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Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Primary Care Survey Project (Bay Pines, FL; Charleston, SC; Cincinnati, OH;
Columbia, SC; Gainesville, FL; Greater Los Angeles, Portland, OR and San Antonio,
TX)

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

National VA Council #53 approving and providing comments in regards to the VHA Primary Care research project "Team Process and Performance in Primary Care." Bargaining unit employees shall be informed their participation in this research project is completely voluntary and they can elect not to participate at any time during the interview process. Bargaining unit employees shall be informed, the witness to their signature will be someone of their own choosing. Local Unions shall be informed of the project at their duty locations.

Any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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