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V 000	INITIAL COMMENTS  A complaint survey was completed on October 2, 2020. The complaint was substantiated (intake #NC00168854). Deficiencies cited.  This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G. 5600C Supervised Living for Adults with Developmental Disabilities	V 000		
V 108	27G .0202 (F-I) Personnel Requirements  10A NCAC 27G .0202 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (f) Continuing education shall be documented. (g) Employee training programs shall be provided and, at a minimum, shall consist of the following: (1) general organizational orientation; (2) training on client rights and confidentiality as delineated in 10A NCAC 27C, 27D, 27E, 27F and 10A NCAC 26B; (3) training to meet the mh/dd/sa needs of the client as specified in the treatment/habilitation plan; and (4) training in infectious diseases and bloodborne pathogens. (h) Except as permitted under 10a NCAC 27G .5602(b) of this Subchapter, at least one staff member shall be available in the facility at all times when a client is present. That staff member shall be trained in basic first aid including seizure management, currently trained to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation and trained in the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid techniques such as those provided by Red Cross, the American Heart Association or their equivalence for relieving airway obstruction. (i) The governing body shall develop and implement policies and procedures for identifying,	V 108		

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V 108	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>reporting, investigating and controlling infectious and communicable diseases of personnel and clients.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to ensure two of three audited staff (#3 and #4) received training to meet the MH/DD/SA needs of the clients as specified in the treatment/habilitation plan. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 10/2/20 of Staff #3 personnel record revealed: -Hired date: 8/5/20. -Employed as a Habilitation Technician. -Worked 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Thursday. -There was no evidence of mental health/developmental disability/substance abuse training in the record.</p> <p>Review on 10/2/20 of Staff #4 personnel record revealed: -Hired date: 8/5/20. -Employed as a Habilitation Technician. -Worked 2 p.m - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday. -There was no evidence of mental health/developmental disability/substance abuse training in the record.</p> <p>Interview on 10/2/20 with the Director and Acting Program Coordinator revealed: -Confirmed staff #3 did not receive training working with special population. -Reported due to the pandemic there was no training.</p>	V 108		

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V 108	Continued From page 2  -Confirmed that the Qualified Professional should have trained new staff. -Confirmed the QP was considered in house staff and not an outside provider.	V 108		
V 112	27G .0205 (C-D) Assessment/Treatment/Habilitation Plan  10A NCAC 27G .0205 ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT/HABILITATION OR SERVICE PLAN (c) The plan shall be developed based on the assessment, and in partnership with the client or legally responsible person or both, within 30 days of admission for clients who are expected to receive services beyond 30 days. (d) The plan shall include: (1) client outcome(s) that are anticipated to be achieved by provision of the service and a projected date of achievement; (2) strategies; (3) staff responsible; (4) a schedule for review of the plan at least annually in consultation with the client or legally responsible person or both; (5) basis for evaluation or assessment of outcome achievement; and (6) written consent or agreement by the client or responsible party, or a written statement by the provider stating why such consent could not be obtained.	V 112		

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V 112	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interview, the facility failed to have a current treatment plan for one of two audited clients (#2). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 9/30/20 of Client # 2's record revealed: -Admission date of 5/12/10. -Diagnoses of Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Type and Mild Intellectual Disability. -Treatment Plan expired 8/23/19. -There was no current treatment plan the client's record.</p> <p>Interview on 10/2/20 with the Director and Acting Program Coordinator revealed: -The day program was responsible for completing treatment plans. -Confirmed treatment plans expired for client #2. -The day program said client #2's treatment plan was current for billing. -She would make sure client #2 had a current treatment plan in the record.</p>	V 112		
V 131	<p>G.S. 131E-256 (D2) HCPR - Prior Employment Verification</p> <p>G.S. §131E-256 HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY (d2) Before hiring health care personnel into a health care facility or service, every employer at a health care facility shall access the Health Care Personnel Registry and shall note each incident of access in the appropriate business files.</p>	V 131		

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V 131	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview the facility failed to access the Health Care Personnel Registry (HCPR) prior to employment for one of three audited staff (#5). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 10/2/20 of Staff #5 personnel record revealed: -Hired date: 7/5/19. -Employed as Habilitation Technician. -The HCPR was accessed on 9/30/20.</p> <p>Interview on 10/2/20 with the Director revealed: -Confirmed staff #5's HCPR was assessed prior to hire but was not in the personnel record. -The previous program coordinator was responsible for personnel files. -She did not know why the document was not in staff #5's record.</p>	V 131		
V 133	<p>G.S. 122C-80 Criminal History Record Check</p> <p>G.S. §122C-80 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT. (a) Definition. - As used in this section, the term "provider" applies to an area authority/county program and any provider of mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services that is licensable under Article 2 of this Chapter. (b) Requirement. - An offer of employment by a provider licensed under this Chapter to an applicant to fill a position that does not require the applicant to have an occupational license is conditioned on consent to a State and national criminal history record check of the applicant. If</p>	V 133		

