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) on VHA Directive 1167 "Mental Health Environment of Care Checklist."

- 1. AFGE Local Presidents at the facility level can appoint a representative to the facility interdisciplinary Safety Inspection Team (ISIT).
- 2. All bargaining unit employees who receive training on the environmental hazards that represent a threat to suicidal patients and how to identify and correct them will receive training on duty time.
- 3. The NVAC President can appoint a NVAC Safety Representative to the MHEOCC work group, which includes VHA Central Office Mental Health Program offices and VHA National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS), to review the results of MHEOCC surveys and abatement plans of facilities.
- 4. Upon their receipt the appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the AFGE Local President.

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