



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
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Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Office of Mental Health Services (OMHS) Mandatory Training for all Mental Health  
Providers and Primary Care Providers

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the implementation of the mandatory training for Mental Health Providers and Primary Care Providers in VHA within the Department. Please provide the above named NVAC Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to the subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named NVAC bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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