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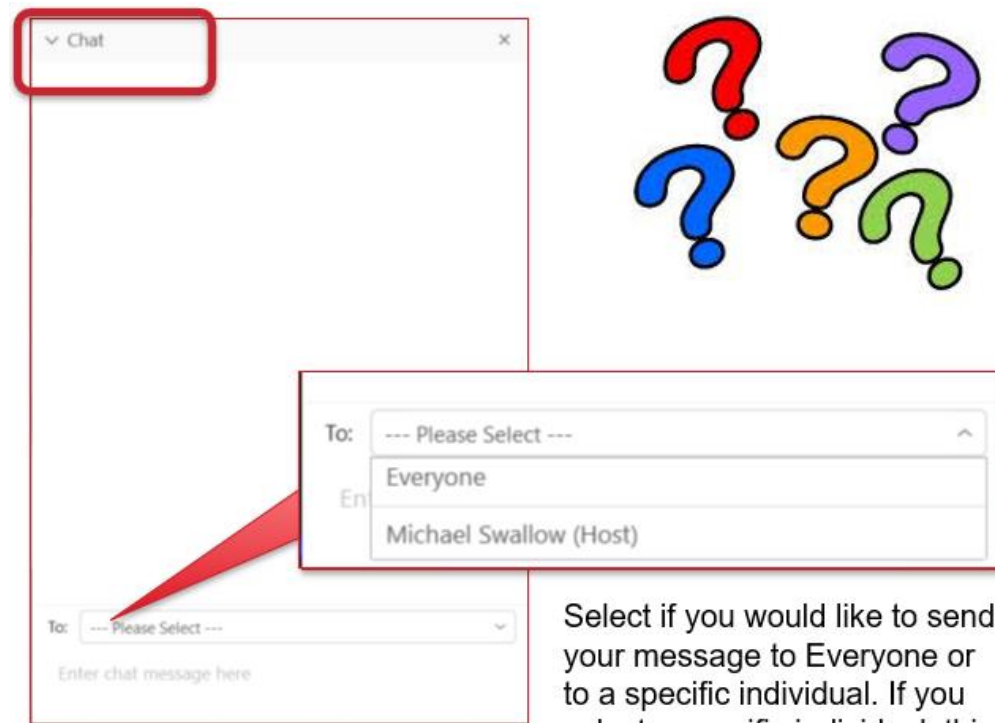
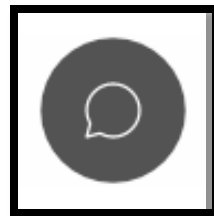


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GOALS FOR TODAY'S WEBINAR

- Parts of this meeting will be less instructional—we want to hear from you! (Will WebEx cooperate?)
- This webinar will aim **to be more interactive**—please **use the chat and participate**
- Please **educate me** on what you're seeing and experiencing
- **Let's chat!**

AGENDA

- **Updates and conversation starters**
 - Performance and outcome data trends
 - Maximizing and blending funding sources beyond GPD
 - Maximizing Veteran outcomes in GPD and beyond
- **Presentations**
 - **Supreme Court decision affecting homelessness policy, *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson et al.***: Erin E. Johnson, deputy director, GPD national office
 - **Fiscal year (FY) 2025 inspection season**: Melissa Meierdierks, program specialist, GPD national office
 - **Financial management updates**: Nancy Hegel, supervisory financial analyst, GPD national office

UPDATES & CONVERSATION STARTERS



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PERFORMANCE UPDATE: NATIONAL OVERVIEW

	Target		Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr2	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr3	FYTD
GPD															
GPD1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	*		68.67%	71.04%	69.92%	69.83%	66.78%	66.29%	67.08%	66.73%	64.75%	65.25%	68.64%	66.05%	67.51%
GPD2: % Negative Exits	20.00%	↓	17.72%	18.63%	18.40%	18.23%	19.07%	22.70%	20.33%	20.66%	20.40%	21.35%	20.32%	20.72%	19.89%
GPD3: % Employed at Exit	*		67.41%	60.19%	54.90%	61.00%	52.20%	58.06%	56.69%	55.58%	54.36%	56.19%	64.01%	57.78%	58.12%

Let's review year-to-date performance

- Nationally, trending downwards in aggregate (see above)
 - TIP, Bridge Housing are meeting performance targets (see next slide)
- Previous years were stronger

Contributing factors?

