Memorandum of Understanding

The following constitutes an agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, (AFL-CIO), National Veterans Affairs Council #53 (NVAC) on VA Pulse within the Department.

- Best practices posted to VA Pulse are for informational purpose only and shall not be implemented as a change in working conditions without the Department meeting their bargaining obligation with the Exclusive Representative, National VA Council #53.
- 2. VA Pulse is a voluntary platform and no bargaining employee will be required to access any information on VA Pulse.
- 3. No bargaining unit employee shall be held responsible for the accuracy or inaccuracy of any information on VA Pulse, if not generated by the employee.
- 4. No bargaining unit employee shall be required to enter information on VA Pulse, except those employees required to do so, as part of their normal duties.
- The use of surveys, questionnaires or polls in VA Pulse by the Department will be done in accordance with VA/AFGE Master Agreement Article 49 – Rights and Responsibilities or its successor document.
- 6. NVAC reserves its right to address matters related to VA Pulse best practices as they occur.
- 7. Upon their receipt, the appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the Local AFGE Union President.

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10/20115 Date

Oscar L. Williams Jr. 2nd Exec Vice President AFGE National Veterans Affairs Council #53

10/26/15 Date