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October 18, 2013

Dennis H. Smith, Director
VA Maryland Health Care System
10 North Greene Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Subject: VISN 5 - VA Maryland HCS Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) Team
Based Care (AFGE Local 331 and AFGE Local 1923)

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the VAMHCS BHIP Team Care as cited above in VISN 5 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's chief negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Williams Wetmore, 14th District Representative NVAC

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2nd Executive Vice-President
National VA Council #53
29 Lake Street
Danville, IL 61832-6101

Subject: General Mental Health Staffing Team Development: Behavioral Health
Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) Team Based Care

This notice is to advise you that General Mental Health Staffing Team Development:
Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) Team Based Care Memorandum is
a new document. It is attached for your review.

This action is in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA),
Article 1 – Recognition and Coverage. Management views this initiative as a
management right.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact Deborah Kelley-Brown, Labor
and Employee Relations Specialist at 410-605-7000, extension 6327.

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