- What do you think has changed over last year?
- Are there employment challenges?

PERFORMANCE UPDATE: PER MODEL OVERVIEW

	Target	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr2	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr3	FYTD
GPD														
GPD-TIP1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	75%	90.32%	78.13%	85.19%	84.44%	91.89%	82.14%	81.58%	85.44%	82.35%	75.76%	87.50%	81.32%	83.80%
GPD-TIP2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 3.23%	9.38%	11.11%	7.78%	5.41%	14.29%	5.26%	7.77%	8.82%	12.12%	4.17%	8.79%	8.10%
GPD-TIP3: % Employed at Exit	70%	100.00%	76.47%	93.33%	90.00%	83.33%	71.43%	79.17%	78.57%	84.21%	78.95%	100.00%	86.54%	84.81%
GPD-BH1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	75%	75.98%	80.69%	79.65%	78.76%	74.18%	76.44%	71.54%	73.96%	71.70%	71.97%	74.30%	72.54%	75.10%
GPD-BH2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 13.39%	13.13%	10.82%	12.50%	15.16%	12.44%	19.37%	15.79%	15.85%	18.18%	16.82%	16.96%	15.07%
GPD-LD1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	60%	60.58%	62.78%	63.01%	62.03%	57.89%	60.51%	59.01%	59.14%	61.71%	59.92%	63.94%	61.76%	61.02%
GPD-LD2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 17.84%	21.67%	20.55%	19.84%	23.16%	27.18%	27.03%	25.86%	19.37%	21.90%	24.52%	21.88%	22.46%
GPD-HH1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	65%	57.14%	73.33%	60.00%	63.64%	66.67%	76.92%	72.22%	72.50%	87.50%	33.33%	63.64%	60.00%	65.12%
GPD-HH2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 28.57%	26.67%	26.67%	27.27%	22.22%	23.08%	27.78%	25.00%	18.75%	55.56%	27.27%	35.56%	29.46%
GPD-CT1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	65%	62.59%	69.02%	59.53%	63.65%	59.50%	61.60%	59.27%	60.10%	56.16%	61.33%	60.96%	59.50%	61.03%
GPD-CT2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 24.15%	20.78%	24.90%	23.33%	21.86%	26.62%	23.27%	23.87%	23.63%	22.96%	23.11%	23.23%	23.47%
GPD-CT3: % Employed at Exit	55%	51.46%	56.25%	44.23%	50.50%	41.82%	52.53%	49.50%	47.74%	52.31%	52.42%	53.00%	52.54%	50.36%
GPD-SI1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	70%	71.19%	69.23%	73.66%	71.35%	68.65%	64.80%	71.58%	68.43%	65.63%	67.29%	71.77%	67.99%	69.21%
GPD-SI2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 16.74%	19.58%	17.95%	18.05%	19.21%	24.71%	17.14%	20.25%	22.33%	20.86%	19.14%	20.89%	19.77%
GPD-SI3: % Employed at Exit	60%	71.61%	61.14%	57.67%	63.82%	54.93%	60.10%	57.41%	57.40%	53.16%	56.25%	66.83%	58.28%	59.84%
GPD-SN-CMI1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	60%	100.00%	50.00%	50.00%	62.50%	33.33%	80.00%	100.00%	75.00%	0.00%	57.14%		44.44%	62.07%
GPD-SN-CMI2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	42.86%		44.44%	17.24%
GPD-SN-CMI3: % Employed at Exit	55%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	66.67%		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	50.00%		33.33%	66.67%
GPD-SN-W1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	70%	75.00%	75.00%	85.71%	78.95%	100.00%	100.00%	60.00%	83.33%	66.67%	60.00%	66.67%	64.71%	75.00%
GPD-SN-W2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 25.00%	25.00%	14.29%	21.05%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	8.33%	0.00%	20.00%	16.67%	11.76%	14.58%
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GPD-SN-FE1: % Exits to Permanent Housing	65%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	50.00%	66.67%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	86.67%
GPD-SN-FE2: % Negative Exits	20%	↓ 0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%	0.00%