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V 133	Continued From page 5  the applicant has been a resident of this State for less than five years, then the offer of employment is conditioned on consent to a State and national criminal history record check of the applicant. The national criminal history record check shall include a check of the applicant's fingerprints. If the applicant has been a resident of this State for five years or more, then the offer is conditioned on consent to a State criminal history record check of the applicant. A provider shall not employ an applicant who refuses to consent to a criminal history record check required by this section. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, within five business days of making the conditional offer of employment, a provider shall submit a request to the Department of Justice under G.S. 114-19.10 to conduct a criminal history record check required by this section or shall submit a request to a private entity to conduct a State criminal history record check required by this section. Notwithstanding G.S. 114-19.10, the Department of Justice shall return the results of national criminal history record checks for employment positions not covered by Public Law 105-277 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit. Within five business days of receipt of the national criminal history of the person, the Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit, shall notify the provider as to whether the information received may affect the employability of the applicant. In no case shall the results of the national criminal history record check be shared with the provider. Providers shall make available upon request verification that a criminal history check has been completed on any staff covered by this section. A county that has adopted an appropriate local ordinance and has access to	V 133		

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V 133	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>the Division of Criminal Information data bank may conduct on behalf of a provider a State criminal history record check required by this section without the provider having to submit a request to the Department of Justice. In such a case, the county shall commence with the State criminal history record check required by this section within five business days of the conditional offer of employment by the provider. All criminal history information received by the provider is confidential and may not be disclosed, except to the applicant as provided in subsection (c) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, the term "private entity" means a business regularly engaged in conducting criminal history record checks utilizing public records obtained from a State agency.</p> <p>(c) Action. - If an applicant's criminal history record check reveals one or more convictions of a relevant offense, the provider shall consider all of the following factors in determining whether to hire the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The level and seriousness of the crime.</li> <li>(2) The date of the crime.</li> <li>(3) The age of the person at the time of the conviction.</li> <li>(4) The circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, if known.</li> <li>(5) The nexus between the criminal conduct of the person and the job duties of the position to be filled.</li> <li>(6) The prison, jail, probation, parole, rehabilitation, and employment records of the person since the date the crime was committed.</li> <li>(7) The subsequent commission by the person of a relevant offense.</li> </ol> <p>The fact of conviction of a relevant offense alone shall not be a bar to employment; however, the listed factors shall be considered by the provider.</p>	V 133		

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V 133	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>If the provider disqualifies an applicant after consideration of the relevant factors, then the provider may disclose information contained in the criminal history record check that is relevant to the disqualification, but may not provide a copy of the criminal history record check to the applicant.</p> <p>(d) Limited Immunity. - A provider and an officer or employee of a provider that, in good faith, complies with this section shall be immune from civil liability for:</p> <p>(1) The failure of the provider to employ an individual on the basis of information provided in the criminal history record check of the individual.</p> <p>(2) Failure to check an employee's history of criminal offenses if the employee's criminal history record check is requested and received in compliance with this section.</p> <p>(e) Relevant Offense. - As used in this section, "relevant offense" means a county, state, or federal criminal history of conviction or pending indictment of a crime, whether a misdemeanor or felony, that bears upon an individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of persons needing mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse services. These crimes include the criminal offenses set forth in any of the following Articles of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes: Article 5, Counterfeiting and Issuing Monetary Substitutes; Article 5A, Endangering Executive and Legislative Officers; Article 6, Homicide; Article 7A, Rape and Other Sex Offenses; Article 8, Assaults; Article 10, Kidnapping and Abduction; Article 13, Malicious Injury or Damage by Use of Explosive or Incendiary Device or Material; Article 14, Burglary and Other Housebreakings; Article 15, Arson and Other Burnings; Article 16, Larceny; Article 17, Robbery; Article 18, Embezzlement; Article 19,</p>	V 133		



