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Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole Scores 99 Percent in Re-Accreditation Audit

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 1, 2019) – For the fifth consecutive time, the Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) Division of Probation and Parole has received a successful score in its re-accreditation audit.

Auditors scored the agency 100 percent on the mandatory standard requirements and 99.4 percent on the non-mandatory requirements of the American Correctional Association (ACA).

In announcing the scores, ACA audit Chair Eddie Porter of Oklahoma said, "The ACA process goes beyond the physical documentation by providing a true reflection of the agency as a whole from leadership to staff, to the work place environment and the individuals who require guidance and supervision. The score achieved throughout this audit reflects the quality and dedication of the entire agency."

"Kentucky is ahead by implementing best practices and this agency will continue to strive for more," said Porter.

Auditor Michael Beebe from Ohio said all of the officers he encountered were very professional. "It set a high marker for any future audits," said Beebe. "Corrections is a passion, it is not a job but a career."

The division's offices across the Commonwealth, covering all four regions, were toured by the audit team. The team spoke not only with probation and parole officers regarding supervision procedures and operational practices, but with offenders under probation and parole supervision as well. There are currently over 48,000 individuals on some type of supervision with the agency.

"I am very proud of the Probation and Parole staff, the synergy and team approach within this organization is the best I have seen," said Corrections Commissioner Jim Erwin.

"The quality of service our probation and parole staff across the state deliver on a daily basis is demonstrated by the level of trust our clients have in us," said Hall. "I am proud of this accomplishment and thank everyone for their hard work."

The Probation and Parole accreditation audit is a multi-faceted examination of every aspect within the division. It consists of more than 168 standards that cover security, procedures, training and record keeping regarding offenders. The audit process requires constant monitoring and quality control checks. The division is audited by ACA every three years and undergoes an inter-departmental audit every year.

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