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MEMORANDUM

DATE **March 2, 2018**

TO **Rick Staly, Flagler County Sheriff**
Craig Coffey, Flagler County Administrator

FROM: **Bob Snyder** *Res*

SUBJECT: **Update: DOH-Flagler summary of interviews with Operations Center staff**

On February 12, 2018, staff from the Department of Health-Flagler, participated in a meeting with Flagler County Sheriff Office staff to hear an update on actions taken to address concerns about air quality in certain rooms at the Sheriff's Operation Center in Bunnell. The DOH-Flagler staff included Sue Reese, RN and epidemiologist, John Bey, Environmental Health Manager and Bob Snyder, Administrator. Although indoor air quality services do not fall under the purview of the Department of Health, we believe it was appropriate for the health department to intervene due to the number of Sheriff employees who had experienced similar symptoms such as skin rashes.

Our purpose was to interview Sheriff Office staff members and determine the following:

- Determine commonality surrounding the incidence of the symptoms reported; and
- Do unmet medical needs of the employees exist

On the 12th, Sue Reese interviewed 3 Sheriff employees in person and spoke to 10 others on the phone. A total of 16 questions were asked. It was determined that there were no unmet medical needs by the employees interviewed. They had sought attention and treatment by their medical providers. Secondly, it was determined that a possible common exposure site for onset of the symptoms they experienced was at the work place. This does not mean that specific causality was determined but that findings from an air quality study indicating the presence of mold species could have caused the symptoms experienced by the employees.

In addition to the interviews conducted by Sue Reese, John Bey, the DOH-Flagler's Environmental Health manager took a tour of the Operations Center building to look for water intrusion, foul odors, visible mold and none were found.

In summary, the DOH-Flagler acknowledges that recommendations from the H2H report dated December 12, 2017 have been taken. These actions included remediation of mold spores from room 129 in which 2 species of mold were found. We believe these steps were very effective as evidenced by a recent building wide air quality study and analysis that showed no presence of mold.

Please contact me should you have any questions at 386-437-7350 ext. 7105