REMINDER: MAXIMIZING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- Historically, GPD grantees have had **multiple and blended funding sources** like Medicaid, state/local grants, other Federal awards, or private foundation dollars
- Although GPD grantees **must maintain accurate cost accounting** (which services get billed to which funding source), **there is nothing to prohibit using other dollars**, per se
- Generally, **grantees must not bill for the same service to more than one funding source**
 - For example, if you are delivering clinical treatment and billing the service to **Medicaid**, you may not bill **the same service** to GPD; **but** any unreimbursed dollars not received from Medicaid **COULD** be put towards GPD's **cost of care**

REMINDER: MAXIMIZING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- These topics are **beyond the scope of a GPD liaison's responsibilities**, so please do not restrict your billing activities or pursuit of other funding sources without consultation
 - Please also reach out to our office if your GPD liaison is not recognizing that **your staff may also be funded across multiple sources** and cross-trained across your organization
 - Our fiscal and Office of Business Oversight team can help with questions from you and from VA medical center oversight staff
- **Bottom line: Blended funding can be complex, so reach out to GPDGrants and/or GPDFiscal@va.gov with specific questions and our Business Oversight partners can help**

REMINDER: MAXIMIZING VETERAN OUTCOMES

- BLUF: Maximizing engagement with other services isn't just about maximizing funding—we know the more “plugged in” Veteran are with other services, **the better prepared for maintaining permanent housing they will be**
- **What's available in your area?**
 - **SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)**
 - Check out our November 2023 webinar!
 - VHA's services and **leveraging your GPD liaison** to help **encourage enrollment when appropriate—can they link you to**
 - [Homeless PACT](#) and mobile medical units?
 - VHA mental health?
 - Primary care if an H-PACT is not available in your area?
- Remember back to our December webinar...of a cohort of over 21,000 Veterans in GPD, what percentage was **eligible for VHA healthcare services? (Spoiler alert...93%)**

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 - Johnson EE, Borgia M, Rose J, O'Toole TP. No wrong door: Can clinical care facilitate veteran engagement in housing services? Psychol Serv. 2017 May;14(2):167-173. doi: 10.1037/ser0000124. PubMed PMID: 28481601.
 - “Of those with care within 1 month, their average time from unstable to stable housing was **84.8 days compared with 165.9 days** for those who do not access care ($p = .02$).”
 - “Of those receiving primary care within 1 month of enrollment, **88.9% were in stable sheltering at 6 months.**”

Supreme court decision affecting homelessness policy:

CITY OF GRANTS PASS, OREGON v. JOHNSON ET AL

Erin E. Johnson, Deputy Director, VA GPD

SUPREME COURT DECISION AFFECTING HOMELESSNESS POLICY

CITY OF GRANTS PASS, OREGON v. JOHNSON ET AL., decided June 28, 2024

- **The Supreme Court held**, “The enforcement of generally applicable laws regulating camping on public property does not constitute ‘cruel and unusual punishment’ prohibited by the Eighth Amendment”
- The “Grants Pass” case challenged a municipality’s ability to prohibit people from sleeping or camping in public spaces (e.g., sidewalks and parks)
 - The “Grants Pass” decision overturns the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit’s ruling (*Martin v. Boise*) which basically stated camping bans **could not be enforced** if there were more homeless people than available shelter beds
 - The Ninth Circuit covers predominately the western US (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA)
 - ***Martin v. Boise* was decided in 2018** and the Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to the decision in 2019; however, the case was heard as “Grants Pass...” in April 2024
- **This means municipalities may now enforce laws prohibiting sleeping, camping, etc., in public areas because the Court deems it is neither “cruel” nor “unusual” to do so**

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- **“Homelessness is complex. Its causes are many. So may be the public policy responses required to address it.”**
- This presentation will highlight some pieces of the majority’s decision—**the ruling of the land**
- It is not a Federal employee’s role to pass personal or political judgement on the ruling; but I would love your thoughts about programming moving forward
 - **You are the “front lines” referenced in the decision**
- **What do you think—pop your thoughts in the chat or raise your hand—no right or wrong**
 - Given the influence of the Ninth Circuit, do you think the **last six years have changed how you think about encampments and engagement** with homeless people?
 - Will this ruling affect your **operations**?
 - Will this ruling affect your **outreach** efforts?
 - Will this ruling affect **demand** for your services?

