



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
National Joint Committee

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The National Joint Committee (NJC) meeting was held on September 11, 2014 at the APWU building.

Attendees included Manny Peralta, (NALC), Sue Carney, (APWU), Allen Mohl, (USPS), Deborah Atkins, (USPS EAP Administrator), Robert McCullough, (National Consultant), and Debbie Ore (USPS EAP Coordinator).

The meeting began by reviewing the end of the month report for August 2014. The report had a new format that the NJC accepted but requested a few minor changes. The new look organizes and highlights different areas of the report. Noteworthy was web hits increased by over 600. August had 5 suicides of which 1 stemmed from a domestic violence fatality. In response to August having a high number of suicides, Magellan will direct counselors to be more active with outreach to create more suicide prevention initiative promotional opportunities.

The announcement letter for this year's JCEAP audits went out 8/22/14 laying out dates for October and November. This year's format and schedule were discussed. The NJC agreed to focus primarily on where improvements were made, and to address any outstanding issues that remained deficient since the last audit, in addition to performing the usual audit procedures.

Wednesday, October 22nd – Detroit JCEAP
1401 West Fort Street, Room M-344 Detroit, MI 48233

Thursday, October 23rd – Gateway JCEAP
1720 Market Street, Room 2028 St. Louis, MO 63155

Friday, October 31st – Philly Metro JCEAP
7500 Lindbergh Boulevard, Room 1042 Philadelphia, PA 19176

Thursday, November 20th – Los Angeles JCEAP
7001 South Central Avenue, Room 16 Los Angeles, CA 90052

Manny and Sue spoke about their respective national conventions and their satisfaction with EAP involvement. Bob McCullough attended both conventions and worked with the local staff in having a table of information. Manny shared the NALC conducted homage tribute at its convention for all who died by suicide since he came into office. It was a very moving event for those in attendance.

The suicide prevention video that was made by the Northland District was copied and put on DVDs and sent to each district on September 24, 2014. The NJC thanked the Advisory Committee on working with the District EAP professionals to educate the employees about suicide prevention. The Northland District received the 2014 Award of Excellence for *Best Suicide Prevention Communication*.

The next NJC meeting will be held on October 30th at the Philadelphia District.

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