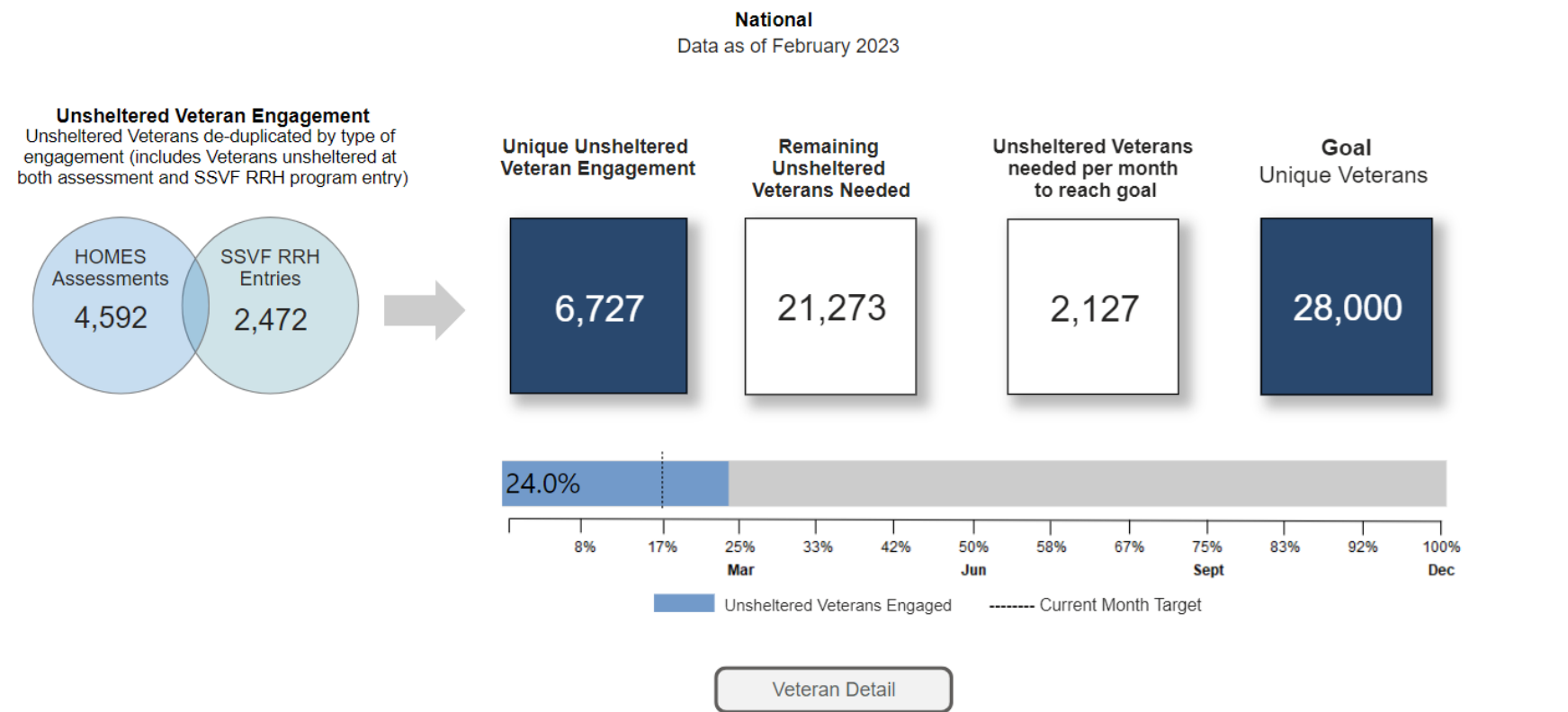
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GOAL 3: ENGAGEMENT WITH UNSHELTERED VETERANS

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Engagement with Unsheltered Veterans: Nationally, VA will increase outreach to and engage with no less than 28,000 unique unsheltered Veterans



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Set up meetings with your VA homeless program partners, Supportive Services for Veteran Families grantees, Health Care for Homeless Veterans Contracted Residential Services providers, and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., public housing authorities, Continuum of Care partners, Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs) to discuss and develop local plans to achieve your community's local goals.
- Ask your GPD liaison to regularly receive status updates from the CY 2023 Goals Dashboard.
- Review the [VA's 2023 Homelessness Goals Technical Specifications](#) (publicly available).

