

Highlights
VA Grant and Per Diem Program
Providers Operational Call
November 13, 2006

Grant Announcements:

Press releases were published November 13th regarding the 2006 Capital Grant awards.

Life Safety Codes:

Those organizations that do not comply with the National Fire Protection Code, because they have been 'grandfathered,' will need to comply by December 21, 2006.

Legislation:

Authorizing legislation to continue the Grant and Per Diem Program is still pending.

Inspections:

VA medical centers will be inspecting programs early next calendar year. Organizations need to have available for inspections the documentation regarding the project plan (records indicating that the goals and objectives of the program are being tracked and monitored).

Post Award Conference:

There is possibility that the 2006 awardees will be invited to a post award conference. Representatives from past awardees may be utilized as faculty for the event.

Per Diem Rates:

Initial and requests for increased per diem rates are being reviewed by the GPD office as quickly as possible. The GPD office is attempting to secure additional resources to make this process more expedient.

HUD Information Collection:

The HIMS system may conflict with confidentiality of veterans enrolled in GPD programs. A conference call will be scheduled to discuss further.