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| V 000 | <p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>An annual and follow up survey was completed on May 15, 2019. Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .1700 Residential Treatment Staff Secure for Children or Adolescents.</p> | V 000 | | |
| V 114 | <p>27G .0207 Emergency Plans and Supplies</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0207 EMERGENCY PLANS AND SUPPLIES</p> <p>(a) A written fire plan for each facility and area-wide disaster plan shall be developed and shall be approved by the appropriate local authority.</p> <p>(b) The plan shall be made available to all staff and evacuation procedures and routes shall be posted in the facility.</p> <p>(c) Fire and disaster drills in a 24-hour facility shall be held at least quarterly and shall be repeated for each shift. Drills shall be conducted under conditions that simulate fire emergencies.</p> <p>(d) Each facility shall have basic first aid supplies accessible for use.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to have fire and disaster drills held at least quarterly and repeated on each shift. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 5/15/19 of facility records from April 2018 through March 2019 revealed: -No fire drills documented on 1st shift for all four quarters.</p> | V 114 | | |

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| V 114 | Continued From page 1 -No documented disaster drills for 2nd shift in the fourth quarter of 2019 (January, 2019 - Mar, 2019). Interview on 5/15/19 the Licensee stated: -1st shift was 8am to 4pm. -2nd shift was 4pm to 12 midnight. -3rd shift was 12 midnight to 8am. | V 114 | | |
| V 366 | 27G .0603 Incident Response Requirments 10A NCAC 27G .0603 INCIDENT RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A AND B PROVIDERS (a) Category A and B providers shall develop and implement written policies governing their response to level I, II or III incidents. The policies shall require the provider to respond by: (1) attending to the health and safety needs of individuals involved in the incident; (2) determining the cause of the incident; (3) developing and implementing corrective measures according to provider specified timeframes not to exceed 45 days; (4) developing and implementing measures to prevent similar incidents according to provider specified timeframes not to exceed 45 days; (5) assigning person(s) to be responsible for implementation of the corrections and preventive measures; (6) adhering to confidentiality requirements set forth in G.S. 75, Article 2A, 10A NCAC 26B, 42 CFR Parts 2 and 3 and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; and (7) maintaining documentation regarding Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this Rule. (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, ICF/MR providers shall address incidents as required by the federal | V 366 | | |

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| V 366 | <p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>regulations in 42 CFR Part 483 Subpart I.</p> <p>(c) In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, Category A and B providers, excluding ICF/MR providers, shall develop and implement written policies governing their response to a level III incident that occurs while the provider is delivering a billable service or while the client is on the provider's premises. The policies shall require the provider to respond by:</p> <p>(1) immediately securing the client record by:</p> <p>(A) obtaining the client record;</p> <p>(B) making a photocopy;</p> <p>(C) certifying the copy's completeness; and</p> <p>(D) transferring the copy to an internal review team;</p> <p>(2) convening a meeting of an internal review team within 24 hours of the incident. The internal review team shall consist of individuals who were not involved in the incident and who were not responsible for the client's direct care or with direct professional oversight of the client's services at the time of the incident. The internal review team shall complete all of the activities as follows:</p> <p>(A) review the copy of the client record to determine the facts and causes of the incident and make recommendations for minimizing the occurrence of future incidents;</p> <p>(B) gather other information needed;</p> <p>(C) issue written preliminary findings of fact within five working days of the incident. The preliminary findings of fact shall be sent to the LME in whose catchment area the provider is located and to the LME where the client resides, if different; and</p> <p>(D) issue a final written report signed by the owner within three months of the incident. The</p> | V 366 | | |

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| V 366 | <p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>final report shall be sent to the LME in whose catchment area the provider is located and to the LME where the client resides, if different. The final written report shall address the issues identified by the internal review team, shall include all public documents pertinent to the incident, and shall make recommendations for minimizing the occurrence of future incidents. If all documents needed for the report are not available within three months of the incident, the LME may give the provider an extension of up to three months to submit the final report; and</p> <p>(3) immediately notifying the following:</p> <p>(A) the LME responsible for the catchment area where the services are provided pursuant to Rule .0604;</p> <p>(B) the LME where the client resides, if different;</p> <p>(C) the provider agency with responsibility for maintaining and updating the client's treatment plan, if different from the reporting provider;</p> <p>(D) the Department;</p> <p>(E) the client's legal guardian, as applicable; and</p> <p>(F) any other authorities required by law.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to implement a written policy governing their documentation and response to Level I incidents. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 5/14/19 and 5/15/19 of client #1's</p> | V 366 | | |

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| V 366 | <p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -16 year old male admitted 4/11/18. -Diagnoses included Mild Intellectual and Developmental Disability, Persistent Depressive Disorder/Dysthymia; Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder-combined presentation. -Admitted to hospital emergency room 3/12/19 and discharged 3/14/19 for suicidal ideation. <p>Review on 5/14/19 of client #1's Psychological Evaluation dated 4/1/19 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Threats of self harm, suicidal ideation, and recent threats to stab self at school in his neck with a pencil. -"In regards to the questions of [client #1's] dangerousness to himself or others, his impulsivity, exposure behaviors, and history of sexual offense are problematic and, in addition to his intellectual impairment, contribute to a general, non-eminent elevated risk of harm toward others and himself." <p>Review on 5/14/19 and 5/15/19 of client #1's facility incident reports for March 2019 revealed no incident report for client #1's suicidal ideation and subsequent hospital stay from 3/12/19 - 3/14/19.</p> <p>Interview on 5/14/19 client #1 stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He felt unsafe at school and on the school bus because of bullying by other students. -He did not mention recent suicidal ideation's or hospital stay. <p>Interview on 5/15/19 the Licensee stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -On 3/12/19 while at school, client #1 made a treat to stab himself in the neck with a pencil. He was taken to the school nurse and they called "mobile crisis." Following the mobile crisis assessment, he was transported to the regional | V 366 | | |

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| V 366 | <p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>medical center emergency room. -She had not completed an incident report for his suicidal ideation; the incident happened at school.</p> <p>Interview on 5/15/19 the Qualified Professional (QP) stated: -Client #1's suicidal threat happened at school. "He was attention seeking." and had said something at school that was taken seriously. Client #1's "main thing" was he wanted to go home. -Client #1 had not told him that anyone was "bullying" him, but he did say someone was "messing with him." Client #1 did not say what had happened. -When asked how the facility followed the process of reporting and following up on incidents as required, he stated there was a form under development by their consultant. They were trying to revise the form to meet the facility needs.</p> <p>This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.</p> | V 366 | | |
| V 774 | <p>27G .0304(d)(7) Minimum Furnishings</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0304 FACILITY DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT (d) Indoor space requirements: Facilities licensed prior to October 1, 1988 shall satisfy the minimum square footage requirements in effect at that time. Unless otherwise provided in these Rules, residential facilities licensed after October 1, 1988 shall meet the following indoor space requirements: (7) Minimum furnishings for client bedrooms shall include a separate bed, bedding, pillow, bedside table, and storage for personal belongings for each client.</p> | V 774 | | |

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| V 774 | <p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, and interview, the facility failed to provided minimum furnishings for client bedrooms. The findings are:</p> <p>Observations on 5/15/19 between 12:15 pm and 12:25pm revealed: -No bedside tables for clients #2 and #3. -Client #1 had a night stand at the end of his bed used for storage.</p> <p>Interview on 5/15/19 the Licensee stated: - Bedside tables had been furnished in the past. Clients tended to break the furnishings and these have not been replaced. -She would make sure clients had a bedside table.</p> | V 774 | | |