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March 14, 2014

Kimberley D. Moseley, Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR) Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Office of Mental Health Operations (OMHO) Interview Project at the following facilities: (Atlanta, Lexington, Mountain Home, Indianapolis, Tomah, Biloxi, Jackson, Sioux Falls, VA HCS, Iowa City VA HCS, Central Iowa, VA HCS, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa, HCS, Alaska HCS & Texas Central Blend.

Dear Ms. Moseley:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demand to bargain on VHA OMHO interview project at the VHA facilities cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

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

Sincerely.

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.

Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee

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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53 **NVAC** Executive Committee

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From:

Stephen, Donald

Sent:

Friday, March 14, 2014 9:47 AM

To:

Sladek, Jeffrey C.; Williams, Oscar L Jr.

Cc: Subject: Jones, Anitra; Woodard, Timothy; Zeveski, James; Weaver, Kendra; Stephen, Donald FW: Program evaluation of the Enhanced Partnerships between the Department of Veterans

Affairs and Community Providers.

Attachments:

Community Partnerships Qual Eval Exec Summary 01162014.docx; 021814 -- Key Informant

Interviews for evaluation of the Community Partn....pdf

Importance:

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Good morning Mr. Sladek,

Our office, on behalf of the Office of Mental Health Operations (OMHO)is providing notification that management intends to implement a Office of Mental Health Operations (OMHO) interview project as part of an evaluation of the "Enhanced Partnerships between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Community Providers. We have attached is an executive summary of the Office of Mental Health Operations (OMHO) interview project, including the text used in the introductory emails, and the interview protocol with the verbiage and questions. The executive summary, intro email, and interview protocol all state that the interviews are voluntary and that respondents are free to not answer any/all questions. All interviews are confidential; no notes, transcripts, or recordings will be used, seen, or heard by anyone but people at the OMHO PERC. In the report(s), all respondents will be kept anonymous, with no personally identifying characteristics included except the VISN that the person works for. The program office will share the report(s) with the union at the end of the evaluation.

If your office need any additional information please contact me directly at (202) 461-5123. For program information please contact Jim Zeveski at (3140 652- 4100 X63194 or Kendra Weaver, Psy.D., Senior Consultant for Mental Health Clinical Operations, Office of Mental Health Operations (OMHO) at 615-945-9093 (Kendra.Weaver@va.go)v.

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