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Linthicum nominated for ACA leadership role

Doctor Lannette Linthicum, division director of Health Services for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), has been nominated for the presidency of the American Correctional Association (ACA), a professional organization dedicated to the improvement of criminal justice by establishing national standards for correctional management and operations.

Voting takes place this fall and, if elected, Linthicum will be the first health care professional to serve as ACA president. "Prison management requires a tremendous amount of coordination between the treatment side of the house and the security side of the house for operations to flow smoothly and successfully and I think it's time for treatment to assume a national leadership role in corrections," said Linthicum, "But, we have to do it together: security and treatment working hand-in-hand."

The president of the ACA serves a six-year term, with the appointee serving two years as president-elect, two as president and two years as immediate past-president. This ar-

range ment gives the incoming president time to gradually assume the new responsibilities of the position, serve as president, and then provide support for the next president.



Dr. Lannette Linthicum

Linthicum has been a member of the ACA since 2000, and has served on the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections, first as a health care representative and as Chair of the Commission from 2008 to 2012. She subsequently became involved with the Coalition of Correctional Health Care Authorities, which includes representatives from all 50 states and the five largest jails systems in

the country. Linthicum was honored to serve with the Federal Bureau of Prisons medical director as the first co-chairs of the Coalition. In 2011 Linthicum received the E.R. Cass Award, ACA's highest achievement award and in 2013 was elected Treasurer. She is also a member of the ACA Executive Committee.

Arriving at the Huntsville Unit in 1986 as a National Health Service Corps physician, Dr. Linthicum has a twenty-eight-year career as a correctional healthcare professional with TDCJ. She promoted up through the health-care ranks to chief of professional services, associate division director and to director of Health Services in 1998. She also serves as the TDCJ representative to the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee.

"Dr. Linthicum has served this agency with distinction for many years, and her public service has already been recognized by the association," said TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston. "She would be an outstanding choice for ACA president." ●