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May 28, 2013

David Stockwell, Acting Director
VA Medical Center Portland
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239-2964

Subject: VISN 20 – Portland VA Medical Center Extended Hours for Multiple Services
(AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on Portland VAMC Extended Hours for Multiple Services 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
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National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Timothy L. Strako, 11th District Representative NVAC

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May 21, 2013

Oscar Williams
2nd Executive Vice President
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Subj.: **Extended Hours for Multiple Services**
Both AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583

Dear Mr. Williams,

In accordance with VHA Directive 2013-001 and the Memorandum of Understanding between VHA and AFL-CIO dated 11/29/2013, Portland VA Medical Center (PVAMC) will be implementing extended hours at three of our sites of care.

Management is defining extended hours as a minimum of two hours during the weekday outside of core business hours (8am-4:30pm) and two hours on the weekend, defined as Saturday and Sunday.

The documents attached are to assist in understanding the VHA Directive and its proposed impact on the Services indicated.

Locations Affected:

Employees at the following locations will be impacted by the Extended Hours Mandate:

- Portland VAMC
- The Vancouver campus
- Hillsboro CBOC

The Services impacted by the VHA Directive and Extended Hours Mandate are:

- Primary Care
- Mental Health
- Imaging

NVAC Notification – Extended Hours for Multiple Services

- Pharmacy
- FMS
- Police

A lack of response by June 21, 2013, will be considered concurrence and the enactment will commence as indicated. We welcome a discussion with you regarding any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



JEFFREY R. ARCARO
Administrative Director, Primary Care

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding (1 Pages)
VHA Directive 2013-001 dated January 9, 2013 (3 Pages)

Cc: Ms. Denise Lieb, President - AFGE Local 2583
Mr. Lenard Fern, President - AFGE Local 2157

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