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- **References to transitional housing and sheltering in the decision**
 - “In fact, the court ruled, none of the beds at Grants Pass’s charity-run shelter qualified as ‘available.’ They did not, the court said, both because that shelter offers something closer to **transitional housing** than ‘temporary emergency shelter,’ and because the shelter has rules requiring residents to abstain from smoking...” (p. 13, describing the *Martin* decision)
 - “But since the trial court entered its injunction against Grants Pass, the city shelter reports that **utilization of its resources has fallen by roughly 40 percent**...Many other cities offer similar accounts about their experiences after *Martin*, telling us the decision has made it more difficult, not less, to help the homeless accept shelter off city streets.” (p. 30)
- The majority opinion **alludes to tensions between the perception of “rules” and personal autonomy** (“Is a bed “available” to a smoker if the shelter requires residents to abstain from nicotine, as the shelter in Grants Pass does?” pg. 28)
 - **What is your experience?**

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- Entities that wrote briefs to the Court supporting the idea that the Ninth Circuit decision should be re-examined:
 - The cities of Albuquerque, Anchorage, Chico, Chino, Colorado Springs, Fillmore, Garden Grove, Glendora, Henderson, Honolulu, Huntington Beach, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Murrieta, Newport Beach, Orange, Phoenix, Placentia, Portland, Providence, Redondo Beach, Roseville, Saint Paul, San Clemente, San Diego, San Francisco, San Juan Capistrano, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, and Westminster; the National League of Cities, representing more than 19,000 American cities and towns; the League of California Cities, representing 477 California cities; the League of Oregon Cities, representing Oregon's 241 cities; the Association of Idaho Cities, representing Idaho's 199 cities; the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, representing all 91 incorporated Arizona municipalities; the North Dakota League of Cities, comprising 355 cities; the Counties of Honolulu, San Bernardino, San Francisco, and Orange; the National Association of Counties, which represents the Nation's 3,069 counties; the California State Association of Counties, representing California's 58 counties; the Special Districts Association of Oregon, representing all of Oregon's special districts; the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, a nonprofit corporation comprising attorneys representing Washington's 281 cities and towns; the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the largest association of attorneys representing municipalities, counties, and special districts across the country; the District Attorneys of Sacramento and San Diego Counties, the California State Sheriffs' Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, and the Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; California Governor Gavin Newsom and San Francisco Mayor London Breed; and a group of 20 States: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia

FEEDBACK FROM GPD GRANTEES: NINTH CIRCUIT

“This is affecting our SSVF and GPD Case Management programs because we often see a surge of referrals that demand a fast-turnaround when camps are abated.

Community outreach groups are often present at abatement events and when they encounter Veterans, they quickly try to find a resource to help them – often the resource is SSVF and GPD. On days when major camps are being abated, we are struggling to meet the needs of everyone who is being referred to us at once. “

“The one possible upside is that during abatement events we are encountering and enrolling folks who otherwise might not have been willing to engage with a program, perhaps due to having an established camp.”

“I can say that some cities in one of our counties have started city managed, or contracted out to non-profits, "urban campgrounds." In [one city] the campground is actually on city owned property on the same lot as the police station. Both [counties] have established police livability teams as well in order to address issues involved with homelessness in a non-punitive, yet pro-active manner.”



FEEDBACK FROM GPD GRANTEES: CALIFORNIA

“The Grants Pass decision has sparked considerable concern among encampment residents and has prompted city officials to reevaluate their approach to this issue. Thanks to [our] strong connection with the City as a contracted Street Outreach provider, we have been actively engaged in these conversations to identify best practices for addressing the situation. [We are] also utilized by the City during encampment clearings to assess and refer the unhoused into services.”

