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**NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**  
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September 8, 2015

Sallie A. Houser-Hanfelder, Director  
Central Texas Veterans, HCS  
1901 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Temple, TX 76504

Subject: VISN 17 - Central Texas Veterans, HCS Memorandum 05-037 Professional Boundaries-  
Relationships between Employees, and Patients, Former Patients , and Patient Families  
(AFGE Local 1822 and AFGE Local 2109)

Dear Ms. Houser-Hanfelder:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demand to bargain on VISN 17- CTVHCS Policy Memorandum 05-037 as cited above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President, NVAC will be naming a Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named negotiation team 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
Ben Johnson, 10<sup>th</sup> District Representative, NVAC

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**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

**Memorandum**

**Date:** SEP 08 2015

**From:** Director (00), Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, (CTVHCS),  
Temple Texas

**Subj:** Request to negotiate Professional Boundaries policy

**To:** Oscar Williams, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice-president, National Veterans Affairs  
Council of Locals (NVAC)

1. Master Agreement Article 47 Mid-Term Bargaining Section 4B states proposed changes in personnel policies, practices or working conditions affecting the interests of two or more local unions within a facility shall require notice to a party designated by the NVAC President with a copy to the affected local unions.
2. The Professional Boundaries policy impacts both Temple Local 2109 and Waco Local 1822. Therefore, the policy is being submitted for review with copies going to both affected locals.
3. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in serving our Nation's Veterans.

  
Sallie A. Houser-Hanfelder, FACHE

**Attachments:**

Professional Boundaries – Relationships between employees and patients, former patients, and patient's families

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