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#### **AGREEMENT**

#### **BETWEEN**

## LUCAS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

**AND** 

LOCAL #2916, COUNCIL 8, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO

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#### **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement entered into by the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Local #2916, Council 8, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union, has as its purpose the establishment of a procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

The parties acknowledge and agree as part of our mission and goal to serve the public the importance of fully supporting the goal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

#### **ARTICLE 1 RECOGNITION**

**Section 1.1**. The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment. This recognition shall be for all employees in the following classifications:

Accountant — Accounts Payable Family Service Representative Accountant — Accounts Receivable Family Support Case Manager

Accountant — Payroll Clerk H.V.A.C./R. Technician

**Accounting Clerk** Information Technology Specialist II Accounting Specialist Inspection Technician

**Application Technician** Inspector

Architectural Representative **Intake and Placement Specialist** 

Assistant Property Manager Janitor Certification Specialist Laborer

CETA Landscape Planner Maintenance Mechanic I Chore Service Worker

Clerical Specialist Maintenance Mechanic II

Clerk Aide Maintenance Mechanic III Clerk Steno Management Aide\* Clerk Receptionist Management Secretary

Clerk Typist Management Secretary I Community Success Coach Management Secretary II Computer Programmer I Network Support Technician I

Computer Programmer II Mental Health Housing Specialist Data Entry Clerk Network Support Technician II\*

**Data Processing Operator** Occupancy Technician

Dispatcher Permanent Part-Time Employees **Economic Development Specialist** PIC

**Education Success Coach Program Assistant** Equipment Repair Technician Program Clerk Steno

**FSS Specialist** Programmer Trainee

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Project Representative Section 8 Contract Specialist
Project Representative — Residential Senior Service Representative
Purchasing Agent Service Coordination Specialist

Recertification Technician Relocation Assistant

Grants Support Specialist Relocation/Occupancy Assistant

Heating/Cooling Technician Relocation Specialist

Heating Maintenance Engineer Stock Clerk Housing Specialist Supply Clerk

H.V.A.C./R. Mechanic I Supportive Services Specialist

Renovation Specialist Technical Assistant

Resident Initiatives Specialist Youth Activities Assistant (P/T)
Residential Specialist Youth Activities Specialist

\*These positions are currently being utilized under new titles:

Management Aide – Assistant Property Manager

Network Support Specialist II – Information Technology Specialist II

The parties agree that some of the classifications herein are not being utilized. Said positions and duties therein shall remain in the bargaining unit, when reutilized by the Employer. These positions are:

Accountant — Accounts Payable Management Secretary I
Accountant — Accounts Receivable Management Secretary II

Accountant — Payroll Clerk Accounting Mental Health Housing Specialist Clerk Network Support Technician I

Application Technician Occupancy Technician
Architectural Representative Permanent Part-Time Employees

Certification Specialist

CETA Program Assistant
Chore Service Worker Program Clerk Steno
Clerk Steno

Clerk Steno Programmer Trainee
Clerk Typist Project Representative

Computer Programmer I Project Representative — Residential

Computer Programmer II Purchasing Agent

Data Entry Clerk Recertification Technician
Data Processing Operator Dispatcher Relocation Assistant

Economic Development Specialist Relocation/Occupancy Assistant

Equipment Repair Technician Relocation Specialist

Family Support Case Manager Resident Initiatives Specialist

Family Service Representative Residential Specialist

Grants Support Specialist
Heating/Cooling Technician

Section 8 Contract Specialist
Senior Service Representative

Heating Maintenance Engineer Stock Clerk H.V.A.C./R. Mechanic I Supply Clerk

Inspector Supportive Services Specialist

Intake & Placement Specialist Technical Assistant

Landscape Planner
Youth Activities Assistant (PIT)
Youth Activities Specialist

<u>Section 1.2</u>. If a new job is created, it shall become part of the bargaining unit, except positions that are excluded, per 4117 O.R.C. (supervisory, confidential, and fiduciary).

If the Employer adds new classifications, it will notify the Union whether the new classification is included or excluded from the bargaining unit. If requested by the Union, the Employer and the Union will meet at least once to negotiate regarding inclusion of new classifications within the bargaining unit by mutual agreement. If the Employer and the Union fail to agree on the determination of bargaining unit status, the dispute may be submitted to the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) for determination via its lawful procedures. If the parties agree upon the bargaining unit status of such classification, it shall be implemented as agreed by the Employer and the Union.

## ARTICLE 2 UNION DUES CHECKOFF AND SECURITY

Section 2.1. Upon receipt of signed authorization of an employee LMHA shall deduct from the salary or wage of the employee such amount agreed to and designated by the employee as regular Union dues and transmit such amounts to the Controller of Ohio Council 8, 6800 N. High Street, Worthington, OH 43085-2512. Union dues shall be deducted semi-monthly. The Employer shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Union the aggregate of Union dues before the fifteenth day of that month. The Employer upon request from the Union shall give a seniority list for all the employees in the bargaining unit. The Treasurer of the Union shall certify to the Employer the amount of monthly dues and the manner in which dues are to be deducted. The Union shall hold LMHA harmless and indemnify LMHA from any actions resulting under this section.

Union Membership Revocation/Maintenance of Membership: Employees who are members of the union may revoke their union membership at any time by sending written notice to the Union of their desire to drop their union membership. Revocation of Union membership does not revoke union dues authorization, which may only be revoked as set forth below.

Any voluntary dues checkoff authorization shall be irrevocable, regardless of whether an employee has revoked union membership, for a period of one year from the date of execution of the dues checkoff authorization and for year to year thereafter, unless the employee gives the Employer and the Union written notice of revocation not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days before the end of any yearly period. Copies of employees' dues checkoff authorization cards are available from the Union upon request.

<u>Section 2.2</u>. All employees promoted to positions exempt from the bargaining unit will secure a withdrawal card from the Union. Upon receipt of said card by LMHA, dues checkoff for this employee shall cease.

<u>Section 2.3</u>. The Union representative will conduct Union orientation for new employees at the same time as Human Resources Orientation.

<u>Section 2.4</u>. <u>Credit Union</u>. The Employer agrees to deduct from employees giving written authorization any monies for any authorized Credit Union and remit same to such authorized Credit Union.

<u>Section 2.5.</u> <u>P.E.O.P.L.E.</u> The Employer will deduct from the paycheck of all employees who have signed a proper legal authorization for the Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality (PEOPLE) Committee and remit monthly to said committee all such deducted monies. The Union shall hold LMHA harmless and indemnify LMHA from any actions resulting under this section.

The parties understand that the following provisions in Section 2.6 have been held unlawful and are currently null and void. If the law as it pertains to the Fair Share Fee arrangement is changed and such Fair Share Fees become lawful, the following language will be reinstated in full force and effect or to the extent allowed by law.

<u>Section 2.6</u>. <u>Fair Share Fee</u>. Each bargaining unit employee who is not a member of the Union shall, as a condition of employment, pay a fair share fee to the Union. The fair share fee obligation shall commence on:

The effective date of this Agreement for all current employees who have been employed for more than sixty (60) calendar days.

The sixty-first calendar day of employment for all current employees who have not completed sixty (60) calendar days of employment as of the effective date of this Agreement.

The sixty-first calendar day of employment for each employee hired after the effective date of this Agreement.

Fair share fees shall be paid by automatic payroll deduction. Fair share fee deductions do not require prior authorization from the affected employee. Fair share fees shall be deducted in amounts determined by the Union in accordance with the provisions of its published Fair Share Fee Procedure.

Fair share fee payroll deductions and transmittals shall be made in the same manner provided herein for dues deductions. The Employer shall provide the Union an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of each employee on whose account a fair share fee was deducted during the previous month including the amount of the deduction.

The Employer's obligation to deduct fair share fees is contingent upon the Union's fulfillment, on the behalf of each non-member, bargaining unit employee, of each obligation established in its published Fair Share Fee Procedure.

The Union may amend its published Fair Share Fee Procedure by providing the Employer a written copy of the procedure as amended. Changes in the amounts to be deducted shall become effective on the thirtieth calendar day after their actual receipt by the Employer.

Both the Employer and the Union intend that this Article be lawful in every respect. If any court of last resort determines any provision of this Article is illegal, that provision, alone, shall be void. Invalidation of any provision of this Article does not invalidate the remaining provisions. If a provision is judicially invalidated, the Employer and the Union shall meet within fourteen (14) calendar days after the entry of judgment to negotiate lawful, alternative provisions.

This Article does not waive any of the Employer's rights to seek judicial review of any of its provisions at any time.

The Union warrants and guarantees to the Employer that no provision of this Article violates the constitution or laws of either the United States of America or the State of Ohio. Therefore, the Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any claims, actions, or proceedings by any employee arising from deductions made by the Employer pursuant to this Article. Once the funds are remitted to the Union, their disposition thereafter shall be the sole and exclusive obligation and responsibility of the Union.

This Article constitutes the entire Agreement between the Union and the Employer with regard to fair share fees. All other agreements are hereby rendered void. No portion of this Article may be amended except by written signed agreement of the parties.

# ARTICLE 3 PLEDGE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND COERCION

- <u>Section 3.1</u>. The provisions herein shall be applied equally to all current employees without discrimination as to age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, disability, political affiliation, genetic information, or military status. The failure of the Employer to apply the provisions herein without discrimination, when brought to the attention of the Union, shall be subject to the provisions of the Grievance Procedure.
- <u>Section 3.2</u>. Particularly, it is the express intent of the parties to this Agreement that it shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to cause or constitute a violation of any law.
- **Section 3.3**. All references to employee(s) in this Agreement shall designate both sexes.
- <u>Section 3.4.</u> The Employer agrees not to interfere with the rights of employees to become members of the Union, and there shall be no discrimination, interferences, restraint, or coercion by the Employer or its representatives against any employee activity in an official capacity in behalf of the Union.
- <u>Section 3.5</u>. The Union recognizes its responsibility as bargaining agent and agrees to represent all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion.

The Union agrees not to intimidate or coerce any employee in an effort to recruit membership in the Union.

<u>Section 3.6</u>. The parties of this Agreement shall not discriminate against each other in the continuous execution of this Agreement.

<u>Section 3.7.</u> The Employer and the Union agree that in the event an employee files a grievance alleging a violation of this article and files a complaint with OCRC alleging discrimination by the Employer, that such arbitration shall be held in abeyance until such OCRC complaint has been resolved.

## ARTICLE 4 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 4.1. Except as specifically limited by explicit provisions of this Agreement, LMHA retains the exclusive right to manage the operations, control the premises, direct the work forces, and maintain efficiency of operation. Specifically, LMHA's exclusive management rights include, but are not limited to, the sole right to hire, lay off, and promote; to discipline and discharge for just cause; to promulgate and enforce reasonable employment rules and regulations; to reorganize, discontinue, or enlarge any department or division; to transfer employees (including the assignment and allocation of work) within departments or to other departments; to introduce new and/or improved equipment, methods; to determine the size and duties of the work force, the number of shifts required, and work schedules; to establish, modify, consolidate, or abolish jobs (or classifications) and to determine staffing patterns, including but not limited to assignment of employees, number employed, duties to be performed, qualifications required, and areas worked, subject only to the restrictions and regulations governing the exercise of these rights as are expressly provided herein.

