

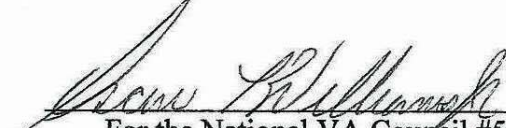
## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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 #53 (NVAC) concerning VHA Directive 2008-XXX, "Mandatory Suicide Risk and Intervention Training for VHA Health Care Providers" at VHA facilities.

1. Bargaining unit employees required to take this mandatory training will be on duty time. Each employee will be given sufficient amount of duty time to take the training.
2. Bargaining unit employees will be allowed to re-test until they pass the mandatory training.
3. New employees will be required to take this training within 90 days of their entry onto duty.
4. The appropriate management official shall provide the Local Union President with a copy of this MOU upon receipt.

  
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For the Department (VHA)

10-7-08  
Date

  
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For the National VA Council #53

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