

September 12, 2017

NJC Meeting held at NALC Building

In Attendance: Patrick Devine, Sue Carney, Manuel Peralta, Debbie Atkins and Robert McCullough

- 1) We discussed the minutes as identified on the Agenda for the meeting as follows:

November 2016 meeting minutes are finished and posted.

February 2017, should be good to post with the edits that had been made and reviewed by the NJC.

June 2017 meeting minutes - USPS and Union notes were combined and provided to USPS. Pending USPS agreement with the notes as submitted to USPS on 7/24/2017. USPS expressed concern over setting a precedent relating to a committee member being from another district. NJC discussed that this is not an issue of setting precedent.

- 2) Bob McCullough briefed the NJC on the August end of month report, highlighting the fact that 8704 calls is the record on calls in one month. Recognition was given to Hurricane Harvey and incoming Hurricane Irma and the critical incident follow up activity and union consultations.

The report reflects 4 suicides in the month (Livermore CA missing). NJC discussed creating a special message on this subject to coincide with Veteran's day given the number of daily suicides by Veterans in society.

- 3) The NJC discussed the LA JCEAP and the hiring of two counselors. Dr. Atkins will be visiting LA and reviewing all necessary information on the hired counselors, which has not been received by USPS Headquarters as of yet. Dr. Atkins will keep the NJC apprised of any problems that surface.

The Philadelphia JCEAP is in need of hiring two counselors. NJC discussed the fact that the delay in hiring counselors for the Philadelphia JCEAP leave the JCEAP looking like they cannot function, without regard for the obstacles that the NJC has been discussing since the existence of the vacancies.

- 4) The NJC discussed the suggestion submitted by the Greater Boston DAC, raising a few items of concern. Sue Carney will be drafting a letter to go to the DAC for their review and consideration. Concerns included defaulting to a steward; who is selected at a facility employing multiple crafts; renaming the title to a point of contact and avoiding formalization of titles or duties.

The NJC is inclined to have the DAC identify what needs to be done at each facility and then have the DAC facilitate towards that end.

- 5) The Union members of the NJC requested an update on the Statement of Work as relates to the required announcement for the National Supplier Contract. The USPS will make inquiry as to providing an updated Statement of Work to the Unions for review with track changes.