# ARTICLE 5 <u>VISITS BY UNION REPRESENTATIVES</u>

- <u>Section 5.1.</u> Local Union representatives are to request permission and receive approval from their immediate supervisor prior to leaving their workstation/worksite to discuss employee-related matters. Time spent for such meetings shall not exceed one (1) hour, including travel time.
- <u>Section 5.2</u>. Ohio Council 8 and International representatives shall inform the President and CEO or designee prior to a visit to any work site.
- <u>Section 5.3.</u> Union representatives shall conduct business in such a manner as to avoid disruption(s) to business operations. However, the Employer will not deny Union representatives the right to the proper administration of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 6 UNION STEWARDS

<u>Section 6.1.</u> Those employees serving as Union Stewards shall officially represent the Union in their designated areas of representation. Union Stewards shall investigate and process grievances and conduct other necessary Union business in their areas of responsibility during working hours with no loss in pay. This provision of the Agreement shall not be abused.

First contact, for any representation issue, shall be made with the member's designated Steward.

The following procedure shall be followed when representation by a Union Steward is required:

- A. The Union Steward assigned to the area should be notified first. If the steward is unavailable or feels uncomfortable with the particular situation, he/she should notify the Chief Steward, and in the absence of the Chief Steward, notify the President of the Local.
- B. If management perceives a possible conflict of interest or if the action involves the Steward, management shall notify the Chief Steward.
- C. Stewards should receive adequate notification of a meeting to obtain permission to leave his/her respective worksite/workstation.

Union Stewards conducting union business will record time for this purpose on a work order including the name of the person to be seen and the nature of the business.

The Union steward shall notify his/her immediate supervisor prior to leaving his/her workstation/worksite.

<u>Section 6.2.</u> In the absence or unavailability of the Union Steward and the Chief Steward, the President or Vice President shall have the rights accorded to Stewards and Union staff representatives. This provision of the Agreement shall not be abused.

<u>Section 6.3.</u> The Union agrees to provide the Employer with copies of the table of organization of the Union within five (5) workdays after the effective date of this Agreement and within five (5) workdays whenever changes are made thereafter.

**Section 6.4.** Local #2916 shall be accorded the following stewards:

1 Steward	AMP 111 & 112*
1 Steward	AMP 121 & 122*
1 Steward	AMP 131 & 133
1 Steward	Resident Services, Byrne Road & Central
	Office
1 Steward	Chief Steward (All Regions and Facilities)
5 Stewards	

It shall be the Union's right to determine the assignment of Stewards.

If there is no Steward assigned by the Union to represent employees in any of the above listed areas, the Union will utilize existing Stewards to represent the unrepresented area as determined by the Union, until such time as the Union assigns a regular Steward. However, the Union shall appoint a regular Steward as soon as possible when a vacancy occurs. The Union shall notify the Human Resources Manager of the applicable Steward and the areas of Steward responsibility. This utilization system shall discontinue upon proper notice from the Union in accordance with this Agreement, of the assignment of a full complement of Stewards, contained herein.

<u>Section 6.5.</u> The Union shall be permitted to conduct one (1) day of Steward training during regular work hours once per year. The date for the training will be mutually agreed upon. The Union Executive Board and Stewards, for a maximum of eight (8) will be permitted to attend.

# ARTICLE 7 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- <u>Section 7.1</u>. A grievance is a dispute which may arise between the parties, regarding the application, meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. It is the mutual desire of the LMHA and the Union to provide for the prompt adjustment of grievances in a fair and reasonable manner, with a minimum amount of interruption of the work schedules. Every reasonable effort shall be made by both the LMHA and the Union to effect the resolution of grievances at the earliest step possible. In furtherance of this objective, this procedure shall be followed.
  - **Step 1**. When a dispute arises between the parties there shall be an informal meeting with the employee, steward, supervisor, and department head within five (5) working days of the employee's knowledge of occurrence with the intent of resolving the dispute. In no case will a grievance be considered which is submitted to the immediate supervisor later than five (5) working days of the date of the occurrence of the grievance or five (5) working days of the date, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, of the employee's knowledge of the occurrence of the incident giving rise to the grievance.
  - **Step 2.** If the grievance is unresolved in Step 1, the grievance shall be reduced to writing and shall be presented to the Human Resources Manager or Designee by the Union Steward or Union President within five (5) working days after the meeting at the previous step. The Human Resources Manager or designee, shall schedule a Step 2 hearing once a month, and both parties may bring other representatives into said hearing. The employee may be accompanied by the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Staff Representative at the Step 2 hearing. The hearing officer shall issue a written decision within ten (10) workdays after the hearing.
  - **Step 3**. <u>Arbitration</u>. Should any grievance remain unsettled after exhausting the aforementioned procedure, the Union shall, if they desire, demand arbitration within five (5) working days after the issuance of the Step 2 response as outlined in Step 2. The arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the parties. The decision of the

arbitrator shall be final and binding upon both parties and the grievant. The arbitrator shall not be empowered to rule contrary to, amend, or add to or eliminate any of the provisions of this contract. In the case of a discharge or disciplinary layoff grievance, the arbitrator shall have the power to return the grievant to his employee status with or without restoration of back pay, or mitigate the penalty as equity suggests under the facts. Expenses related to the services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties hereto. Each party shall bear its own expense for the cost of transcripts.

With a fifteen (15) day notice prior to the established arbitration hearing date, either party may request a prehearing conference. The time and date of this conference shall be mutually established at least seven (7) days prior to the established arbitration hearing date.

The purpose of this conference shall be to attempt to define the issue(s), review the facts and witnesses and to reduce stipulations, if any, to writing. If a resolution of the dispute results, the parties shall notify the Arbitrator of the cancellation of the hearing at least five (5) days in advance of the hearing date.

<u>Section 7.2</u>. It is agreed that only those employees directly involved in an arbitration hearing (i.e., appropriate union representatives, grievant(s), and witnesses), shall be entitled to pay for time lost while participating in an arbitration hearing.

<u>Section 7.3</u>. The arbitrator shall be selected in the following manner: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) shall be requested to submit a panel list of nine (9) arbitrators from FMCS Area (Ohio) who are members of the National Academy of Arbitrators and domiciled in Ohio.

The parties shall alternately strike the names of the arbitrators until only one name remains. The party initiating the request for arbitration shall be the first to strike a name. Each party shall have the opportunity to reject one list supplied by the FMCS and request another list of nine (9) names. The party requesting the list of arbitrators shall pay the cost of the list. An arbitrator must be selected and notified to schedule a hearing within ninety (90) calendar days of the Step 2 answer. The parties agree to move for arbitrator selection on termination cases within forty-five (45) calendar days of the Director's answer.

<u>Section 7.4</u>. The Union reserves the right to representation by a staff representative at Step 2 and Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

<u>Section 7.5.</u> All time lines shall be strictly adhered to. Extensions shall be in writing by mutual agreement with the Human Resources Department.

## ARTICLE 8 DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

<u>Section 8.1.</u> <u>Reprimands.</u> Oral and written reprimands may be issued to an employee for violation of any reasonable operational rule, gross negligence, refusal to carry out orders, willful absence from the job not provided for in the Agreement, or otherwise hindering the proper performance of his or her job or that of others.

All reprimands, whether oral or written, must clearly establish the reasons therefore and terms and provisions of the Agreement or work rules violated by the employee. All reprimands, oral or written, shall be issued within twenty-one (21) days of the Employer gaining knowledge of the incident that gave rise to the reprimand being issued. All reprimands, oral or written, shall become part of the employee's records in accordance with Section 8.4 herein.

The employee has the right to a meeting when being presented with information for an oral or written reprimand and has the right to have a Union steward present.

<u>Section 8.2</u>. <u>Suspensions</u>. The occurrence of the following actions may, pending a hearing, be cause for suspension and shall become a permanent part of the employee's file, in accordance with Section 8.4 herein, all actions listed under termination, incompetence, dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment of tenants or the public, neglect of duty, or any other act of similar nature.

**Suspension** — maximum of ten (10) working days.

Prior to scheduling a hearing, the Union may request, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the completion of the administrative investigation, an informal meeting with the Human Resources Manager.

Prior to the informal meeting the Employer will provide a copy of evidence in the possession of the Employer at the time of the request for an informal meeting. This requirement shall be construed as to prohibit the use of evidence not known to the Employer at the time of the request for an informal meeting.

By requesting an informal meeting, the Union and the employee agree to waive the ten (10) working day requirement listed in section 8.3 below. By accepting mutually agreed to discipline, the Union and the employee agree to waive the right to a pre-disciplinary hearing.

<u>Section 8.3.</u> <u>Termination.</u> The Employer may suspend with possible termination the employment of an employee for inefficiency, conviction of a felony, program sabotage, incompetence, dishonesty, immoral conduct, insubordination, being under the influence of, or the use of, alcoholic beverages or controlled substances during working hours, physical violence, discourteous treatment of employees, tenants or the public, neglect of duty, or for willful and persistent violations of the rules and regulations of LMHA, or for other good and just cause.

Prior to suspension or termination, the Human Resources Manager, or designee, shall schedule a pre-disciplinary hearing within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the alleged infraction, or twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, of the Employer's knowledge of the alleged infraction. At least three (3) working days before the pre-disciplinary hearing, the employee and the Union shall be given a written statement detailing each alleged infraction and shall notify the employee of his right to Union representation. At the pre-disciplinary hearing, the employee shall have the right to call witnesses and to submit documentation or evidence, and the right to be represented by the Union. Up to three (3) representatives from the Union can be present during the pre-disciplinary hearing. The hearing officer's report shall be based solely upon the evidence and facts presented at the hearing, and the hearing officer will not conduct an independent investigation, unless authorized to do so by the Employer and the Union. If the employee is suspended or terminated after the hearing, the matter may be processed by the Union to arbitration within five (5) working days pursuant to Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure. It is the intent of the parties that the Disciplinary Procedure shall be progressive unless the infraction is of such severe nature to warrant advance discipline.

<u>Section 8.4.</u> <u>Rights of Employee.</u> An employee has the right to request his union steward at an investigatory interview that the employee reasonably believes might result in disciplinary action. The right to a steward does not apply to a meeting where the supervisor or management conducts instruction, coaching, or counseling activity. The steward shall not disrupt the interview nor advise the employee not to answer questions.

The employee may appeal any disciplinary action through the grievance procedure.

When an employee goes for twelve (12) consecutive months without disciplinary action, his or her personnel file shall be cleared of all record of past discipline procedures and penalties. For disciplinary purposes, suspensions shall be removed after two (2) years. Records of disciplinary action shall be maintained in employee personnel files in accordance with applicable law.