HOW YOU CAN HELP – GOAL 1: PERMANENT HOUSING

- Talk to your Veterans today about their housing plans.
- Identify Veterans who would benefit from HUD-VASH or SSVF services.
- Coordinate the care of those Veterans with your HUD-VASH and SSVF partners.
- For Veterans exiting your GPD program, verify with your GPD Liaisons that their housing destination is accurately documented in HOMES.
 - Try to identify the Veteran's housing destination before documenting "26. Don't know".
 - The following housing destinations count as PHPs:
 - "1. Housing owned by Veteran, no ongoing housing subsidy"
 - "2. Housing owned by Veteran, with ongoing housing subsidy"
 - "3. Housing rented by Veteran, no ongoing housing subsidy"
 - "4. Housing rented by Veteran with HUD-VASH voucher"
 - "5. Housing rented by Veteran with non-HUD-VASH housing subsidy"
 - "6. Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons (such as: CoC Project or S+C)"
 - "7. Staying or living with family, permanent tenure"
 - "9. Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure"

HOW YOU CAN HELP – GOAL : PREVENTION OF RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS

- For Veterans currently in GPD transitional housing beds and whose housing plan is to reunite with family or friends, thoroughly explore all available resources and support to ensure that they stay housed.
- For Veterans who exit GPD to permanent housing (especially without support from HUD-VASH or Supportive Services for Veteran Families), review capacity and identify opportunities to support housing stability using GPD Case Management.
- For Veterans who returned to homelessness after being permanently housed, identify opportunities to rapidly assist them with GPD transitional housing as well as additional support to ensure that they are rehoused and stay rehoused.
 - Ask your GPD liaison to review the list of Veterans who have returned to homelessness as reported on the CY 2023 Homeless Goals Dashboard to identify Veterans who may need GPD services.

HOW YOU CAN HELP – GOAL 3: ENGAGEMENT WITH UNSHELTERED VETERANS

- Work with your VA homeless program and Continuum of Care partners to support outreach to unsheltered Veterans.
- Work with your GPD liaison to remove any remaining barriers to unsheltered Veterans accessing GPD transitional housing.
- Keep striving to provide same day access.

WRAPPING UP

- Join our Office Hours calls on the first Thursdays of the month at 3:00 p.m. Eastern / 2:00 p.m. Central / 11:00 p.m. Mountain / 12:00 p.m. Pacific / 9:00 a.m. Hawaii.
 - Our next call will be on **Thursday, May 4, 2023**.
- Recordings of the Office Hours calls are posted to [VA.gov/Homeless](https://www.va.gov/Homeless).
- For questions, please email VHA11HPO38kGoalSupport@va.gov.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

GPD PROGRAM OFFICE TAKE AWAYS & QUESTIONS TO ASK

Intake

- Are discharges planned at intake?
- Do you have a process in place to initially engage/re engage Veterans who are higher risk?
- Are documents necessary for housing secured upfront?
- Are there barriers to accessing services and permanent housing?

Case Management

- Is quality case management occurring? Frequency? Duration?
- Are Veterans learning the necessary skills to house successfully?
- Do Veterans with zero income have an appropriate plans in place for housing and to secure income/benefits?
- Is the staff accessible?
- Is there flexibility in meeting times for Veterans who have other obligations?

GPD PROGRAM OFFICE TAKE AWAYS & QUESTIONS TO ASK

Case Conferencing and Clinical Oversight

- Are there regularly scheduled case conferencing meetings you, the VA liaison, and the Veteran?
- Are realistic housing plans in place?
- Are referral dates monitored?
- Are required documents tracked closely?
- Are lengths of stay tracked closely?
- If a Veteran is discharging to family, has the family been included in discharge planning sessions?
 - **Discharges to family/friends are more vulnerable to relapses into homelessness**
- Is quality case management, care coordination and oversight taking place? Frequency? Duration?
- Are you conducting monthly discharge reviews and performance reviews?
- Is the liaison accessible to Veterans and grantee staff?
 - **Is there a strong VA liaison presence at your GPD site?**

GPD PROGRAM OFFICE TAKE AWAYS & QUESTIONS TO ASK

VA coordination

- Are there barriers to accessing SSVF or HUD-VASH?
- Is there a smooth referral process?
- Are there regular case conferences between GPD, SSVF, and HUD-VASH resources?

Follow up

- Is there frequent follow up with the GPD liaison and Veteran after case conferencing?
- Is there close monitoring of the clinical record to ensure accuracy and consistency?

Support

- What strategies can be implemented to better support Veterans?
- Are there community meetings to discuss common barriers and brainstorm solutions?
- How are resources being shared in the community?

GOOD NEWS STORIES

- Does your organization have a Veteran success story to share?
- Please reach out to our office and your GPD liaison
- We would like to highlight successes on our website periodically
- How have you used your GPD services to help Veterans—tell us novel and strong practices!

THANK YOU!

*Thank
You*

Next Call: Tuesday, May 9th @ 2pm ET