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NOR-LEA COLLABORATES WITH COVENANT TO BRING MORE SPECIALTY SERVICES TO LEA COUNTY

LOVINGTON, NM, August 12, 2019 - Nor-Lea Hospital District has been challenged to close all the gaps in healthcare services including intensive care, OB services, behavioral health services and other specialty services it currently does not provide. Collaborating with Covenant Health; which will bring these much needed services to Lea County will help close these gaps. "Our Vision is to 'Enhance Lives' for the residents of the District and greater Lea County service area," said Nor-Lea Hospital District CEO Administrator David Shaw. "Part of that responsibility is collaborating with others in our community, and outside our community to meet the needs of our residents. Sometimes, meeting those needs doesn't necessarily mean that the Nor-Lea District is the one to provide the services. There are some services that we can't provide, because we are a critical access hospital. Covenant Health can help fit that bill and why not invite them in, collaborate with them and both be successful and grow the healthcare system in Lea County."

Covenant Health shares Nor-Lea's values and has a long-term commitment to Southeastern New Mexico throughout its 100-year history. "Covenant Health comes to compliment, not compete, with Nor-Lea's service lines already offered in Lea County," said Shaw. Nor-Lea will provide an important supportive role with its many primary care clinics throughout the county. In turn, Covenant Health will support and depend on Nor-Lea's many specialty services and swing bed program for continuity of care of their patients. The collaborative effort will retain healthcare dollars in Lea County and ultimately lead to a strong health status for the residents of the District and the greater Lea County and SE New Mexico region.