When an employee receives no discipline for twelve (12) consecutive months, his or her personnel file shall be cleared of any oral or written reprimand received in the prior 12 months. Suspensions of five (5) workdays or less shall be removed after two (2) years, provided the employee receives no discipline during the two (2) year period. Suspensions of six (6) workdays or more shall be removed after three (3) years, provided the employee receives no discipline during the three (3) year period.

<u>Section 8.5.</u> If an employee has a work-related problem as a result of the use of an illegal drug or alcohol that results in disciplinary action by the Employer and the employee is involved in a voluntary treatment program, this fact may be taken into consideration at the time of the disciplinary action. The parties agree to continue to attempt to further develop a self-help program for employees with a drug or alcohol problem. This shall be developed through the labor-management process.

#### ARTICLE 9 INSURANCE

**Section 9.1.** The Employer shall provide employees in the bargaining unit with a comprehensive hospitalization/major medical coverage. Employees' monthly co-share amounts shall be withheld by payroll deduction and shall remain in effect during the term of this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix E of this Agreement.

The Employer agrees to cap plan years 2019-2022 increases to the cost of overall plan coverage to 8.0% each year, respectively. If the overall cost of plan coverage exceeds 8.0% in plan year 2022, the Employer and all plan employees will share the additional cost above the 8.0% increase on a 50/50 basis. Employees' monthly co-share amounts withheld by payroll deduction will be determined based upon their share of the 50/50 split on an across-the-board basis.

The Employer shall endeavor to restore all or part of the HSA plan. In that regard, the Employer and the Union will work through the Health Care Cost Containment Committee to explore options to reduce health care costs, including options such as health and wellness programs and incentives.

<u>Section 9.2.</u> <u>Spousal Carve-out</u>. If the employee's spouse is employed where the employee is eligible for single plan group insurance, the spouse will not be eligible for coverage under LMHA's hospitalization/major medical plan.

The Employer reserves the right to exclude from the LMHA hospitalization/major medical plans spouses who would have health insurance available through their employer effective with the plan year commencing January 1, 2022, and the subject of spousal coverage shall be referred to the Health Care Cost Containment Committee to discuss the effects of said change in coverage.

#### **Side Agreement**

Mutual agreement will be established to have the AFSCME Regional Director serve as a contributing participant on an interim basis in meetings of the Health Care Cost Containment Committee upon their resumption.

<u>Section 9.3</u>. <u>Term Life Insurance</u>. The Employer shall provide each employee a \$40,000 term life insurance policy. Additional life insurance in \$10,000 increments will be available at employee cost through payroll deduction.

<u>Section 9.4</u>. <u>Optical Plan</u>. The Employer agrees to provide each employee in the bargaining unit with an optical plan.

<u>Section 9.5</u>. <u>Dental Plan</u>. The Employer agrees to provide each employee in the bargaining unit a dental plan.

Section 9.6. Health Cost Containment Committee. The parties agree to establish a Health Cost Containment Committee to explore cost containment alternatives. The Union and management shall have equal representation on said committee. Three (3) members will be appointed by the Union. The Committee will meet on quarterly basis. The Committee will establish a list of goals at its first annual meeting and make its recommendations to the President and CEO in time for the annual insurance renewal.

<u>Section 9.7</u>. The Employer will maintain a Section 125 Plan for employee insurance contributions, subject to legal requirements.

Section 9.8. The parties to this Agreement agree that health care reform legislation may result in the need to modify sections of Article 9. The promulgation of rules and definitions by the U.S. Departments of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), Treasury, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with regard to grandfathered health plans, appeals, external reviews, dependent coverage, out-of-network services, etc. As various provisions begin to take effect, the Authority will make modifications to this article to comply with those provisions.

#### ARTICLE 10 UNION LEAVE

**Section 10.1**. For the term of this Agreement, Local #2916 shall be entitled to a total of twelve (12) paid Union leave days per year. The President of the Union shall notify the Human Resources Department at least ten (10) work days prior to the use of Union leave. The leave shall not be accumulative from year to year.

<u>Section 10.2</u>. Union leave shall be used for conventions, conferences, seminars and educational opportunities, but not for recreational or social activities. Examples include:

AFSCME Women's Convention AFSCME Council 8 Convention AFSCME International Convention AFSCME P.E.O.P.L.E. Conference AFL-CIO State Convention AFL-CIO Summer School

### ARTICLE 11 MILITARY LEAVE

<u>Section 11.1</u>. An employee who leaves his or her position to enter military service shall be granted a leave of absence and reinstatement rights in accordance with state and federal law.

**Section 11.2.** Any questions regarding military leave should be directed to the Human Resources Manager.

#### ARTICLE 12 FUNERAL LEAVE

- <u>Section 12.1</u>. An employee shall be granted funeral leave pay to arrange for and/or attend the funeral or memorial service, if applicable, in accordance with the relationship listed below and on the following basis. All funeral leave days must be taken consecutively.
- <u>Section 12.2</u>. Three (3) workdays father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, child, current foster-child, stepchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepmother, stepfather, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, or any person residing in the household of the employee.
- <u>Section 12.3</u>. Two (2) workdays sister-in-law, brother-in-law.
- <u>Section 12.4</u>. Two (2) workdays additional leave shall be granted to the above in the event the distance of the funeral is greater than 200 miles.
- <u>Section 12.5</u>. If a member of LMHA dies, sufficient time will be granted to prepare for and attend the funeral or memorial service, if applicable, to the extent practicable in consideration of operational needs.
- Section 12.6. One (1) workday aunt or uncle.
- <u>Section 12.7</u>. Employees shall also be permitted to be a pallbearer for employees of LMHA, as well as retired employees of LMHA, without loss of pay. Employees may serve as pallbearers for any other funeral not listed in this Article; however, said time may be charged from vacation, or other earned contract time or no-pay status.
- <u>Section 12.8</u>. An employee shall provide the Agency with a certificate of attendance signed by the funeral home director or his/her designee certifying the employee's attendance at the funeral or memorial service, if applicable.

#### ARTICLE 13 JURY DUTY LEAVE

- <u>Section 13.1</u>. An employee must request advance leave for jury duty with their supervisor when receiving the notice of jury duty.
- <u>Section 13.2</u>. All employees of the bargaining unit, while serving upon a jury in any court of competent jurisdiction that can require the employee's appearance, shall be paid his or her regular salary for such period of time. The employee shall report to work immediately following dismissal from jury duty day by day, unless dismissal occurs after 3:30 p.m.

<u>Section 13.3.</u> In order for an employee to receive pay under this, the employee must secure a certificate from the Clerk of Court in which they served evidencing their attendance on said dates as shown on initial notice.

#### ARTICLE 14 INJURY LEAVE

<u>Section 14.1</u>. Any regular bargaining unit employee who is injured or disabled while in the performance of his duties, under such circumstances as would cause such injury or disability to be compensable under Ohio Workers' Compensation law shall be eligible for injury leave for the period of time the employee is prevented from performing his duties required and provided the period of such injury leave shall not exceed sixty (60) workdays.

<u>Section 14.2</u>. The employee must first file for injury leave. The employee must provide medical documentation of injury or injury leave will not be approved.

The Employer has the right to request proof of an injury, re-injury and/or follow-up medical treatment. The involvement of the LMHA managed care organization and appropriate physicians are required in ascertaining proof of injury.

<u>Section 14.3</u>. If it is established that injury leave is not appropriate, the Employer will charge time off to any other available time (sick leave, vacation, etc.). Said time shall be charged to sick leave first. Additional time shall be at the election of the employee; however, all compensated leave time must be exhausted prior to utilizing leave without pay. If no time is available, then leave without pay may be granted per the provisions of Article 17 of this Agreement.

<u>Section 14.4.</u> Sixty (60) workdays are available for purposes of injury leave per each distinct, separate injury. Reoccurrence of the same injury and/or follow-up medical treatment related to the original injury shall be charged to the original sixty (60) workdays. Employee must exhaust available injury leave per this Agreement before submitting a lost time claim to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Any money received from Workers' Compensation for the period of time which the employee was paid injury leave must be turned over to the Employer.

<u>Section 14.5</u>. Injury reports will be filed with the employee's supervisor, within 24 hours. Said reports shall include the Accident/Injury report and the Incident Report.

<u>Section 14.6</u>. An employee may elect to use accumulated sick leave for such period of absence beyond sixty (60) workdays of injury leave rather than file for Workers' Compensation income benefits.

<u>Section 14.7</u>. The Employer will make every reasonable effort to assist employees in remaining productive during temporary partial disability or in finding alternative placement within the bargaining unit in the event of an occupational accident, injury or illness pursuant to the Return-To-Work Program in Appendix D of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 15 SICK LEAVE

<u>Section 15.1</u>. All employees shall be entitled to paid sick leave. Sick leave shall be accumulated at the rate of eight (8) hours per month. Sick leave shall be accumulated to a maximum of 249 days. Approved sick leave shall be charged to employees in one-half  $\binom{1}{2}$  hour increments.

Sick leave will not be earned by an employee in any month in which the employee has not qualified for a "month of service." A month of service is defined as any calendar month in which the employee has been given "service credit" for at least ten (10) working days of that month. Service credit includes actual days worked, holidays, vacation days, or other paid absences.

#### **Section 15.2**. Sick leave may be used for the following reasons:

- A. Illness, injury, pregnancy, or childbirth related conditions of the employee, or of a member of the employee's immediate family when the employee's presence is reasonably necessary;
- B. Exposure of the employee to a contagious disease which would have the potential of jeopardizing the health of the employee or the health of others;
- C. Medical, dental, or optical examinations or treatment of the employee, or of a member of the employee's immediate family when the employee's attendance is reasonably necessary and when such examination or treatment cannot be scheduled during non-work hours.

Immediate family is defined to include spouse, parent, son, and daughter. The term "spouse" means current husband or wife as defined or recognized under state law for purposes of marriage. The term "parent" means the biological parent or individual who stands or stood in loco parentis (in the place of a parent) to an employee when the employee was a child. This term does not include parents "in-law." The terms "son" or "daughter" means biological, adopted, or foster child, a step-child, a legal ward, or a child or a person for whom the employee stands in loco parentis, who is either under age eighteen (18) or age eighteen (18) or older and "incapable of self-care (in several of the activities of daily living) because of a mental or physical disability."

<u>Section 15.3</u>. An employee shall be required to produce a doctor's slip when the doctor's attention is necessary, whenever an employee is off in excess of two (2) consecutive working days or when the Employer has a reasonable suspicion to believe the employee is abusing sick leave. When the employee is required to present a doctor's slip because the Employer suspects sick leave abuse, the requirement will be in effect for a twelve (12) month period.

<u>Section 15.4</u>. When an employee is on sick leave, the employee need call in only on the first day of the leave and shall give an approximate date of return to work.

<u>Section 15.5</u>. It is the mutual interest of the employees and the Employer to prevent the abuse or misuse of sick leave. The acceptable usage of sick leave shall be pursuant to the regulations contained in this Article and the policies of the Employer.

