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December 31, 2013

Michael W. Fisher, Acting Director
VA Medical Center Portland
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
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Subject: VISN 20 – Portland VA Medical Center MCM No. 00-25 External Review Process
(AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on PVAMC MCM No. 00-25 cited above in Portland VAMC in VISN 20 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council#53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named bargaining team my 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
Tammy Schuyler, 11th District Representative NVAC

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December 20, 2013

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From: Nancy Kraft, Director
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**Subject: Review opportunity for Medical Center Memorandum No. 00-25
External Review Process**

Mr. Williams,

In accordance with Article 47 Section A, of the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Federation of Government Employees dated 2011, this serves as notice that Quality & Performance is submitting *Medical Center Memorandum No. 00-25, External Review Process*, for your review.

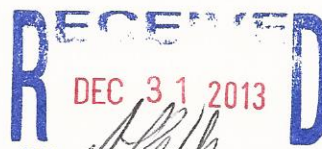
We would like to arrange a briefing with you or your NVAC's designee to clarify our intent and to utilize partnership to facilitate MCM 00-25's official publication to all employees within PVAMC. If you have any question, comments or concerns please submit them to Ernest Simpson, Acting Human Resources Management Officer, Chief Spokesperson for Labor Relations.

Mr. Williams, Local 2583 has brought it to Management's attention that an error is occurring in our Union notification process regarding revisions to Medical Center Memorandums. Management is currently attempting to rectify the situation by providing notices of the intended changes directly to the NVAC as well as notifying both of our locals, 2583 and 2157, for transparency and collaboration.

Nancy M. Kraft
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Attachment : MCM No. 00-25 Previous
MCM No. 00-25 Updated

Cc: President Local 2157
President Local 2583



BY: *[Signature]*

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