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BANNER HEALTH NORTH COLORADO MEDICAL CENTER NAMED AMONG AMERICA'S TOP 50 BEST HOSPITALS

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners recognized Banner Health Northern Colorado Medical Center (NCMC) during their board meeting on Monday. NCMC recently received HealthGrades highest distinction by being named one of the 50 Best Hospitals in America. The award honors NCMC for being within the top 1% of the hospitals in the nation for at least six consecutive years. NCMC is one of only three hospitals in Colorado to receive this honor.



From left: Commissioner Julie Cozad, Commissioner Sean Conway, Al Dominguez Chair of NCMC, Inc., Brandon Houtchens Chairman of Board of Trustees, Ken Schultz Board Executive of NCMC, Inc., Rick Sutton CEO, Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer, Wendy Sparks NCMC Chief Operating Officer, Tiffany Hettinger NCMC Associate Chief Nursing Officer, Commissioner Mike Freeman, Gene Haffner NCMC Director of Public Relations, and Commissioner Steve Moreno

HealthGrades provides information about physicians, hospitals and health care providers to consumers who can search for information in order to make informed decisions about the care they need.

According to the HealthGrades website, NCMC has received many prestigious awards including the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence; Patient Safety Excellence Award; Outstanding Patient Experience Award; and Critical Care Excellence Award.

NCMC was also named a Top 100 Hospital by Truven Health Analytics, a national health care research and quality assessment organization. The Top 100 Hospitals are scored on their overall performance in 11 different categories including patient care, financial stability and operational efficiency.

"NCMC is a valuable part of our community," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "The top-notch county-wide services they provide are crucial for Weld County residents."

For more information on NCMC awards visit the HealthGrades website at www.healthgrades.com/quality/top-hospitals-2015.

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