“While we have not yet observed a rise in the number of Veterans entering our programs, with Governor Newsome now threatening to withhold funding to cities that don’t clear encampments, we anticipate a significant increase if the city begins widespread closures. This influx will directly impact encampment residents transitioning into our programs from the streets, particularly those in need of our Low Demand model. The expected surge will strain the availability of our beds, most notably affecting our program...where our Low Demand beds are located.”



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- **Food for thought:**
 - Will you pivot your outreach strategies or try a new motivational approach?
 - How can low-barrier approaches to engagement and placement into your transitional housing aid this effort (and others)?
 - How will you coordinate with your cities and communities **if** encampments are cleared?
 - Will you enhance your legal strategies **if** Veterans receive criminal citations for sleeping rough?
- **Reminder:** “As we have stressed, **cities and States are not bound to adopt public-camping laws.** They may also choose to narrow such laws (as Oregon itself has recently).” (p. 31)
- **Nothing about the ruling forces localities to criminalize homelessness, so it remains to be seen how this decision will affect different areas**

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- “Through their voluntary associations and charities, their elected representatives and appointed officials, their police officers and mental health professionals, **they display that same energy and skill today in their efforts to address the complexities of the homelessness challenge facing the most vulnerable among us.**”
- “Yes, people will disagree over which policy responses are best; **they may experiment with one set of approaches only to find later another set works better**; they may find certain responses more appropriate for some communities than others.”
- Let’s continue experimenting with our evolution in GPD! You are **a valued and needed resource** in your community!
- **Thank you for all your work!**
- A copy of the opinion: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-175_19m2.pdf

RESOURCES

- **Additional resources**

- [Office Hours Recording - Timely Access to VA Interim Housing Programs](#) - August 1, 2024.
- [19 Strategies for Communities to Address Encampments Humanely and Effectively | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness \(usich.gov\)](#)

INSPECTION SEASON



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INSPECTIONS

- Inspections are to occur yearly after initial inspection between September 1st and December 31st
 - *TIP inspections occur on a rolling cycle basis throughout the year
- You and your VA team may start in August
- For inspection criteria please review [38 CFR 61.80](#)
- Scheduling of all inspections will be coordinated locally between the GPD grantee and VAMC
 - Outcomes of inspections will be recorded in reports
- Any deficiencies will be noted and recorded in the report, and corrective actions will be monitored by the VAMC
- When inspections are complete, grantees will receive a copy of the inspection report and the Liaison will store in their **administrative file**

Note: It is essential that all areas of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Act (NFPA) are met. Liaisons must ensure that the designated facilities inspector sign the appropriate NFPA checklist (determined by the inspector based on applicable codes) and include a copy of the checklist in the completed inspection packet.

INSPECTION TEAM

The team for all inspections will be coordinated by the GPD liaison and include:

- NHC or designee (GPD Supervisor) to attend the inspections
- VA GPD liaison
- Personnel from the local VAMC, including subject matter experts from Social Work Service and/or Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences
- Nutrition and Food Service
- Nursing
- Facilities Management/Engineering
- VA Security Service
- **All inspections must be signed by—indicating they're complete and accurate—the VAMC director or designee, meaning the ultimate approval sits with the director**

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON INSPECTIONS?

[Regulations.eCFR :: 38 CFR Part 61 GPD:](#)



§ 61.65 Inspections.

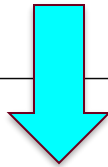
VA may inspect the facility and records of any applicant or recipient when necessary to determine compliance with this part or an agreement under § 61.61. The authority to inspect does not authorize VA to manage or control the applicant or recipient.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2011, 2012, 2061, 2064)

Other resources:

- [Grant and Per Diem Program: Provider Website - VA Homeless Programs](#)

Grant Agreement:



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Grant Agreement

In accepting a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) award, the grantee (or recipient) assumes legal, financial, administrative and programmatic responsibility for administering the award. All applicable appropriations, laws, statutes, rules, regulations (e.g., 38 C.F.R. part 61, 2 C.F.R. part 200), Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) requirements, Executive Orders governing assistance awards, statutory and national policy requirements (e.g., 2 C.F.R. § 200.300 and 41 U.S.C. § 4712) and these terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into this award by reference. While VA may provide grantees with reminder notices regarding award requirements, the absence of receiving such notice does not relieve grantees of responsibility to meet all applicable award requirements. Under this agreement, the grantee agrees to provide what is outlined in the grant award and application along with any modifications that have occurred or will occur as a result of official changes approved by the VA GPD Program Office.

