Highlights VA Grant and Per Diem Program Operational Call April 14, 2008

Agenda items:

- The deadline for the 2008 GPD NOFA was April 9, 2008. The GPD Program received many applications, probably more than most other years. Both Capital and "Per Diem Only" funding was available.
- Inspections should have completed by the end of March. Although these inspections can be difficult to schedule, the enhanced inspection format offers a more comprehensive review of programs and promotes high quality care.
- VA expects to expand the HUD/VASH Program this year with additional case managers, while HUD will be offering more section 8 vouchers. Formal announcements of this expanded program should be out within the next couple of weeks.
- VA is training liaisons to provide additional information to grant recipients in the form of structured modules. This training is an effort to offer the most recent best-practices information to all GPD providers nationwide.
- The federal agency that is the prominent funder of an organization should be the "cognizant" agency. The cognizant agency determines the indirect rate (rate used to calculate the indirect costs associated to grant funds).

The next scheduled call is May 12th at 1:00 Eastern Time. Please call in at 1-800-767-1750; access code 58099.