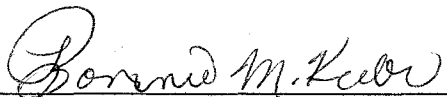


MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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 concerning VHA Handbook 1730.1 "Use and Management of the Government Purchase Card Program."

1. The Department will provide bargaining unit employee(s) with the necessary training to perform their duties in accordance with Article 34, Section 4 of the Master Agreement.
2. Bargaining unit employees shall be informed of the appropriate management officials in their approval chain of authority for the warranted and un-warranted purchase cards.
3. Bargaining unit employees will not be held responsible for using a vendor on the DHHS Exclusion List prior to that vendor being added to the list.
4. Changes to unit employees performance standards must be in accordance with Article 26 - Performance Appraisal, Section 5 VA/AFGE Master Agreement.
5. Local parties may negotiate further on this VHA Handbook 1730.1 Use and Management of the Government Purchase Card Program, so long as they do not conflict, interfere with or impair the implementation of the Master Agreement of this MOU.
6. The appropriate management official upon receipt shall provide a copy of this MOU to all AFGE Local Presidents at their facility and/or duty station. .



For Veterans Health Administration

4-13-09

Date



For National VA Council #53

4-9-09

Date