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Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services Earns "*Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®*" Recognition from The Joint Commission

(Sparks, NV) – Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) was named *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. NNAMHS, also known as Dini-Townsend Psychiatric Hospital, was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions.

NNAMHS is one of 1,099 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures* for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. NNAMHS was recognized for its achievement on Hospital Based Inpatient Psychiatric measures.

The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2012 calendar year. The list of *Top Performer* organizations increased by 77 percent from last year and it represents 33 percent of all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals reporting accountability measure performance data for 2012.

Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and each of the hospitals that were named as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures* must: 1) achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures; 2) achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases; and 3) have at least one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set all applicable individual accountability measures have a performance rate of 95 percent or above. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice - examples include giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, or providing a home management plan of care for children with asthma.

“Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and all the *Top Performer* hospitals have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality improvement and they should be proud of their achievement,” says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission.

"We understand that what matters most to patients at NNAMHS is safe, effective care. That's why we have made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. NNAMHS is proud to receive the distinction of being a Joint Commission *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*," says Cody Phinney, Agency Director, Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services.

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