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V 000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>An annual and follow up survey was completed on January 27, 2022. Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .5600C Supervised Living for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.</p> <p>The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients.</p>	V 000		
V 107	<p>27G .0202 (A-E) Personnel Requirements</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0202 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>(a) All facilities shall have a written job description for the director and each staff position which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) specifies the minimum level of education, competency, work experience and other qualifications for the position; (2) specifies the duties and responsibilities of the position; (3) is signed by the staff member and the supervisor; and (4) is retained in the staff member's file. <p>(b) All facilities shall ensure that the director, each staff member or any other person who provides care or services to clients on behalf of the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) is at least 18 years of age; (2) is able to read, write, understand and follow directions; (3) meets the minimum level of education, competency, work experience, skills and other qualifications for the position; and (4) has no substantiated findings of abuse or neglect listed on the North Carolina Health Care Personnel Registry. <p>(c) All facilities or services shall require that all</p>	V 107		

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V 107	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>applicants for employment disclose any criminal conviction. The impact of this information on a decision regarding employment shall be based upon the offense in relationship to the job for which the applicant is applying.</p> <p>(d) Staff of a facility or a service shall be currently licensed, registered or certified in accordance with applicable state laws for the services provided.</p> <p>(e) A file shall be maintained for each individual employed indicating the training, experience and other qualifications for the position, including verification of licensure, registration or certification.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 2 current staff (staff #1) met the minimum level of education for the position. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of staff #1's record revealed: -A hire date of 10/8/20 -A job title of Paraprofessional; -No documentation of education.</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with staff #1 revealed: -Received his GED (General Educational Development) from a local high school in 1983 -Had attempted to get his documentation but to no avail.</p>	V 107		

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V 107	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with the Qualified Professional/Licensee revealed: -Staff #1 stated he was going to call to get a copy of his GED -Had not been able to request a copy of staff #1's education due to Covid -"The last time I asked him (to get a copy of his GED) was in December 2021 and he said he had been trying but no one was there at the school. I will remind him to check again."</p> <p>This deficiency constitutes a recited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.</p>	V 107		
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 reviews and interviews, the facility staff failed to ensure disaster drills were conducted once per shift per quarter. The</p>	V 114		

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V 114	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>findings are:</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of the facility's fire and disaster drills, from January 2021 to January 2022, revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A disaster drill was last completed on 1/3/21 -One disaster drill was completed for the entire year of 2021 <p>Interviews on 1/25/22 with clients #1, #2 and #3 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Had participated in disaster drills in the past <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with staff #1 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Had conducted just one disaster drill for the year 2021 -Was not aware disaster drills were to be conducted once per shift per quarter. <p>Interview on 1/27/22 with the Qualified Professional/Licensee (QP/L) revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Was not aware disaster drills were to be conducted once per shift per quarter. -Would ensure drills were conducted as required. 	V 114		
V 118	<p>27G .0209 (C) Medication Requirements</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0209 MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>(c) Medication administration:</p> <p>(1) Prescription or non-prescription drugs shall only be administered to a client on the written order of a person authorized by law to prescribe drugs.</p> <p>(2) Medications shall be self-administered by clients only when authorized in writing by the client's physician.</p> <p>(3) Medications, including injections, shall be administered only by licensed persons, or by</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>unlicensed persons trained by a registered nurse, pharmacist or other legally qualified person and privileged to prepare and administer medications. (4) A Medication Administration Record (MAR) of all drugs administered to each client must be kept current. Medications administered shall be recorded immediately after administration. The MAR is to include the following: (A) client's name; (B) name, strength, and quantity of the drug; (C) instructions for administering the drug; (D) date and time the drug is administered; and (E) name or initials of person administering the drug. (5) Client requests for medication changes or checks shall be recorded and kept with the MAR file followed up by appointment or consultation with a physician.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on records review and interviews, the facility staff failed to ensure medications were recorded immediately after administration for 3 of 3 current clients (#1, #2 and #3). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of client #1's record revealed: -An admission date of 9/15/16 -Diagnoses of Intellectual Disability, Mental Retardation, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Type, Seizure Disorder and Constipation. Full Scale IQ is 61 -Physician's orders dated 9/12/21 for the following medications: Gabapentin 300mg 1potid,</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>Divalproex 500mg, 1poqd, Hydroxyzine 1poqhs, Oxybutynin 5mg, 2poqhs, 50mg, Clozaril 150mg, 1poqam, Clozaril 400mg, 1poqhs, Depakote 1000mg, 1pobid, Doxycycline 100mg, 1poq12 hours, Lithium ER 600mg, 1pobid, Metformin 500mg, 1pobid with meals, Protoxin 5mg, 1poqhs, Melatonin 3mg, 1poqhs, Colace 200mg, 1pobid, Miralax 17g, 1pobid, Senna 1 tablespoon bid, Lamictal 100mg, 1pobid and Ativan 2mg, 1poq6hours as needed</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of client #1's MARs revealed: -On 1/25/22, blanks for the 8pm doses of Hydroxyzine, Clozaril, Lithium, Divalproex and Oxybutynin -On 1/26/22, blanks for the 8am medication doses</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of client #2's record revealed: -An admission date of 02/09/2009 -Diagnoses of Mental Retardation, Anorexia By History and Schizophrenia, Undifferentiated -Physician's orders dated 1/15/22 for the following medications: Abilify 5mg, 1poqd, Lorazepam 0.5mg, 2pobid, Benztropine 1mg, 1poqhs and Oxybutynin Chloride 5mg, 1pobid</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of client #2's MARs revealed: -On 1/25/22, blank for the 8pm dose of Benztropine</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of client #3's record revealed: -An admission date of 9/1/18 -Diagnoses of Simple Type Schizophrenia, Social Anxiety Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Mild Intellectual Disability Disorder, Constipation, Chronic, Incontinence of Urine and GERD -Physician's orders dated 12/2/21 for the following medications: QC Multivitamin 1poqam, Desmopressin 0.2mg, 1poqd, Benztropine Mes</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>2mg, 1poqhs, Propranolol 40mg, 1poqd, Divalproex Sod ER 500mg, 1pobid, Fluoxetine 40mg, 1poqam, Clozapine 100mg, 4poqhs Clozapine 100mg, 2poqam, Quetiapine Mesylate 5mg, 1poqam and Polyethylene Glycol 17grams per day</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of client #3's MARs revealed: -On 1/25/22, blank for 8pm dose of Benztropine.</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with client #1' revealed: -Staff administered his medications -Had never refused any of his medications.</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with client #2 revealed: -Staff administered his medications -Had never refused any of his medications.</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with client #3 revealed: -Staff administered his medications -Had never refused any of his medications.</p> <p>Review on 1/27/22 of staff #1's record revealed: -A hire date of 10/8/20 -A job description of Paraprofessional -Medication Administration training completed on 10/2/20</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with staff #1 revealed: -Administered medications to the clients -When asked about blanks on the MARs, staff #1 stated "I have been having trouble with my eyes. Sometimes I have to use a flashlight to see where I am documenting. That is why there are some blanks on the MARs ..."</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with the Qualified Professional/Licensee (QP/L) revealed: -Had noticed the blanks on the clients MARs. -Had not had an opportunity to sit down with staff</p>	V 118		