The Employer maintains the right to monitor each employee's use of sick leave. The abuse of sick leave or the patterned use of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for discipline as determined by the Employer. A request for sick leave shall be denied if the employee fails to comply with the procedures for proper sick leave usage, fails to present a required physician's statement, or if an investigation of a request for sick leave discloses facts inconsistent with the proper use of sick leave.

<u>Section 15.6</u>. The Employer may require the employee to take an examination, conducted by a physician designated by the Employer, to determine the employee's physical or mental capability to perform the essential duties of his position. If found not qualified, the employee may be placed on a job he can perform without limitations or be separated for inability to perform his duties.

<u>Section 15.7.</u> The Union agrees to provide the names of three (3) members (and one alternate) to participate on the Union Leave Donation Committee. All committee members will be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 16 ATTENDANCE TIME

<u>Section 16.1.</u> An employee may receive payment for sick leave performance incentive when he/she limits their use of sick leave, leave without pay, and/or Family and Medical Leave (effective January 1, 2012) during an LMHA funding year (January 1 – December 31).

Sick Leave Used (calendar year)	Attendance Incentive	
0 days (0 hours)	\$1,000.00	
1 day (1-8 hours)	\$400.00	
2 days (>8 hours)	\$300.00	

Attendance incentive will be paid in a direct deposit to the employee's primary financial institution during the first pay in February.

<u>Section 16.2</u>. Employees hired after January 1 will have their attendance incentive prorated. Employees hired after the beginning of the fourth quarter (October 1) of the calendar year will not be eligible for the attendance incentive.

#### ARTICLE 17 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Section 17.1.</u> When an employee needs time off without pay, that employee shall be entitled to up to thirty (30) calendar days leave. Said leave shall be predicated upon the permission of the President and CEO. The employee must make the leave request in writing to the President and CEO five (5) workdays prior to taking the leave. Any extension of a thirty (30) calendar day leave must be approved by the President and CEO of LMHA.

The authorization for an extended leave of absence is a matter of the President and CEO's discretion

<u>Section 17.2</u>. All fringe benefits shall be continued during the first thirty (30) days of a leave of absence.

# ARTICLE 18 DISABILITY SEPARATION

Section 18.1. Disability Separation. In the event an employee becomes unable to perform the essential functions of his/her position, with or without reasonable accommodation, as determined by either the employee's physician or a physician designated by the Employer, the Employer may terminate the employee. The physician shall be asked to determine if the employee currently can or cannot perform the essential duties of their position. This shall be considered a disability separation. The employee shall be entitled to a hearing prior to separation and be entitled to Union representation. If the employee disputes the decision by the Employer to terminate their employment, the employee may grieve the decision. Should the employee or Union grieve the disability separation, any request to convert any accumulated but unused sick leave in accordance with Article 19, Sick Leave Conversion Benefits shall be denied pending the outcome of any applicable arbitration or the grievance has been officially withdrawn by the Union.

The employee may apply for a vacant position for which the employee is able to perform essential functions.

#### ARTICLE 19 SICK LEAVE CONVERSION BENEFITS

<u>Section 19.1</u>. When an employee terminates employment after ten (10) consecutive years of service with the Employer, or when an employee is eligible to receive benefits from OPERS and retires, the employee shall, at the time of separation of employment, receive a cash payment for accumulated sick leave at the rate of one (1) day for every two (2) accumulated (1:2) up to a maximum of 204 days. The employee shall also receive payment for accumulated and unused vacation and pending overtime. Said lump sum payment shall be made to the employee no later than fourteen (14) days after termination.

<u>Section 19.2</u>. In the event of the death of an employee, the beneficiary of the employee shall receive cash payment for all accumulated sick leave, vacation, and pending overtime no later than fourteen (14) days after the employee's death.

<u>Section 19.3</u>. Employees hired on or after December 1, 2013, and after ten (10) consecutive years of service with LMHA; or when an employee is eligible for and retires from OPERS at the time of separation shall receive a cash payment for accumulated but unused sick leave up to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours.

# ARTICLE 20 HOLIDAYS

<u>Section 20.1</u>. The following paid holidays shall be observed by employees in the bargaining unit:

New Year's Day
President's Day
Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day
(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January)
Memorial Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving

Independence Day Christmas

Employees shall be granted the day before Christmas or the day before New Year's as a holiday. Employees must notify the Employer as to choice of holiday by December 1st. The day before Christmas and the day before New Year's shall have a minimum staffing of fifty percent (50%) of the bargaining unit working at regular rate of pay. If less than fifty percent (50%) of the bargaining unit has chosen either the day before Christmas or the day before New Year's as the assigned day of work, then the Employer has the right to balance the staffing of each day up to fifty percent (50%) of the bargaining unit by inverse seniority.

<u>Section 20.2</u>. In the event that any of the above holidays fall on Saturday, the Friday preceding shall be taken as the holiday. Should the holiday fall on Sunday, the Monday following shall be taken as the holiday.

<u>Section 20.3.</u> In addition to the above holidays, all employees shall be entitled to three (3) discretionary holidays to be taken with adequate notification and approval of the immediate supervisor. The discretionary holidays are credited each January 1 and must be used by December 31.

<u>Section 20.4</u>. <u>Holiday Pay</u>. An employee shall earn regular straight time for a holiday. In addition, an employee shall earn double time (2X) for hours worked on a holiday.

#### ARTICLE 21 VACATION LEAVE

<u>Section 21.1</u>. Employees shall be entitled to paid vacation leave per the following schedule:

After one (1) year service	Two (2) weeks
After five (5) years' of service	
After ten (10) years' service	` '
After fifteen (15) years' service	` '
After twenty (20) years' service	* *

Only employees employed with LMHA before December 1, 2013, shall be eligible for six (6) weeks of vacation as described above.

<u>Section 21.2.</u> Vacations will be scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis with seniority being the determining factor on simultaneous requests for the same period of time. Vacation requests of two (2) days or more shall be approved or denied not later than seven (7) calendar days after proper submission.

Vacation may be taken in minimum units of one-half (½) hour.

**Section 21.3**. Vacations may be accumulated and used for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years.

<u>Section 21.4</u>. Bargaining unit employees shall be entitled to have the employee's prior service, with the state or any political subdivision of the state counted for purposes of computing the amount of the employee's vacation leave. For purposes of this section only full years of prior service shall be counted. No employee shall be entitled to vacation leave or payment therefore until, the employee has completed one (1) year of service with LMHA. An employee who has retired in accordance with the provisions of any retirement plan offered by the state, shall not have his prior service counted for the purpose of computing vacation leave. This section specifically supersedes the requirements of Ohio Revised Code, Section 9.44. This section becomes effective for calendar year 2002 and thereafter.

### ARTICLE 22 SENIORITY

<u>Section 22.1</u>. <u>Definition</u>. Seniority shall be defined as the employee's total service with the Employer including time as a part time employee. Seniority shall be broken when an employee terminates his or her employment. Seniority shall be broken after an employee is on a layoff list for more than two (2) years or if the employee refuses to return to work when recalled.

<u>Section 22.2</u>. Every three (3) months, the Employer shall provide the Union with a current seniority list whenever necessary to correct any errors. The seniority list shall be made up by classification and shall contain in order of seniority, the name, and date of hire of each employee.

#### ARTICLE 23 LAYOFF AND RECALL

<u>Section 23.1.</u> <u>Layoff Procedure</u>. In the event it becomes necessary to lay off employees, the following procedure shall be utilized, it shall be due to substantially reduced or lack of funds, the lack of work, abolishment of positions, or reorganization. Before regular full-time employees are laid off, all seasonal, temporary, provisional, part-time, employees must be laid off first in this order. When it is necessary to lay off or abolish the job of a regular full-time employee, the employee whose job is abolished or who is designated for layoff, shall have the right to exercise the bumping procedure (Section 23.2).

It shall be the option of the employee only as to whether he or she shall exercise seniority rights to bump into a lower classification or to take a layoff.

Regular full time employees shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice of layoff indicating the circumstances which made the layoff necessary. In the event an employee is laid off, he or she shall be entitled to receive payment for earned but unused vacation, and unpaid overtime.

The Employer shall notify the Union immediately upon the determination that layoffs are necessary, but no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to any planned layoff. The Employer and the Union agree to meet and discuss in which classification(s) the layoff(s) will occur and the number of employees to be laid off. The Employer and the Union agree to discuss other alternatives to avoid actual layoff whenever possible, such as reduced workweeks and furlough programs.

In the case where the Employer combines two positions into one new position, thereby abolishing the two positions, the new position will be posted for bid in accordance with Article 24, Section 24.1.

Section 23.2. Bumping Procedure. Bumping rights may only be exercised by an employee one time in the event of a layoff affecting his position. An employee has two (2) working days to exercise their bumping rights. The laid off employee shall have the right to bump into a position held by another employee with the least seniority in the same or lower classification. An employee who is bumped out of his position due to this bumping procedure shall also have the right to exercise the bumping procedure. A bumping employee must have the ability and qualifications to perform the position bumped. Employees who are bumped by a senior qualified employee will not receive a 30-calendar day advance written notice of layoff. For purposes of bumping, the list of classifications in Appendix B, contained herein, shall be used to determine the appropriate classifications except that for purposes of bumping and recall, the following shall be considered to be in the same classification:

- 1. Clerical Specialist and Clerk Receptionist.
- 2. Maintenance Mechanic III and Renovation Specialist.
- 3. Community Success Coach and Education Success Coach.

When two (2) or more employees in the same classification have received layoff notice, and wish to exercise their right to bump, seniority shall determine the order in which bumping choices shall be made.

In all cases of bumping, the employee exercising bumping rights must have the ability and qualifications to perform the position bumped. Ability and qualifications to perform the position bumped shall be determined by the Employer, but may include whether or not the employee has previously and successfully held the classification he wishes to bump, test scores of the bumping employee relevant to the position and whether or not the bumping employee has the qualifications listed on the job description.

An employee may only bump to positions for which the Employer has determined s/he is qualified, that is, that the employee meets the essential qualifications and existing measurable, job-related selection criterion as indicated in the applicable position description. The Employer may consider whether the employee has previously and successfully held the classification s/he wishes to bump and test scores of the bumping employee relevant to the position. Due to the professional requirements of, and the extensive training for, certain grant-funded positions, such as Success Coaches through the HPOG grant, previously untrained employees will not be allowed to bump into these positions.

To determine whether or not the employee "successfully held" the classification he wishes to bump, the Employer will consider the extent to which the duties have changed since the employee held the classification, whether or not the employee was removed or transferred from the classification or position for disciplinary reasons, whether or not the employee failed to successfully complete the probationary period, and whether or not the employee had the ability and qualifications to perform the duties of the classification. If test scores are a requirement, the Employer and the Union shall equally share the cost of testing for an employee receiving notice of layoff who wishes to bump. Testing for a clerical position shall include the full battery of tests in accordance with Section 24.2 contained herein. Only one (1) such testing opportunity will be given an employee receiving notice of layoff who wishes to bump.

