

Highlights

VA Grant and Per Diem Program

Provider Operational Call

July 14, 2008

Program Announcements:

--“Per Diem Only” awards were announced by VA. Over 50 providers were awarded “PDOs” which is expected to create over 1,000 transitional housing beds.

--Currently, VA is reviewing second submissions for this year’s capital grant. With over \$35 million available for capital grants this year, it is expected that more than 50 programs can be funded. Awards should be announced sometime before the end of September.

--GPD staff do not generally attend grand openings of GPD-funded programs. If your agency would like to request that a representative attend a ceremony hosted by your organization, call the office of Director, VA Homeless Programs.

--Criteria for admissions to programs are designated by each organization’s application that was submitted for funding. It is expected that the population will be homeless (or as indicated in the application, “otherwise homeless”). However, by regulation, VA can not pay per diem for those veterans that are incarcerated. Also, it is expected that organizations bill medical centers accurately. Billing is for day in, not day out. In certain circumstances, VA will pay the provider to “hold” the bed, up to 72 hours. However, this hold is reviewed and approved by the liaison.

--VA is working with HUD to provide Section 8 vouchers under the HUD/VASH program. This program is separate from the GPD Program and focuses on permanent housing, not transitional.

The next scheduled conference call is July 14, 2008, Eastern Time. Please call in at 1-800-767-1750 (access code: 17663)