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V 118	Continued From page 7 #1 and go over the issue. -Was not aware staff #1 had not documented on the MARs when clients went on home visits.	V 118		
V 536	27E .0107 Client Rights - Training on Alt to Rest. Int. 10A NCAC 27E .0107 TRAINING ON ALTERNATIVES TO RESTRICTIVE INTERVENTIONS (a) Facilities shall implement policies and practices that emphasize the use of alternatives to restrictive interventions. (b) Prior to providing services to people with disabilities, staff including service providers, employees, students or volunteers, shall demonstrate competence by successfully completing training in communication skills and other strategies for creating an environment in which the likelihood of imminent danger of abuse or injury to a person with disabilities or others or property damage is prevented. (c) Provider agencies shall establish training based on state competencies, monitor for internal compliance and demonstrate they acted on data gathered. (d) The training shall be competency-based, include measurable learning objectives, measurable testing (written and by observation of behavior) on those objectives and measurable methods to determine passing or failing the course. (e) Formal refresher training must be completed by each service provider periodically (minimum annually). (f) Content of the training that the service provider wishes to employ must be approved by the Division of MH/DD/SAS pursuant to Paragraph (g) of this Rule.	V 536		

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V 536	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>(g) Staff shall demonstrate competence in the following core areas:</p> <p>(1) knowledge and understanding of the people being served;</p> <p>(2) recognizing and interpreting human behavior;</p> <p>(3) recognizing the effect of internal and external stressors that may affect people with disabilities;</p> <p>(4) strategies for building positive relationships with persons with disabilities;</p> <p>(5) recognizing cultural, environmental and organizational factors that may affect people with disabilities;</p> <p>(6) recognizing the importance of and assisting in the person's involvement in making decisions about their life;</p> <p>(7) skills in assessing individual risk for escalating behavior;</p> <p>(8) communication strategies for defusing and de-escalating potentially dangerous behavior; and</p> <p>(9) positive behavioral supports (providing means for people with disabilities to choose activities which directly oppose or replace behaviors which are unsafe).</p> <p>(h) Service providers shall maintain documentation of initial and refresher training for at least three years.</p> <p>(1) Documentation shall include:</p> <p>(A) who participated in the training and the outcomes (pass/fail);</p> <p>(B) when and where they attended; and</p> <p>(C) instructor's name;</p> <p>(2) The Division of MH/DD/SAS may review/request this documentation at any time.</p> <p>(i) Instructor Qualifications and Training Requirements:</p> <p>(1) Trainers shall demonstrate competence</p>	V 536		

