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July 14, 2014

Michael W. Fisher, Interim Director  
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Subject: VISN 20 – Proposed New Position Description (PD) for Patient Representative  
(AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on PVAMC proposed new PD for Patient Representative as 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,

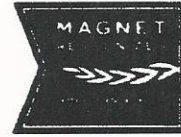
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**Subject:** Proposed New Position Description (PD) for Patient Representative.

Mr. Williams,

Enclosed you will find the current Position Description for Patient Representative as well as the new proposed Position Description.

**Purpose:** Updating of existing Position Descriptions within the Patient Advocate unit.

**Details:** Due to VA Classification policy, PD's are required to be reviewed every five years in order to keep the PD relevant and up to date. The Patient Representative PD has not been reviewed since 2008 and requires updating.

**Proposed Changes:** Changes are being proposed to the Patient Survey, Data Monitoring and Supervisory Control section. A new section titled "Enhancing the Veteran Experience" is proposed to be added to this PD.

Copies of this notification as well as copies of both the 2008 PD and proposed revised PD have been provided to AFGE 2157 and AFGE 2583.

We would like to arrange a briefing with you to clarify intent and to facilitate a collaborative partnership. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please Contact me at (503) 220-8262 X31441. The absence of a response on or before August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 will be accepted as concurrence.

  
ANNE MARIE MURPHY  
Acting Supervisor, Patient Advocates

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