A bumping employee will not be trained to perform the position bumped, but will be given an orientation of the duties and departmental procedures. If the bumping employee fails to perform the duties of the bumped position within ninety (90) calendar days, he will be laid off without further bumping rights and be placed on the recall list for other positions for which he may have the ability and qualifications to perform. An employee who is laid off due to failure to perform the duties of the bumped position within ninety (90) calendar days will not have the right to appeal the layoff under the grievance procedure contained herein.

It shall be the option of the employee as to whether he shall exercise seniority rights to bump into a lower classification, or to take a layoff and be placed on the recall list.

An employee only has bumping rights to classifications in which s/he has successfully completed their initial probationary period. An employee who has not passed probation in his new hire probationary period in the eliminated and/or reduced position shall not have rights to bump.

<u>Section 23.3.</u> <u>Recall Procedure</u>. When a vacancy exists, notices of vacancy shall be posted in accordance with Article 24, Section 24.1, Bid Procedure. Employees on the recall list will be eligible to bid on the posted position. If a position is not awarded to a bidding employee, employees on the recall list with the ability and qualifications to perform the duties of the vacant position will be recalled.

When employees are laid off, the Employer shall create a recall list of bumped and laid off employees in order of seniority with the most senior employees first. Employees shall be recalled when work and/or funds become available. Employees shall be given a fourteen (14) calendar-day notice of recall sent to the employee by certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent to the union. The Employer shall recall such employees according to seniority, beginning with the most senior employee laid off from the classification needed, provided they must have the ability and qualifications to perform the work in the classification. Only employee ability and qualifications on record at the time the recall notice is sent will be considered.

An employee who is next on the recall list shall be eligible to take an opening in a position in the same or lower classification. If an employee accepts an opening in a lower classification, he or she shall have the right to bid or be recalled to his original classification in the event it becomes available in two (2) years. An employee on the recall list may turn down an opening in a lower classification, but shall not turn down an opening in the same classification. An employee shall remain on a recall list for a period of two (2) years, and shall not lose past seniority. No new employees shall be hired while employees are on the recall list unless all employees on the recall list turn down the opening or fail to timely respond to the recall notice. A recalled employee must have the ability and qualifications to perform the duties of the position.

The recalled employee shall have seven (7) calendar days following the date of mailing of the recall notice to notify the Employer of his intention to return to work. Failure of the recalled employee to notify the Employer of his intention to return to work within seven (7) calendar days and/or to report for work within fourteen (14) calendar days of a recall, unless a different date for returning to work is otherwise specified in the notice, shall constitute a loss of seniority and termination of employment.

Only employee ability and qualifications on record will be considered at the time the recall notice is sent.

#### ARTICLE 24 BID PROCEDURE

#### Section 24.1. Bid Procedure.

- A. When the Employer determines that a vacancy exists, notice of the vacancy or new position shall be posted within five (5) workdays on the LMHA Intranet Portal and email system (Outlook) for five (5) workdays. The posting shall include the classification, job description, the location of the job, the immediate supervisor, the rate of pay, the name of the last person to hold the job, the date of the posting, the date the posting expires, and the statement: "This position is posted and will be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement between Local 2916, AFSCME and LMHA." The successful bidder for the vacancy or new position shall be awarded the vacancy or new position that he or she bid on. The Union President shall receive a copy of every posting at the time of posting via the email notification.
- B. An employee may bid on the posted position by submitting an application via the online submission form supplied by the Employer to the Department of Human Resources accessed via the agency website, provided the employee does not have an active, written reprimand or suspension in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.4 contained herein. The position shall be awarded to the most senior employee who meets the minimum qualifications of the position. All vacancies shall be filled within thirty (30) workdays following the expiration of the bidding period unless extended by mutual agreement. An employee's disciplinary record can be included as minimum qualifications to bid for a posted position.

An employee's disciplinary record will not prohibit an employee from bidding on a demotion. The records from 12-1-86 and thereafter shall only be used.

- C. Bid lists containing the name, classification, and seniority date of all bidders shall be compiled and posted and given to the Union President within two (2) workdays of the closing date of posting.
- D. Unsuccessful bidders may request information regarding non-selection for purposes of future promotability. The employee may file a grievance based on a mistake in facts.
- E. Bids signed by the employee may be submitted by the Union steward when employees are not present at work during the position posting period. Upon return to work, the employee shall verify the job bid with the Human Resources Department.
- F. If the Employer does not plan to fill a vacancy, the Union shall be notified in writing.
- G. When an employee successfully bids into a promotional position, he or she shall earn the higher rate of pay on the first date the employee assumes the duties of the position.

- H. When an employee successfully bids into a demotion position, he or she shall earn the lower rate of pay on the first date the employees assumes the duties of the position.
- I. This posting and bidding procedure pertains to all positions in the bargaining unit.
- J. The successful bidder shall serve a one hundred twenty (120) calendar day probationary period. During an employee's initial/new hire probationary period, the employee may not be permitted to bid. In addition, the employee shall not be eligible to bid as set forth in this Article while he or she is serving a promotional or transfer probationary period. An employee may return to their former position within the first ten (10) working days during the probationary period. If the employee decides to return to their former position, they will not be allowed to bid on another position for six (6) months from the date returned to the former position.

The Employer will give orientation(s) to the bidding employee. The Employer will give instruction(s) to an employee, if the performance of a bidding employee is in question and shall give conference(s) at thirty (30) day intervals, in the presence of the steward/Union representative, at the request of the employee. Shortcomings, if any, shall be in writing to the employee and Union.

Employees that have been cited as not adapting to the bid position shall be returned to his/her former position.

- K. The Union as well as all bidders shall be notified of the selected bidder on all positions immediately upon selection.
- L. All positions outside of the bargaining unit shall be posted to provide an opportunity for all qualified employees at the discretion of the President and CEO. Such posting shall be posted as non-bargaining unit positions and shall be filled at the discretion of the Employer.
- M. An employee awarded a bid shall not be eligible to bid on another vacancy for twelve (12) months from the effective date the employee begins the new position, unless the bid is for a lateral (i.e., change to an equal classification) or promotional transfer.

<u>Section 24.2.</u> <u>Testing.</u> The Employer shall be permitted to test employees who have bid on vacancies or newly created positions. The Employer shall provide advance knowledge of the general content of the subject matter to be tested. Testing shall be relevant to the position and applied uniformly for candidates from both within the bargaining unit as well as those outside the bargaining unit. Standardized and practical testing shall be administered by the Employer or third-party administrator.

- <u>Section 24.3.</u> <u>Job Descriptions.</u> The Employer has the right to establish job descriptions. Upon signing of this agreement, during Labor Management meetings the parties shall meet to review and revise job descriptions pertinent to classifications in the bargaining unit. This process shall commence with a Labor Management meeting which shall be scheduled as soon as possible.
- <u>Section 24.4.</u> <u>New Housing Units.</u> The Employer agrees when new housing units are available to the public and will be directly managed by LMHA, special Labor Management meetings shall be held to discuss how many bargaining unit positions will be needed.

#### ARTICLE 25 TRANSFER PROCEDURE

- Section 25.1. When the Employer determines it necessary to transfer an employee laterally (within classification) on a temporary or permanent basis to perform work outside of the employee's regular department's work assignments, it shall be done in accordance with this Article. The senior qualified employee with the skills and abilities to perform the work will be asked first to accept the transfer. If the employee declines the transfer, the next most senior qualified employee will be asked, etc., until the transfer is filled. If no senior employee accepts the transfer, the least senior qualified employee with the appropriate skills and abilities to perform the work will be transferred. The Employer has the sole discretion to determine the classifications affected and the appropriate skills and abilities to perform the work.
- <u>Section 25.2.</u> For the purpose of this Article, a "temporary transfer" will be one that lasts up to ninety (90) calendar days, unless the person transferred is replacing an employee on extended sick leave or Family and Medical Leave (FMLA). If the transfer lasts longer than ninety (90) calendar days, or longer due to extended sick leave or FMLA, the employee transferred may be asked if they wish to remain on transfer. If the employee declines the extension, the procedure in Section 25.1 will be repeated.
- <u>Section 25.3</u>. For the purpose of this Article, a "permanent transfer" will be one that is in excess of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, except if the transfer is a result of an extended leave.
- <u>Section 25.4</u>. The supervisor will keep a record of employees asked to accept a transfer by placing a check mark and date asked next to each employee's name.
- <u>Section 25.5.</u> The Employer and the Union may mutually agree, if it is mutually beneficial, to transfer two (2) employees within the same classification from one department to another to replace each other.

<u>Section 25.6</u>. Employees may request to participate in cross training within or across classifications for personal development and advancement. Such cross training shall not result in out of classification pay or a reduction in pay. The Employer maintains the right to move an employee to another department for cross training purposes, without seniority as the basis, for a specified time period determined by the Employer. During the cross-training period, the employee will not conduct actual work in the department they are training.

#### ARTICLE 26 WAGES

<u>Section 26.1</u>. The appropriate hourly wage increases shall appear in Appendix A of this Agreement and the appropriate hourly wages by classification shall appear in Appendix B of this Agreement.

<u>Section 26.2</u>. For the purpose of entry level classifications (Clerk Receptionist, Clerical Specialist, and Laborer), compensation shall be at eighty-five percent (85%) of the job rate the first year of employment and the full job rate after completion of their first year of continuous employment. The Janitor and Clerk Aide positions are not subject to the eighty-five percent (85%) rate and will begin at full job rate.

<u>Section 26.3</u>. In the event there are any newly created entry level positions, they shall be subject to Section 2 above.

### ARTICLE 27 WORKDAY/WORKWEEK

<u>Section 27.1</u>. The standard workday and workweek shall be eight (8) hours a day, forty (40) hours per week, Monday through Friday.

<u>Section 27.2</u>. The standard work day shall begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. There will be a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid and one-half (1/2) hour paid lunch. There shall be two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks, one to be taken in the middle of the first half of the day, and one to be taken during the second half of the day.

The beginning and ending work times of departments may be adjusted seasonally by mutual agreement of the parties. Such agreements will be discussed at labor-management meetings.

**Section 27.3**. **Grace Period**. An employee shall not be considered tardy for work if late ten (10) minutes or less at the beginning of a shift, not to exceed one (1) time within a month.

#### ARTICLE 28 OVERTIME RATES/EOUALIZATION

<u>Section 28.1</u>. The following overtime rates shall be observed. Any work performed after forty (40) hours in seven (7) day work period shall be compensated for at the rate of time and one half  $(1\frac{1}{2}X)$  (active pay status including vacation and holidays). Sick time shall only be counted as active pay status if substantiated with a physician's statement. The same applies to work performed on Sunday except that such work shall be compensated for at the rate of double time (2X).

Section 28.2. Equalization of Overtime. Overtime shall be offered on a departmental basis. Authority-wide seniority shall be the basis of determining who shall work overtime in each department. Each department area shall post a list of all employees with worked overtime, as well as turned down overtime which shall be logged on a continued basis. Supervision recognizing that certain employees shall be called out for specific jobs, shall attempt to equalize the opportunity for overtime among all employees.

Call outs shall not be considered in the equalization of overtime.

