



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM *National Joint Committee*



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The October meeting of the EAP National Joint Committee (NJC) was held on October 30, 2014 at the Philadelphia Metropolitan District Office as the NJC was gathered in town for the Philadelphia JCEAP audit.

Attendees included Manny Peralta, (NALC), Sue Carney, (APWU), Allen Mohl, (USPS), Deborah Atkins, (USPS EAP Administrator), and Bob McCullough (Magellan Health, Inc.).

- The meeting began with an overview of the data and discussion at the Detroit and Gateway Joint Committee Employee Assistance Program (JCEAP) audit visits from the week before. Information was revisited in order to begin compilation of the final audit reports.
- An update on the transition plan for the Gateway JCEAP from Deer Oaks as the vendor to Magellan as an interim provider until a new solicitation can be rendered. Transfer of phone lines, Magellan has spoken with the Deer Oaks account manager regarding the status of open cases, the local counselor utilized by Deer Oaks has been picked up by Magellan for continuity, meetings will be scheduled with the JCEAP, and on-going communication and planning regarding the local grand jury decision for the incident that occurred in Ferguson, MO is occurring.
- Suicide prevention initiative was discussed. FY 2014 resulted in a reduction to individual suicides, this FY there were 26 and last year there were 46, resulting in a decrease 46%. In viewing the reduction to suicides that include domestic violence fatalities follow by the batterer's suicide, we have 29 for this FY, and last year there were 48, which results in a decrease of 40%. The last few months has seen an up swell in employee suicides. Further activities are being planned. The NJC agreed to send the feedback form information to districts. Any advisory committee seeking information about the feedback link can contact Deborah Atkins at (202) 268-8708.
- Details on the planning being done in preparation for any community reaction to the situation occurring in Ferguson by Mr. McCullough. These details included communication with designated local personnel in the Gateway District Office, including emergency preparedness.
- A list of advisory committees that are meeting and those that are not meeting was distributed based on minutes submitted in the advisory committee section of eap4you.com.
- The MOU for the JCEAPs was discussed for compliance within the audits being conducted at all sites.
- The next NJC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4th, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at USPS HQ.

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