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County Jail Set for Medical Re-Accreditation

Crestview – Assessors with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, or NCCHC, have concluded their latest on-site review of the inmate health services provided at the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections (Jail) and found them to be 100% compliant with all standards.

Inmate health services are currently provided to the Board of County Commissioners-operated facility by Corizon Health, Inc., based out of Brentwood, TN.

“The assessors noted our facility met and exceeded every standard for inmate healthcare monitored by the NCCHC and we set the bar for inmate health services in many areas, including mental health and the continuation of care into the community,” said Corrections Director Stefan W. Vaughn. “Such recognition is a direct reflection of our department’s on-going and concerted efforts to better weave service, safety, patient care, cost-efficiency, and effective teamwork in what is often times and arguably considered one of the most difficult environments for managing patient health care.” The on-site assessment report will be submitted to the NCCHC for tentative consideration of the re-accreditation at their June 2018 meeting.

According to the NCCHC, high levels of compliance denote the ability of a facility to “improve the health of their inmates and the communities to which they return, increase the efficiency of health services delivery, strengthen organizational effectiveness, and reduce the risk of adverse legal judgments.”

“The excellent Commission review reinforces the notion our Jail’s leadership provides quality healthcare that is top-notch. Director Vaughn and his team strive to run a “tight ship” for our taxpayers while making quality health

care services for our incarcerated a top priority,” said Commission Chairman and Public Safety Liaison Graham Fountain.

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