

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

The Department of Veterans Affairs

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

and

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has determined that the construction of an addition to Building 11 and other site work associated with a telephone upgrade project at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Battle Creek, Michigan, will have an effect on a property determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, the VA has consulted with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and determined that the effect is adverse, but unavoidable in order to provide a cost effective upgrade of the computer and telephone systems in order to better serve veteran patients and staff at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center (VAMC), and,

WHEREAS, the VA has requested the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f) and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA, the Michigan SHPO, and the Council agree that the undertakings shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account their affect on the historic district:

Stipulations


The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. The VA, will have Building 11 and the surrounding Medical Center historic district campus recorded so that there will be a permanent record of their history and appearance. The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS/HAER, National Park Service, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, 600 Arch Street, Room 9414, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Phone: (215) 597-1160) will first be contacted to determine what level of documentation is required. All documentation must be accepted by HABS for submission to the Library of Congress, and the SHPO notified of its acceptance, prior to any construction activity taking place. Copies of this documentation will be provided to the Michigan SHPO and the VA Historic Preservation Office.
2. The addition to Building Eleven shall be constructed in such a way that it can be removed in the future without resulting in damage to the historic building.
3. The VA Medical Center will submit the project plans for all future projects that have any effect on the historic significance of the Battle Creek Medical Center for review and comment at an early stage to ensure that all concerns are resolved prior to the commitment of construction funds. The SHPO will have 30 days from receipt of the plans to provide the VA with comments. If there are concerns that cannot be satisfactorily resolved between VA and the Michigan SHPO, the project plans will be submitted to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for their review and comment in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.6.

4. The VA will seek to identify planning funds and, when funds are identified and available (this may be a part of a national effort under way), develop and implement a plan for the management of historic, architectural and cultural resources (termed an Historic Preservation Plan or "Plan") for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Battle Creek, Michigan. When the Plan is approved by the SHPO and the Council, a Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement (PMOA) will be developed so that work carried out in accordance with the Plan and the PMOA will require no further review by the SHPO or the Council. The Plan will include, but not be limited to the following: Overview; Site History; Identification, Inventory and Evaluation; National Register Nomination; Treatment; Maintenance Standards & Schedules; Design Standards; Phase I Archeological Investigation; and, Compliance Procedures.

Execution of this Agreement and implementation of its terms evidences that, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800, the VA has afforded the SHPO and the Council an opportunity to comment on the Telephone Upgrade Project at the VA Medical Center at Battle Creek, Michigan, which is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

for 
Director, Battle Creek VA Medical Center

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Date

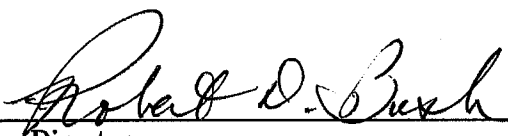
MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE:


State Historic Preservation Officer

3/4/93
Date

ACCEPTED BY:

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION:


Executive Director

3-9-93
Date