Transitioning to New GPD Models
Implementation of FY 2018 Awards
Welcome

• Today is a Special Operational Programs call focused on transition issues related to the new GPD awards that will begin on October 1, 2017.
• Questions and comment should be focused on this topic.
• The call is in lecture mode for the benefit of all participants.
• We have received some questions prior to the call which we will be discussing.
  • Additional questions for today can be submitted to gpdgrants@va.gov
Purpose of today’s call

• Updates on GPD awards timeline.
• What happens after October 1, 2017- Transition issues and strategies for implementation.
• Q&A period.
• Provide some updates on upcoming Technical Assistance.
Update on Awards

• Awards announcement
• Awards packages
  • Grant agreements
  • Recipient guides
• Additional guidance forthcoming to operationalize extensions.
Transition Issues

• New awards begin on October 1, 2017.
  • New awards will be operating under their new Federal Agency Identification Number (FAIN) as of October 1st.
  • Billing beginning the month of October must be tied to the new FAIN.
  • Performance measurement will begin October 1st.
  • Financial reporting will move to Federal Fiscal Year.

• Every effort should be made to establish new project models as quickly as possible.

• We are balancing the rapid implementation of new projects and associated models with the transitioning of homeless Veterans who are in your programs now and will be there on October 1st.
Transition Issues - Veterans

- What about Veterans that are still in the my program as of October 1, 2017?
- What do we do with them?
- Does per diem end for these Veterans after October 1st?
Transition Issues- Veterans

• Our goal is to ensure every homeless Veteran successfully completes their service plan.

• Every Veteran’s plan should be evaluated to determine, where they are in relationship to their goal.

• Strategies to transition these Veterans as quickly as possible.

• Keep in consideration your program implementation timeline.

• Since the awards begin on October 1st, every Veteran will need to accounted for in a new FAIN.
  • We are working with the VA data analytics team on the change over that will need to occur in HOMES.
Transition Issues- Veterans

• Transition options for consideration;
  • Are any of the Veterans appropriate for new models that you have been selected?
    • Keeping in mind the ability to flex beds within the models awarded (thus increasing availability of a funded model if needed).
    • Do we have opportunities to coordinate collaborative referrals for matches with other programs?
  • How can we facilitate transitioning Veterans as efficiently as possible?
    • Are there opportunities to collaborate with SSVF?
    • Are there Veterans who are our program that are would be appropriate for HUD-VASH (i.e. chronically homeless).
Transition Issues- New model implementation

• How much time do I have to get the new model implemented?
  • We would like to see the new models implemented by your organizations no later than December 31, 2017.
  • Admissions after October 1 should be targeted to new models, to support transition to implementation.

• Discussions should also be held with GPD liaisons to discuss your timetable for implementation.
  • Timeline for inspections may be impacted for sites that traditionally started inspections early in the fiscal year.
Transition Issues- New model implementation

- Can we submit a change of scope to offer a model that was not awarded?
  - Organizations are allowed to provide services for those models which are awarded for this NOFA. A change of scope would not be an option in this case.

- Can we submit a change of scope to redistribute the beds across awarded models.
  - Not at this time. We encourage the use of the flexibility of beds option as described in the NOFA.
Transition Issues – Financial considerations

• Your FAIN will serve as your new project number going forward.
• Grantees must track costs for each FAIN.
• Billing must be completed by FAIN.
• Federal Financial Report (completed on SF 425) will now be done on the Federal Fiscal year; October 1st -September 30th.
• The Federal Financial Report will be due no later than 90 days of the end of the Federal Fiscal year (September 30).
Technical Assistance Updates

• Save the dates – details will be forthcoming
  • Hospital to Housing September 7th
  • Low Demand September 5th
  • Clinical Treatment – September 8th

• Bridge Housing - September 26th / 2pm EST
  • VANTS 1-800-767-1750, code 17663
Questions?