An overtime list shall be maintained in order of seniority for each Department/AMP. When it is imperative that overtime be worked, overtime will be offered in seniority order. If all higher seniority employees decline the overtime opportunity, the employee(s) with the least seniority shall be required to work overtime.

Where this section mentions "departmental" or "department," it shall have the same meaning as "AMP."

This section shall be applied unless the parties agree, in writing, to an alteration of this section's language.

<u>Section 28.3.</u> Employees on vacation leave or discretionary holidays will be eligible for scheduled overtime and call-out. The employee is responsible for notifying their supervisor in writing of his availability to work such scheduled overtime or his availability for call-out while on vacation or discretionary holiday.

An employee calling off sick for the day is not eligible for scheduled overtime or call-out until that employee reports back to work for his regularly scheduled workday.

### ARTICLE 29 LONGEVITY PLAN

<u>Section 29.1</u>. Bargaining unit employees hired before December 1, 2001, shall be entitled to longevity pay based on continuous service with the LMHA. The rate of longevity pay shall be the following:

Five (5) years' service	2%
Ten (10) years' service.	4%
Fifteen (15) years' service	6%
Twenty (20) years' service	8%

- <u>Section 29.2</u>. The annual longevity payment shall be paid in a separate direct deposit to the employee's primary financial institution at the first pay period in December of each year.
- **Section 29.3**. Longevity credits shall be earned while on lay off for up to two (2) years.
- <u>Section 29.4</u>. The parties agree that 1995 base rates for all bargaining unit employees shall be used as the basis for all longevity computations. Employees hired December 1, 2001 and after shall not be eligible for longevity pay.
- <u>Section 29.5</u>. When an employee quits prior to the time when longevity payments are issued, an employee shall receive the longevity due him or her based upon the length of continuous service. The employee shall receive the longevity payment at the time of separation.

## ARTICLE 30 CALL OUT PAY

<u>Section 30.1</u>. When an employee is called out to work at times other than his or her regular work schedule, the employee shall be guaranteed two (2) hours pay at the appropriate rate of pay.

# ARTICLE 31 WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION

- <u>Section 31.1.</u> When an employee performs work normally done by another employee in a higher classification, the employee shall receive pay corresponding to the higher classification after the employee has performed the work for one (1) full work day. If the employee is requested to work in the higher classification at a future date, the employee shall immediately be paid at the rate of the higher classification.
- <u>Section 31.2</u>. No employee shall be required to work below their classification if there is any other available employee classified in the lower classification in the same department. Employees temporarily required to work below their classification or pay rate shall receive their regular rate of pay.
- <u>Section 31.3</u>. No employee shall be considered working in the higher classification unless authorized in writing by his supervisor.

#### ARTICLE 32 SUBCONTRACTING

- <u>Section 32.1.</u> The Employer may subcontract out work. No bargaining unit employee shall be terminated, laid off or reassigned as a result of subcontracting by the Employer. The Employer shall be prohibited from subcontracting which would shrink the work force or inhibit the natural growth of the work force.
- <u>Section 32.2.</u> The Employer agrees that all such contracts for work that directly impact bargaining unit members shall be discussed with the Union prior to implementation of such contracts except in the event of an emergency.
- <u>Section 32.3.</u> Disputes as to whether a subcontracting case violates this provision shall be subject immediately to Step 2 of the grievance procedure. If the dispute is not resolved at Step 2, then the parties agree to submit the dispute to arbitration within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

# ARTICLE 33 PART TIME AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

- <u>Section 33.1</u>. No seasonal, provisional, or part time workers shall ever perform work which would result in the loss of a regular employee's job.
- <u>Section 33.2.</u> Temporary employees will not be used in a position in excess of sixteen (16) consecutive weeks, in the absence of an approved leave, without agreement with the Union.

# ARTICLE 34 PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

- <u>Section 34.1</u>. A permanent part-time employee is one whose normal work hours are less than thirty (30) hours per week.
- Section 34.2. Benefits. A permanent part-time employee will be provided with the single plan hospitalization/major medical coverage, single plan prescription drug, single plan optical, and single plan dental coverage subject to the co-share amount. The employee will be eligible to purchase family plan coverages for the above plans by paying the difference between the single plan premium and the family plan premium through payroll deduction. Life insurance coverage will be in the same amount provided regular full time bargaining unit employees.

A permanent part-time employee's vacation leave will be prorated based on hours worked and in accordance with Article 21 of this Agreement (Example: A permanent part-time employee working twenty (20) hours per week will be eligible for two weeks of vacation at 20 hours per week after one year of service, etc.).

Funeral leave, injury leave, sick leave accrual and credit, sick leave performance incentive, holiday pay, longevity pay, and discretionary holidays shall be prorated based on hours worked.

<u>Section 34.3</u>. The Employer agrees not to replace a regular full-time position with a permanent part-time position except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.

## ARTICLE 35 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

<u>Section 35.1.</u> <u>Probationary Period</u>: The probationary period for new employees shall be one hundred twenty (120) calendar days.

The performance of the probationary employee shall be evaluated at every thirty (30) days, up to the last month prior to the end of the probationary period. Any employee who successfully completes their probationary period shall be considered a regular employee. The supervisor will observe the probationary employee's performance at least two (2) or three (3) times during the probationary period. The extension of the probationary period for a new employee will be a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days, up to a maximum of sixty (60) calendar days. Extensions of probationary period shall be in writing by mutual agreement with the Department of Human Resources. A newly hired probationary employee may be terminated any time during his probationary period and shall have no appeal over such removal.

After sixty (60) days of employment, the new employee will be eligible for Union membership and representation regarding all matters except Discipline Procedures under Article 8.

Section 35.2. Bid Probationary Period: The bidding employee shall serve a probationary period of 120 calendar days. The performance of the employee shall be evaluated at thirty (30) days, sixty (60) days and ninety (90) days. The supervisor will observe the probationary employee's performance at least twice during the probationary period. The extension of the probationary period for a bid employee will be a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days. Extensions of probationary period shall be in writing by mutual agreement with the Department of Human Resources.

#### ARTICLE 36 LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

<u>Section 36.1.</u> Once a month at a specified day and time during working hours the Union President, Vice President, the Recording Secretary and one (1) other pertinent Union representative shall meet with the Human Resources Manager of the LMHA and/or other management representatives to discuss matters of policy, settle disputes, and generally preserve a good labor management relationship. The monthly Labor Management meeting can be waived or postponed by mutual consent of the parties to this Agreement.

<u>Section 36.2</u>. The Union representatives shall be granted thirty (30) minutes with no loss of pay within one (1) week prior to the meeting to discuss labor management agenda items. Such meetings shall commence promptly at the scheduled time.

- <u>Section 36.3</u>. The parties agree to exchange agenda(s) at least three (3) working days in advance of the agreed upon date of the meeting(s). However, the parties may mutually agree to discuss other items which may come up at these meetings. The parties shall officially serve the other party said agenda(s). Either party may unilaterally cancel a labor management meeting due to failure to comply with this section.
- <u>Section 36.4</u>. The parties recognize that Labor-Management meetings are for discussion purposes only and these meetings are not an extension of any required collective bargaining obligations.

## ARTICLE 37 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

<u>Section 37.1</u>. Upon ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement there shall be mandatory joint training for LMHA supervisors, Local 2916 Executive Board Members, Council 8 Staff Representative, and Stewards for the proper administration of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. No employee shall suffer a loss in pay as a result of this training.

# ARTICLE 38 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- <u>Section 38.1</u>. <u>Travel Allowance</u>. If an employee uses his or her private vehicle on the job, he or she shall be reimbursed the current IRS standard per mile for miles driven while on the job. Employees whose job duties require daily travel in the performance of their jobs will be provided a LMHA vehicle. Employees transporting a client will be provided a LMHA vehicle.
- <u>Section 38.2</u>. The Employer agrees that each employee's accumulated sick time and vacation leave will appear on the employee's pay stub each pay period.
- <u>Section 38.3</u>. No employee shall be required to perform duties of a personal nature for any other employee, including supervisor(s), and there shall be no retaliation against any employee because of a refusal to perform such duties or carry out a personal favor, whether during working hours or thereafter.
- **Section 38.4**. Every employee and the public are entitled to equitable and courteous treatment by all other agency employees at all times. The use of language which would be commonly accepted as insulting, degrading, or intimidating and/or any other form of harassment will not be permitted in any working situation.
- <u>Section 38.5</u>. <u>Training</u>. The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority will provide training to assist employees to keep pace with changes in technology, as funding permits.
- <u>Section 38.6</u>. All employees shall be enrolled in direct deposit of paychecks to a banking institution of their choice.

<u>Section 38.7</u>. On a day to day basis an employee shall notify the front desk at Central Office (419) 259-9400 no later than one-half ( $^{1}/_{2}$ ) hour before the shift begins when that employee is calling off sick, will be late for work, or absent for the day.

#### ARTICLE 39 SAVINGS CLAUSE

<u>Section 39.1</u>. It shall be the intent of the Employer and the Union that this Agreement comply with applicable legal statutes. If any paragraph or part thereof is declared invalid by a court of law, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain intact and valid. In the event some portion of this Agreement is deemed invalid, the Employer and Union shall meet within ten (10) calendar days for the purpose of negotiating a lawful alternative provision.

#### ARTICLE 40 MODIFICATION

<u>Section 40.1</u>. Amendments and modifications of this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the parties of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE 41 MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

<u>Section 41.1</u>. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to hours of work, overtime, and all working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this contract and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvements are made in this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 42 SAFETY/HEALTH

- <u>Section 42.1</u>. The Employer and the employee shall maintain a safe and healthful work place, free from recognized hazards.
- <u>Section 42.2.</u> The Labor/Management meetings shall also consist of a subcommittee of Union members and Management persons for Safety and Health. In those meetings, the rules and regulations for the Risk Management Committee will be consummated. The Union will select the union representatives for this subcommittee. The Employer shall have the right to remove members from the committee.
- <u>Section 42.3</u>. First Aid Kits and Fire Extinguishers shall be located at each appropriate work station(s) and on specific equipment as determined by Management.
- <u>Section 42.4</u>. The Employer shall furnish safety shields, safety gloves, blankets, rain gear, and hip boots. Such issue is for each work area and is not personal issue.

- <u>Section 42.5.</u> The Employer shall provide a safety training program and/or offer training opportunities for all employees at the Authority.
- <u>Section 42.6</u>. Where the Employer and Union agree on subjects of safety, said subjects may be formulated into safety training for all employees.
- <u>Section 42.7</u>. The parties agree that the issue of bed bugs in the workplace is an ongoing issue. Because of the ongoing nature of this issue the parties agree and commit to meet in the Risk Management Committee to develop possible solutions, procedures or policies to address the issue.
- <u>Section 42.8.</u> <u>Tools and Equipment</u>. The Employer shall provide employees with appropriate tools and equipment to perform work. An employee shall not use their own tools and equipment, nor shall work be performed if the proper tools and equipment are not available.
- <u>Section 42.9.</u> <u>Physicals.</u> When it is necessary and required by the Employer for an employee to have a physical examination, it shall be paid for by the Employer. When it is necessary for an employee to be inoculated against contagious diseases, the Employer shall reimburse said employee. The employee may utilize his or her family doctor which must be verified.

