

Highlights
VA Grant and Per Diem Program
Provider Operational Call
May 12, 2008

Program Announcements:

---The GPD Program is currently reviewing applications submitted under the recent funding announcements for capital and per diem only grants. Those organizations that score high enough will be receiving letters to request that they submit second submissions.

---VA may be hiring additional liaisons for the GPD Program before the end of the year. Funding has been requested and approval for expenditure is currently being reviewed.

---Implementation of the HUD/VASH has begun. The Federal Register published the HUD notice last week and a video conference was hosted by HUD with VA participants. Funding for VA case managers under this program has been distributed to VA medical centers.

---VA has limited funding currently for some medical centers to contract for residential treatment services for veterans who are homeless and chronically mentally ill. These services differ from GPD programs in that contracts should be established for veterans not suitable for transitional housing.

HMIS:

Participants on the call discussed variations in information releases that they use for those clients enrolling in the HMIS system. It appears that HUD does not have a standard release form, but each organization is expected to have a release that meets their legal and programmatic requirements.

Scattered Site:

Several programs are designed to provide in-community living by utilizing scattered site designs. Participants on the call offered phone numbers of those organizations that provide this type of service.

The next scheduled conference is June 9, 2008, 3:00 Eastern Time. Please call in at 1-800-767-7750 (access code: 17663)