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Denise Biaggi-Ayer, Executive Director  
VA Office of Labor Management Relations  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Rural Health Study of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for Suicide Prevention

Dear: Ms. Biaggi-Ayer:

The National VA Council #53 is approving the Rural Health Study of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for Suicide Prevention for VA's AFGE bargaining unit employees. Please provide NVAC with the study results once completed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (217) 554-4979.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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