INSPECTION: TRIVIA

When is the last time you reviewed the grant *cover to cover* with the whole TEAM (Grantee's team & Liaison)?

- A. I read the grant on my own and the liaison read it on their own last October
- B. We review the grant when there may be pending deficiencies
- C. We review as a team annually before inspection season
- D. It is the liaison's responsibility, not mine to know the grant and read it on their own



INSPECTIONS

PDO and Service Center [Recipient_Guide_Transitional_Housing.pdf \(va.gov\)](#):

- Inspections may start in August
- Page 1: The inspection is a **RE-INSPECTION**
- Reminder: Service Center has its own inspection packet
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2024

Special Need [Recipient_Guide_Transitional_Housing.pdf \(va.gov\)](#):

- Inspections may start in August
- Page 1: The inspection is an **INITIAL INSPECTION**
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2024

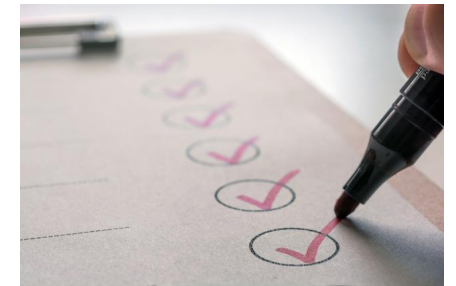
Transition in Place [Recipient_Guide_Transitional_Housing.pdf \(va.gov\)](#):

- TIP inspections may not necessarily follow the same annual cycle that PDO and SN facilities do.
- All new TIP units do require initial inspection and activation. **Each unit** must pass a GPD initial inspection and then annual inspections thereafter
- **Deadline:** TIP inspections are completed on a **rolling basis** throughout the year



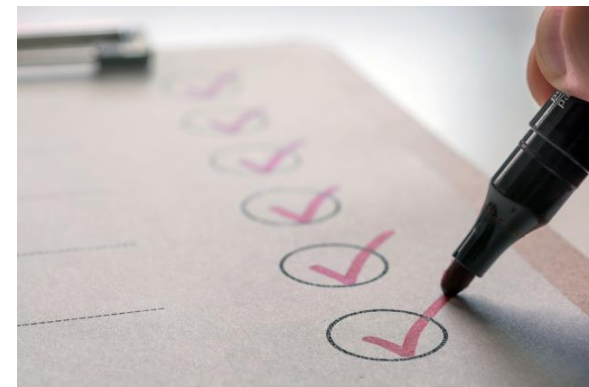
INSPECTIONS

- **Capital Grant (Resource: [Capital Recipient Guide](#)):**
 - Grantee works with the CFM team to receive approval related to ADA, Drawings, NEPA, NHPA.
 - CFM team sends letters to the grantee and our office as the grantee completes each of these steps.
 - When the grantee is close to finishing their capital work, they will notify our office (gpdgrants@va.gov) and the VA medical center to schedule an inspection.
 - Our office sends the capital inspection checklist to the VA medical center to complete.
 - Coordination by VA Liaisons with VA Inspection SMEs and schedule inspections
 - Once the site passes inspection, inspection/checklist routed by the GPD Liaison/Supervisor through NHC for review, sent to our office for activation of the capital grant.
 - **Deadline:** determined by the project operational dates. It is important to have ongoing communication with the local VA and our office.



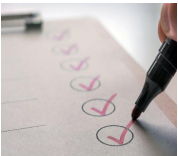
CAN YOU PROVIDE SOME HELPFUL PRACTICES ON THE INSPECTION PROCESS?

