Memorandum of Understanding

The following constitutes an agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, (AFL-CIO), National Veterans Affairs Council (NVAC) #53 on VHA's Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) Teams.

- 1. Facilities shall, to the extent feasible, maintain the national mental health staffing model as a minimum.
- 2. Facilities will consider internal candidates first when selecting staff for BHIP teams.
- 3. Facilities will meet their local bargaining obligations prior to implementation of BHIP.
- 4. All data gained from pilot sites will be shared with council 53.
- 5. Upon their receipt, the appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the AFGE Local President.

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