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V 133	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>False Pretenses and Cheats; Article 19A, Obtaining Property or Services by False or Fraudulent Use of Credit Device or Other Means; Article 19B, Financial Transaction Card Crime Act; Article 20, Frauds; Article 21, Forgery; Article 26, Offenses Against Public Morality and Decency; Article 26A, Adult Establishments; Article 27, Prostitution; Article 28, Perjury; Article 29, Bribery; Article 31, Misconduct in Public Office; Article 35, Offenses Against the Public Peace; Article 36A, Riots and Civil Disorders; Article 39, Protection of Minors; Article 40, Protection of the Family; Article 59, Public Intoxication; and Article 60, Computer-Related Crime. These crimes also include possession or sale of drugs in violation of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act, Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, and alcohol-related offenses such as sale to underage persons in violation of G.S. 18B-302 or driving while impaired in violation of G.S. 20-138.1 through G.S. 20-138.5.</p> <p>(f) Penalty for Furnishing False Information. - Any applicant for employment who willfully furnishes, supplies, or otherwise gives false information on an employment application that is the basis for a criminal history record check under this section shall be guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor.</p> <p>(g) Conditional Employment. - A provider may employ an applicant conditionally prior to obtaining the results of a criminal history record check regarding the applicant if both of the following requirements are met:</p> <p>(1) The provider shall not employ an applicant prior to obtaining the applicant's consent for criminal history record check as required in subsection (b) of this section or the completed fingerprint cards as required in G.S. 114-19.10.</p> <p>(2) The provider shall submit the request for a</p>	V 133		

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V 133	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>criminal history record check not later than five business days after the individual begins conditional employment. (2000-154, s. 4; 2001-155, s. 1; 2004-124, ss. 10.19D(c), (h); 2005-4, ss. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5(a); 2007-444, s. 3.)</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure the state criminal record check was ordered within five business days of making the conditional offer of employment for two of three audited staff (#4 and #5). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 10/2/20 of Staff #4 personnel record revealed: -Hired date: 8/5/20. -Employed as a Habilitation Technician. -There was no evidence the criminal record check was ordered.</p> <p>Review on 10/2/20 of Staff #5 personnel record revealed: -Hired date: 7/5/19. -Employed as Habilitation Technician. -There was no evidence the criminal record check was ordered.</p> <p>Interview on 10/2/20 with the Director and Acting Program Coordinator revealed: -Staff #4's and staff #5's criminal record check was ordered prior to hired and providing direct care. -Confirmed the staff #4's and staff #5's criminal record check was not in the record. -They were trying to pull the report up in the</p>	V 133		

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V 133	Continued From page 10  system. -They were not able to retrieve the report.	V 133		
V 290	27G .5602 Supervised Living - Staff  10A NCAC 27G .5602 STAFF (a) Staff-client ratios above the minimum numbers specified in Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this Rule shall be determined by the facility to enable staff to respond to individualized client needs. (b) A minimum of one staff member shall be present at all times when any adult client is on the premises, except when the client's treatment or habilitation plan documents that the client is capable of remaining in the home or community without supervision. The plan shall be reviewed as needed but not less than annually to ensure the client continues to be capable of remaining in the home or community without supervision for specified periods of time. (c) Staff shall be present in a facility in the following client-staff ratios when more than one child or adolescent client is present: (1) children or adolescents with substance abuse disorders shall be served with a minimum of one staff present for every five or fewer minor clients present. However, only one staff need be present during sleeping hours if specified by the emergency back-up procedures determined by the governing body; or (2) children or adolescents with developmental disabilities shall be served with one staff present for every one to three clients present and two staff present for every four or more clients present. However, only one staff need be present during sleeping hours if specified by the emergency back-up procedures determined by the governing body.	V 290		

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V 290	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>(d) In facilities which serve clients whose primary diagnosis is substance abuse dependency:</p> <p>(1) at least one staff member who is on duty shall be trained in alcohol and other drug withdrawal symptoms and symptoms of secondary complications to alcohol and other drug addiction; and</p> <p>(2) the services of a certified substance abuse counselor shall be available on an as-needed basis for each client.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to assess and document client's capability of having unsupervised time in the community in the treatment plan affecting one of two audited clients (#2). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 9/30/20 of Client #2's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Admission date of 5/12/10.</li> <li>-Diagnoses of Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Type and Mild Intellectual Disability.</li> <li>-Treatment Plan expired 8/23/19.</li> <li>-There was an unsupervised document in the record with no date.</li> <li>-There was hand-written revisions made with no date or staff initial.</li> <li>-There was no current treatment plan documenting unsupervised time in the community.</li> </ul> <p>Interview on 9/30/20 with Client #2 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-When she went out, she would visit family.</li> <li>-She would also go out with staff to get out the house.</li> <li>-She did not go out much when it was hot.</li> <li>-"It was too hot to out."</li> </ul>	V 290		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  <b>MELODY HOUSE#1, LLC</b>	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE <b>3116 CEDARWOOD DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27707</b>
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(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)	(X5) COMPLETE DATE
V 290	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>-She spent most of the day cleaning up and walking around the house since the pandemic.</p> <p>Interview on 10/2/20 with the Director and Acting Program Coordinator revealed:</p> <p>-Confirmed client #2 had unsupervised.</p> <p>-Confirmed the treatment plan expired.</p> <p>-Confirmed the unsupervised time document had no date.</p> <p>-Confirmed there was hand-written revisions with no date or initial of staff that made changes.</p>	V 290		