#### ARTICLE 43 WORK RULES

- <u>Section 43.1</u>. New work rules or changes in existing work rules shall not go into effect until the Union has at least five (5) business days' advance notice.
- <u>Section 43.2</u>. Work rules shall be applied uniformly throughout LMHA. Work rules shall be reasonable.
- <u>Section 43.3</u>. Disputes regarding work rules and changes thereof shall be submitted to Step 2 of the grievance procedure. If the dispute is not resolved at Step 2, then the Parties agree to submit the dispute to arbitration within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of Step 2 of the grievance procedure.
- **Section 43.4**. Copies of any existing work rules shall be provided to the Union.
- <u>Section 43.5</u>. The Union agrees that the Employer has the right to establish employment work rules. Said rules shall not supersede the provisions of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE 44 SPECIAL OVERTIME

**Section 44.1**. If a segment of the work force is sent home early, or not required to work due to severe weather or disaster, those employees in that segment of the work force required to work under the same adverse conditions shall receive double time (2X) for hours worked.

#### ARTICLE 45 UNION BULLETIN BOARDS

<u>Section 45.1</u>. The Employer shall provide Union bulletin boards. There shall be one (1) bulletin board in each designated department site and one (1) in Central Office. These boards are to be used exclusively for Union information. The designated department sites shall be determined through the Labor-Management process.

#### ARTICLE 46 EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

<u>Section 46.1</u>. The Employer agrees that employees shall be evaluated in private by the supervisor administering the evaluation. Each employee shall have the right and opportunity to write a rebuttal to the evaluation. The rebuttal shall be attached to the evaluation and shall become part of the employee's personnel file.

The Employer agrees that evaluations herein shall not be utilized as a disciplinary tool but as an assessment tool as well as a process to determine areas for improvement, accountability and professional development and personal growth.

If a member of Management with higher authority than the supervisor modifies the evaluation, the change(s) shall be entered upon the evaluation prior to final review with the employee.

#### ARTICLE 47 UNIFORMS

<u>Section 47.1</u>. LMHA will provide five (5) work shirts for each maintenance employee in the first year and a half of this Agreement and an additional five (5) work shirts in the second year and a half of this Agreement for each maintenance employee. However, any maintenance employee hired no more than six (6) months prior to the beginning of the second half of this Agreement shall not be entitled to the additional five (5) work shirts. Replacements of these shirts for any reasons, shall be paid one-half ( $^{1}/_{2}$ ) by the Employer and one-half ( $^{1}/_{2}$ ) by the employee. Each maintenance employee is required to wear the LMHA work shirt or LMHA coverall. Maintenance employees may substitute work shirts for T-shirts at the ratio of two (2) t-shirts for one (1) work shirt.

Section 47.2. LMHA shall determine a sufficient number of coveralls and knee pads at each management area to accomplish work requirements. Such coveralls and knee pads are issued by management area and are not personal issue. A sufficient number of coveralls shall mean one issue per maintenance employee plus three (3) "overage" issue for the care of his coverall issue, per management station. Each employee shall be responsible for the care of his coverall issue, as well as the five (5) work shirts.

<u>Section 47.3</u>. LMHA will reimburse bargaining unit employees who are required to wear work boots on their job a maximum allowance of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for work boots.

LMHA will establish safety standards for the purchase of work boots and the employee will be reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt indicating his purchase of the appropriate work boots.

All such personnel who are required to wear work boots on their job must make their purchase within two (2) months after the execution date of this Agreement. If during the second two (2) years of the labor agreement the employee requires replacement pair(s) of work boots, LMHA will reimburse the employee fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the replacement pair, but not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per pair. An employee will not receive more than one (1) reimbursement in an agreement year. The employee must notify his supervisor when his work boots need to be replaced. It is expected that work boots be worn by the employee only while on duty.

**Section 47.4.** Employees will be required to return all LMHA issued uniform items and equipment at time of termination of employment.

#### ARTICLE 48 NO STRIKE/LOCK OUT

<u>Section 48.1</u>. The Union agrees that neither its members, officers, or representatives, individually or collectively, will cause, authorize, or instigate a strike during the term of this contract.

<u>Section 48.2</u>. The Employer agrees that neither it, its officers, agents, or representatives, individually or collectively, will authorize, instigate, cause, aid, or condone any lock out of members of the bargaining unit.

# ARTICLE 49 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

<u>Section 49.1</u>. In order to maintain a safe and healthful work environment, the Employer reserves the right to set standards for employment and to require employees to submit to physical examinations including blood and/or urine tests for alcohol, illegal drugs, or the misuse of legal drugs where there is reasonable suspicion that an employee's work performance is, or could be, affected by the condition.

<u>Section 49.2.</u> In a case in which an employee is acting in an abnormal manner, and where the Employer has a reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee is under the influence of the substance referenced in Section 49.1 above, the President and CEO/Designee will be advised in accordance with Section 49.3 below. For purposes of the above, "reasonable suspicion" means suspicion based on personal observation by an Employer representative, including but not limited to, descriptions of appearance, behavior, speech, breath, or inexplicable behavior.

- <u>Section 49.3.</u> Any management employee or representative who entertains this reasonable suspicion of substance abuse will complete a "reasonable suspicion" documentation form. Once this form has been completed and communicated to the President and CEO/Designee, the President and CEO/Designee may either contact the Union representative to suggest treatment or may require the employee to go to a medical clinic, at the Employer's expense, to provide either blood and/or urine specimens.
- <u>Section 49.4</u>. If requested, the employee will sign a consent form authorizing the clinic to withdraw a specimen of blood and/or urine and to release the test results to the Employer.
- <u>Section 49.5</u>. Any bargaining unit employee who has been ordered to undergo blood and/or urine testing may, upon timely request, be accompanied to the testing site by a steward or supervisor if available. Under no circumstances will a test be delayed due to the absence or tardiness of the employee's representative.
- <u>Section 49.6</u>. A refusal to provide either blood or urine specimen will constitute insubordination and a presumption of impairment, and may result in discharge.
- <u>Section 49.7</u>. Any employee tested in accordance with the above procedure may, if the test results are positive, request immediate retesting at the Employer's expense; or may request, in advance of the original test, that a portion of the original specimen be delivered to a third party for testing at the employee's expense.
- <u>Section 49.8</u>. The results of any such test will constitute medical information and will remain confidential save for their use in official safety investigations, criminal prosecution of the employee, or any action necessary to defend the discharge or discipline of the employee.
- <u>Section 49.9</u>. If the above test fails to disclose a positive concentration of controlled substance, the reasonable suspicion documentation form will be expunged.
- <u>Section 49.10</u>. Random drug testing will be permitted as provided in Section 49.12. The potential introduction of random drug testing in other circumstances may be referred by either party to the Labor-Management Committee for consideration.
- <u>Section 49.11.</u> Any substance abuse test conducted under this policy must conform with the "Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs" as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, April 11, 1988 (53 FR 11170/11979), as they may be amended.
- Section 49.12. An employee tested in accordance with the above procedure, if the tests results are positive, and if the employee is not guilty of other misconduct, will be offered rehabilitation for the first offense (positive result). The Employer's responsibility for rehabilitation will be that covered by Group Insurance. If the employee refuses rehabilitation he will be subject to disciplinary action. An employee who has been through rehabilitation may be retested by the Employer randomly during the one (1) year period following rehabilitation. A second offense (positive test result) will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Such disciplinary action by the Employer for the second offense will not be subject to appeal under the Grievance Procedure contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. This section does not preclude criminal prosecution by proper authorities.

<u>Section 49.13</u>. The Employer shall provide drug/alcohol awareness training for employees at least once per contract.

<u>Section 49.14.</u> Post-accident testing will be performed on an employee under one or more of the following circumstances:

The employee is subject to reasonable suspicion as noted in Sections 49.2 and 49.3 of this article.

The employee is involved in any at-fault vehicle accident or an at-fault non-vehicular workplace accident, and

Property damage is \$1,000 or more.

#### ARTICLE 50 OPERS PICKUP

<u>Section 50.1</u>. The Employer will pick-up through the salary reduction method the contributions of bargaining unit employees to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.

<u>Section 50.2</u>. The Union agrees that this method of "pick-up" is one which requires no additional outlay of monies by the Employer.

# ARTICLE 51 DURATION/TERMINATION

<u>Section 51.1</u>. This Contract shall be effective as of December 1, 2019, and shall remain in effect and in full force until December 1, 2022. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing on or before September 1, 2019, prior to the termination or anniversary date that it desires to terminate or modify this Contract. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin no earlier than ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date nor later than sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary date; this Agreement shall remain in full force and be effective until notice of this Contract is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the following section.

#### APPENDIX A WAGES

#### 1) Appendix A - Wages

Effective December 1, 2019, there shall be a wage increase of 1%.\*

Effective December 1, 2020, there shall be a wage increase of 2%.\*

Effective December 1, 2021, there shall be a wage increase of 3%.

\*Wage increase shall be retroactive to date indicated. Payment of retroactive sums due for the period from date indicated to the effective date of the Agreement shall be made on or before July 3, 2021.

## APPENDIX B EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2019

CLASSIFICATION	85% of	<b>FULL</b>
	JOB RATE	JOB RATE
Accounting Specialist		21.99
Assistant Property Manager		
Clerical Specialist		
Clerk Receptionist	15.38	18.10
Community Success Coach		19.54
Education Success Coach		19.54
FSS Specialist		19.54
Housing Specialist		
H.V.A.C./R. Technician		
Information Technology Specialist II		19.25
Inspector		
Laborer		
Maintenance Mechanic I		20.36
Maintenance Mechanic II		21.22
Maintenance Mechanic III		22.25
Renovation Specialist		22.25
Service Coordination Specialist		19.54

# APPENDIX B EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020

CLASSIFICATION	85% of	<b>FULL</b>
	JOB RATE	JOB RATE
Accounting Specialist		22.43
Assistant Property Manager		
Clerical Specialist	15.69	18.46
Clerk Receptionist		
Community Success Coach		
Education Success Coach		
FSS Specialist		19.93
Housing Specialist		
H.V.A.C./R. Technician		
Information Technology Specialist II		
Inspector		
Laborer		
Maintenance Mechanic I		
Maintenance Mechanic II		21.64
Maintenance Mechanic III		
Renovation Specialist		
Service Coordination Specialist		

# APPENDIX B EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2021

CLASSIFICATION	85% of JOB RATE	FULL JOB RATE
Accounting Specialist		23.10
Assistant Property Manager		
Clerical Specialist	16.16	19.01
Clerk Receptionist		
Community Success Coach		
Education Success Coach		
FSS Specialist		20.53
Housing Specialist		
H.V.A.C./R. Technician	•••••	24.33
Information Technology Specialist II	•••••	20.23
Inspector		
Laborer	17.11	20.13
Maintenance Mechanic I	•••••	21.39
Maintenance Mechanic II		
Maintenance Mechanic III	•••••	23.38
Renovation Specialist		
Service Coordination Specialist		

#### **APPENDIX C-1**

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYER'S INFORMATION REGARDING THE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT POLICY AND DRUG TESTING POLICY

Please sign below and present this acknowledgement slip to your supervisor for inclusion in your personnel file.

