



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **National Joint Committee**

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The National Joint Committee (NJC) held a meeting on February 3, 2017 at the NALC Headquarters. Attendees included Manny Peralta (NALC), Sue Carney (APWU), Patrick Devine (USPS), Deborah Atkins (USPS EAP Administrator), and Christine Leslie (Magellan Health, Inc.).

Meeting Minutes:

- ▶ Discussed outstanding meeting minutes of November. Plan is to distribute them to members for review and finalize.

End of Month Report:

- ▶ We were unable to review the November and December 2016 Month End reports as they had not previously been distributed. NJC members will receive the reports and will provide any necessary feedback.

District Advisory Committee Representatives:

- ▶ We held a lengthy discussion on the subject of possible vacancies on the District Advisory Committees (DAC), the need to fill actual vacancies or to identify which DAC members are not attending meetings and why. This issue needs attention and assistance from the existing members of the DACs.

Updating of DAC Committee Guidelines:

- ▶ The NJC signed off on a letter which will accompany the revised District Advisory Committee Guidelines.

JCEAP News:

- ▶ Christine Leslie reported that the Los Angeles and Philadelphia JCEAP counselors have been trained on EAPPlus. EAPPlus has a more efficient reporting feature, allows supervision in real time, and the upgrade brings data entry to a higher standard in lines with industry programs.

2016 Advisory Committee Awards:

- ▶ The NJC finalized the selection process and ordering of awards for the 2016 calendar year.

Suicide Prevention:

- ▶ In the fall of 2016, the NJC discussed the need to prepare suicide prevention materials for distribution during the traditional peak suicide months of April and May. During our meeting we were advised that this material has been prepared by Magellan Health Services and will be distributed very soon to assist the field.

April EAP Awareness Month:

- ▶ April 2017 marks the 10th anniversary of EAP Awareness Month, so we will be maximizing EAP publicity with to all available promotional items and encouraging all DACs to do all they can to promote EAP services.

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DAC Video Script Request

- ▶ The NJC reviewed and discussed the Video script as submitted by the Honolulu DAC. We will be conferring with the USPS medical Officer and others on addressing the subject of the video.

National Vendor:

- ▶ A brief discussion was held on the subject of the renewal of the national vendor contract and the timing of the renewal.