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May 15, 2014

Michael J. Murphy, Director
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1660 South Columbian Way
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Subject: VISN 20 – VA Puget Sound, HCS Relocation of Nursing Education Department
(AFGE Local 0498 and AFGE Local 3197)

Dear Mr. Murphy:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VAPSHCS relocation of Nursing Education Department cited above 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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May 5, 2014

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Subj: Nursing Education Department

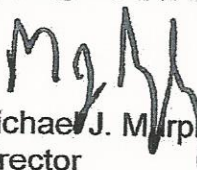
Dear Mr. Williams,

Per Article 47, Section 4, of the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Federation of Government Employees, this letter is official notification the Nursing Education Department is moving from the Center for Education and Development to the Nurse Executive Office by June 30, 2014.

The American Lake Division has one bargaining unit employee represented by AFGE Local 498. The Seattle Division has two bargaining unit employees represented by AFGE Local 3197. Therefore, this action will affect two local Unions.

If VA Puget Sound Health Care System does not hear from you within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of this notice, we shall determine that the Union waives interest in the matter.

Please contact Joseph Friddle, Health Systems Specialist at 206-764-2145 or Joseph.Friddle@va.gov and/or Jamie.Wade@va.gov, Employee/Labor Relations Specialist at 206-658-4298 for any questions regarding this notice and/or to arrange a briefing on the subject matter.


Michael J. Murphy, FACHE
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