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority supports the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. Consequently, any unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of controlled substances which take place, in whole or in part in the work place by employees is strictly prohibited and violators will be subject to discipline.

I hereby acknowledge the following:

- 1. I understand and support the Authority's Drug Free Work Place Policy and Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy;
- 2. 1 agree to refrain from violating this policy while in employ of the LMHA;
- 3. I understand that a violation of the policy may result in discipline which may include termination from employment when supported by evidence;
- 4. 1 acknowledge that I have been warned that drug testing of employees will be conducted where there is individualized reasonable suspicion of drug/alcohol use or drug/alcohol impairment.

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Signature of Employee	(Date)	
	/	
Witness	(Date)	

# APPENDIX C-2 OBSERVED BEHAVIOR REASONABLE SUSPICION RECORD

		Office Use Only Employer Number Location Incident Number		
Employee's Name	Date Observed	Time From a.m. p.m. Observed To a.m. p.m.		
Address of Incident:	Street	City State Zip Code		
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1. OVERALL APPEARANCE: NORMAL CONFUSED SLEEPY CLOTHING CLEANLINESS DESCRIBE:				
2. PHYSICAI BREATH_ DESCRIBE		OORDINATION		

# OBSERVED BEHAVIOR REASONABLE SUSPICION RECORD - CONTINUED

SIGN	NATURE		PREPARATION DATE	TIME
SIGN	NATURE	TITLE	PREPARATION DATE	TIME
WIT	NESSED BY:			
4.	OTHER: DESCRIBE:			
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#### APPENDIX D LUCAS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

#### **RETURN-TO-WORK PROGRAM**

1.0.

The LMHA, in accordance with ADA and applicable state laws, will make every reasonable effort to assist employees in remaining productive during temporary partial disability, or in finding alternative placement within the organization in the event of occupational and non-occupational accident, injury or illness. Participation by employees for non-occupational accident, injury, or illness will be voluntary.

2.0

This policy pertains to all regular full-time employees who are medically capable of returning to work in some modified or adjusted form of employment in which positions are available to accommodate the modified or adjusted form of employment.

#### 3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 *Modified Return-To-Work:* A program for the temporary placement of any full-time employee who is temporarily unable to perform his/her normal job duties but who has been released by their physician to return to work in a limited capacity.
- 3.2 *Modified Job Description:* Employee's job duties are temporarily modified as a result of the employee returning to work with medical restrictions from any work related or non-work related accident, injury or illness.
- 3.3 *Modified Work Assignment:* Employee is placed into a temporary job assignment (different from the job they would normally be doing) in which the employee is capable of performing the tasks based on his/her medical restrictions (or could be trained to do on a different job in a very short period of time).
- 3.4 *Temporary:* The time frame is 8 weeks or less, a maximum of forty (40) workdays.

#### 4.0 Purpose

The intent of the Modified Return-To-Work Program is to benefit the employees and the LMHA. Those benefits include:

- 4.1 Helping speed the recovery process.
- 4.2 Continuing the employee's contribution to the organization's productivity.
- 4.3 Preventing unnecessary loss of valuable employee knowledge and experience.

4.4 Maintaining continuity of department and company operations to the maximum extent feasible, by attempting to provide modified job descriptions or assignments until an employee is deemed to be medically capable of returning to their normal job capacity.

#### 5.0 Applicability

This procedure applies to all employees and is intended to return employees who have been deemed to be capable of productive work, by competent medical authorities, where such work can be reasonably provided by the LMHA.

- 5.1 Participation in the Return-To-Work Program is <u>mandatory</u> for an occupational accident, injury, or illness and <u>voluntary</u> for a non-occupational accident, injury or illness.
- 5.2 An employee performing work under a modified job description will continue to be compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay. The employee will also maintain the right to bid on posted positions.
- 5.3 Once the employee is established as the successful bidder, he/she must be able to perform the essential functions of the new position, with or without reasonable accommodation, within twenty (20) workdays.

#### 6.0 Procedure Return to Modified Job Description

- 6.1 When reduced work capability results from an occupational related accident, injury, or illness, the employee shall be offered an appropriate modified job description within his/her department first. If no such modified job within the department exists, then within the LMHA if such modified job exists.
- 6.2 The cognizant physician(s) makes the ultimate decision to determine an employee's capability to return-to-work after any accident, injury, or illness. St. Vincent's Occupational Health Services Center makes the decision as to whether the employee's capability to return to work fits within the scope of the LMHA's modified job as defined in Section 3.2 above.
- Any modified job description must result in the employee performing meaningful work that includes productive output.
- 6.4 Without disrupting the department's production or production-related operations, the employee's immediate supervisor and Human Resources should make every effort to create a suitably modified job description for the returning employee.

6.5 Prior to the employee returning from a non-occupational accident, injury, or illness to a modified job description, St. Vincent's Occupational Health Services Center shall consult with the treating physician, immediate supervisor and Human Resources regarding the employee's medical restriction(s). They will then evaluate the modified job description to ensure the employee will not be required to perform duties that would further aggravate the condition. If there is a disagreement between St. Vincent's Occupational Health Services Center and the employee's personal physician regarding the medical restrictions, a third opinion by a mutually agreed upon physician shall prevail.

#### 7.0 Return to Modified Work Assignment

- 7.1 If the department supervisor/manager, in conjunction with Human Resources, determines that the employee's medical restrictions will not allow for a modified job description in the usual work area, then Human Resources shall determine a possible modified work assignment in another area which the employee will be able to perform without injury.
- 7.2 The department director and Human Resources shall observe and analyze the job tasks in specific detail and review them with the occupational health-treating physician to determine if the assignment is feasible for the employee based on his/her restrictions. (See Section 6.5.)
- 7.3 If it is determined that the modified work assignment is suitable for the employee, Human Resources will determine whether accommodation is possible, and when that transaction may occur.
- 7.4 In some instances, the treating physician may feel the injured employee can perform the modified work assignment and the employee might refuse such an assignment. If the physician is convinced that the injured employee can perform the modified work assignment without further detriment to himself/herself and the employee refuses to work, the employee will not be eligible for paid injury leave for an occupational accident, injury, or illness. The final determination shall be made by St. Vincent's Occupational Health Services Center, the Director of Human Resources and the treating physician.

#### 8.0 Responsibilities

- 8.1 Ensure all supervisors and employees are provided with information relative to this procedure, which also explains their responsibilities under this procedure.
- 8.2 Maintain an accident/injury/illness Return to Work Program Evaluation Form (see attachment) for use by health care providers which establishes the position relative to returning to a modified work assignment or modified job description.

- 8.3 Ensure supervision and employees are educated relative to the importance of this procedure and modified return-to-work efforts.
- 8.4 Human Resources will ensure that employees are afforded the opportunity to utilize the LMHA medical provider for initial and follow-up treatment. (Note: in emergency situations for occupational and non-occupational injuries/illnesses, treatment should be secured from the closest medical provider; i.e., emergency room.) If there is a disagreement between St. Vincent's Occupational Health Services Center and the employee's personal physician regarding the medical restrictions, a third opinion by a mutually agreed upon physician shall prevail.
- 8.5 The Human Resources Director shall keep updates on the status of the employee's capabilities and limitations, through contact with the treating physician as noted on the return to work certification.
- 8.6 The appropriate supervisor and/or department head shall review the Return to Work Program Evaluation Form and recommend appropriate actions on applicable modified job descriptions to Human Resources.
- 8.7 The injured employee is to be supplied with the Return-To-Work Program Evaluation Form.
- 8.8 St. Vincent's Occupational Health Services Center or another LMHA designated entity will be responsible for the job analysis and developing the modified job descriptions.

#### 9.0 Department. Supervisor

- 9.1 Shall ensure that any potential lost time accident, injury or illness is immediately reported to Human Resources.
- 9.2 Shall ensure that every effort is made to locate a modified job description for the returning employee.
- 9.3 Shall adhere to all restrictions as designated by the medical provider and in accordance with the modified job description.

#### 10.0 Human Resources

10.1 Assist the department supervisor in locating an alternative job when the returning employee cannot be placed in a modified job description in his/her usual work area.

## 11.0 Employee

- 11.1 Responsible to report all work related accidents, injuries, and illnesses as soon as possible to supervision or no later than 24 hours.
- 11.2 Cooperate with treating physician and the LMHA in a productive return-to-work and rehabilitation effort.
- 11.3 Ensure the Return to Work Program Evaluation Form is completed by the treating physician and returned to Human Resources.

## APPENDIX E HEALTH PLANS AND CO-SHARE AMOUNTS

# Medical PPO HD Plan 1 \$5,000

# Single/\$10,000

Employee Only	\$55.68/pay
Employee + Spouse	\$111.37/pay
Employee + Child(ren)	\$96.89/pay
Employee + Spouse & Child(ren)	\$144.78/pay

# Medical PPO HD Plan 2 \$2,800 Single/\$5,600

Employee Only	\$62.07/pay
Employee + Spouse	\$124.15/pay
Employee + Child(ren)	\$108.01/pay
Employee + Spouse & Child(ren)	\$161.39/pay

# Medical PPO – Plan 3 \$1,500 Single/\$3,000

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Employee Only	\$71.06/pay
Employee + Spouse	\$142.12/pay
Employee + Child(ren)	\$123.65/pay
Employee + Spouse & Child(	ren) \$184.76/pay

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## **Evaluation Form**

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Comments/Special Instructions			
Physician Signature	Physician Name (Print)		
Date	Time		
Employee Signature	Date		
Director of Human Resources	Date		

## SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have unto executed this agreement at Toledo, Ohio, this 25th day of March, 2021.

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March 25, 2021

Mr. Ricky Urbina, Sr., President Eleanor Mays, Vice President AFSCME Local No. 2916 420 S. Reynolds Road, Suite 108 Toledo, Ohio 43615

Re: Our File No. 234997

Dear Ricky and Eleanor:

In connection with our recent negotiations, it was agreed that the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority ("Employer" or "LMHA") and AFSCME Local No. 2916 ("Union") will mutually commit to strive for continuous improvement in labor-management relations and communications. The Employer will be transparent in conveying to the Union its plans, operations, mission and vision for improving the lives of its residents, clients and employees. The Union, in turn, will devote its best efforts to communicate fully and fairly to its membership regarding such matters and communications from LMHA and to promote to its membership the values associated with a working partnership between LMHA leadership, the Union leadership and all bargaining unit employees. In the course of the parties' regular Labor-Management meetings, both parties will report on the means they have utilized to achieve the objectives set forth in this letter.

If this correctly recites the parties' understanding on this subject, please so indicate on the lines included below for your signature.

Very truly yours,

By

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