- Inspection kick-off call with your GPD Liaison and your team to understand the process
- Review a copy of the inspection forms and deficiencies found last year
- Identify *who* from your team will be meeting the VA SME the day of the inspection, and their contact information
- Create an itinerary: confirm with your GPD Liaison the inspection dates and site address for each FAIN
- Review steps with your team for corrective action if a deficiency is found
- Be available for a verbal briefing with the VA SME and GPD Liaison on deficiencies the day of the inspection
- Set a quick and clear date when the deficiency will be corrected
- Proactive communication with the GPD Liaison and VA SME to set a date deficiency will be reinspected by VA SME



INSPECTION REMINDERS

- **Site inspections:**
 - **All rooms** where VA Funded GPD Services are provided are to be inspected
 - **All apartment units** in a building must be inspected individually if all units are used to provide care to Veterans in GPD
 - **Office space** where services are delivered, group rooms, facility kitchen used by Veterans or for the use of food preparation for Veterans.
- **Deficiencies:**
 - ALL deficiencies noted by the VA Inspection Team MUST be re-inspected by the VA Subject Matter Expert/Designee
 - Clear and seamless communication with the GPD Liaison and VA Subject Matter Expert :
 - Date(s) corrections will be completed
 - Date(s) when item(s) are ready for reinspection
 - WHO from grantee's team will be available to meet with the VA SME for reinspection
- **Access and admissions:** Same day admissions up to 72 hrs. is an example of other grant compliance areas that the inspection team will also review



INSPECTIONS: TIPS FROM THE FIELD

- Clear communication plan
- You have a copy of the inspection forms and NFPA (reviewing with your team that will be involved)
- Have a handyman accompanying the VA SME during the inspections to fix any deficiencies on the spot
- Schedule additional time with the VA SME and GPD Liaison for additional clarification or consultation
- Track “lessons learned,” results pulled from the past 12 months:
 - Prior FY’S inspection packet
 - Quarterly compliance reviews
 - Scheduled or Unscheduled site visit results



INSPECTION DEADLINE

DECEMBER 31st



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT UPDATES



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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – REMINDERS

Case Management Awards

- **Quarterly Financial Reporting in eGMS**
 - 3rd quarter ended June 30; Reporting was due July 30 for financial data 10/1/23-6/30/24
 - Quarterly Reporting due within 30 days after end of the quarter
 - Reporting is cumulative
- **Case Management Billing**
 - CM-24 are two-year awards. FY24 (Year 1) billing should not exceed 50% of the total award amount
 - Ensure you are billing for allowable costs incurred in a timely manner

Expense Requests

- **Pre-Approval** required for all expenses over \$5,000, includes both equipment and capital expenditures and [\(2 C.F.R. § 200.439\)](#) and maintenance and repair costs [\(2 C.F.R. § 200.452\)](#)
- Submit requests for approval or questions regarding allowable costs to GPDFiscal@va.gov

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – REMINDERS

Special Need Awards

- **SN-22** – Award ends 9/30/2024
 - Ensure that you are current on submitting vouchers
 - Billing to this award is for costs incurred through September 30,2024
- **SN-25 – NEW** Award begins 10/1/2024
 - Please submit initial per diem rate request if you haven't already done so

Use Caution when submitting payments after October 1, 2024, to ensure billing against the correct award

OFFICE OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT

Upcoming Fiscal Reviews:

- Volunteers of America, Dakotas – August 26 – 30, 2024
- Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Inc. - August 26 – 30, 2024
- YWCA of Greater Harrisburg - September 4 – September 6, 2024
- Siena Francis House – September 9 – September 13, 2024
- Welcome House of Northern Kentucky – September 9 – September 13, 2024
- City of New York – September 9 – September 13, 2024
- Clara White Mission – September 9 – September 13, 2024

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WRAP UP

- **Thank you for your participation today!**
- Our next meeting is
 - **Tuesday, September 10th** @ 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 12pm MDT, 11am PDT/AZ, 10am AK, 8am HI
 - **Please expect a new webinar link and invitation for October/FY 2025!**
 - When you receive a new invite, **delete/decline** previous/canceled versions from this series
 - Make sure your contacts are current in eGMS
- **Have a happy and safe Labor Day!**