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COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS RECEIVE MEDICAL ACCREDITATION *Detainees Continue to Receive High Quality Medical Care*

The California Medical Association Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) will award the County Probation Department with its highest accreditation level for medical care at the County Board of Supervisors meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4 in the Board Chambers.

The accreditation follows extensive evaluations of the Department's two Juvenile Halls, Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility and East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility.

"The accreditation is another example of the quality of care our staff provides youth in our custody," said Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins. "Ensuring a healthy living environment is integral to our mission of rehabilitating offenders."

Practicing physicians, registered nurses, mental health clinicians, and health administrators evaluated 63 aspects of health care, and the Department's policies and procedures before awarding the highest level of accreditation. The accreditation lasts for two years and follows a history of IMQ accreditations awarded to the County's Juvenile Halls.

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