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V 536	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>by scoring 100% on testing in a training program aimed at preventing, reducing and eliminating the need for restrictive interventions.</p> <p>(2) Trainers shall demonstrate competence by scoring a passing grade on testing in an instructor training program.</p> <p>(3) The training shall be competency-based, include measurable learning objectives, measurable testing (written and by observation of behavior) on those objectives and measurable methods to determine passing or failing the course.</p> <p>(4) The content of the instructor training the service provider plans to employ shall be approved by the Division of MH/DD/SAS pursuant to Subparagraph (i)(5) of this Rule.</p> <p>(5) Acceptable instructor training programs shall include but are not limited to presentation of:</p> <p>(A) understanding the adult learner;</p> <p>(B) methods for teaching content of the course;</p> <p>(C) methods for evaluating trainee performance; and</p> <p>(D) documentation procedures.</p> <p>(6) Trainers shall have coached experience teaching a training program aimed at preventing, reducing and eliminating the need for restrictive interventions at least one time, with positive review by the coach.</p> <p>(7) Trainers shall teach a training program aimed at preventing, reducing and eliminating the need for restrictive interventions at least once annually.</p> <p>(8) Trainers shall complete a refresher instructor training at least every two years.</p> <p>(j) Service providers shall maintain documentation of initial and refresher instructor training for at least three years.</p> <p>(1) Documentation shall include:</p>	V 536		

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V 536	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>(A) who participated in the training and the outcomes (pass/fail); (B) when and where attended; and (C) instructor's name. (2) The Division of MH/DD/SAS may request and review this documentation any time. (k) Qualifications of Coaches: (1) Coaches shall meet all preparation requirements as a trainer. (2) Coaches shall teach at least three times the course which is being coached. (3) Coaches shall demonstrate competence by completion of coaching or train-the-trainer instruction. (l) Documentation shall be the same preparation as for trainers.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to ensure 2 of 2 current staff (staff #1 and the Qualified Professional/Licensee (QP/L)) had training in Alternatives to Restrictive Interventions at least annually. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 1/27/22 of staff #1's record revealed: -A hire date of 10/8/20 -A job description of Paraprofessional -Training in Alternatives to Restrictive Interventions expired in December 2021</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of the QP/Licensee's record revealed: -A hire date of 8/1/2005</p>	V 536		

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V 536	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>-A job description of Qualified Professional -Training in Alternatives to Restrictive Interventions expired in December 2021</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with staff #1 revealed: -When asked about his NCI training, staff #1 stated he was probably due for his refresher course.</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with the QP/L revealed: -Was aware her and staff #1's annual training in Alternatives to Restrictive Interventions expired in December 2021 -The instructor she used had been sick -Would contact the instructor to schedule the training.</p> <p>This deficiency constitutes a recited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.</p>	V 536		
V 537	<p>27E .0108 Client Rights - Training in Sec Rest & ITO</p> <p>10A NCAC 27E .0108 TRAINING IN SECLUSION, PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND ISOLATION TIME-OUT</p> <p>(a) Seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out may be employed only by staff who have been trained and have demonstrated competence in the proper use of and alternatives to these procedures. Facilities shall ensure that staff authorized to employ and terminate these procedures are retrained and have demonstrated competence at least annually.</p> <p>(b) Prior to providing direct care to people with disabilities whose treatment/habilitation plan includes restrictive interventions, staff including service providers, employees, students or volunteers shall complete training in the use of</p>	V 537		

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V 537	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out and shall not use these interventions until the training is completed and competence is demonstrated.</p> <p>(c) A pre-requisite for taking this training is demonstrating competence by completion of training in preventing, reducing and eliminating the need for restrictive interventions.</p> <p>(d) The training shall be competency-based, include measurable learning objectives, measurable testing (written and by observation of behavior) on those objectives and measurable methods to determine passing or failing the course.</p> <p>(e) Formal refresher training must be completed by each service provider periodically (minimum annually).</p> <p>(f) Content of the training that the service provider plans to employ must be approved by the Division of MH/DD/SAS pursuant to Paragraph (g) of this Rule.</p> <p>(g) Acceptable training programs shall include, but are not limited to, presentation of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) refresher information on alternatives to the use of restrictive interventions; (2) guidelines on when to intervene (understanding imminent danger to self and others); (3) emphasis on safety and respect for the rights and dignity of all persons involved (using concepts of least restrictive interventions and incremental steps in an intervention); (4) strategies for the safe implementation of restrictive interventions; (5) the use of emergency safety interventions which include continuous assessment and monitoring of the physical and psychological well-being of the client and the safe use of restraint throughout the duration of the 	V 537		

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V 537	<p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>restrictive intervention;</p> <p>(6) prohibited procedures;</p> <p>(7) debriefing strategies, including their importance and purpose; and</p> <p>(8) documentation methods/procedures.</p> <p>(h) Service providers shall maintain documentation of initial and refresher training for at least three years.</p> <p>(1) Documentation shall include:</p> <p>(A) who participated in the training and the outcomes (pass/fail);</p> <p>(B) when and where they attended; and</p> <p>(C) instructor's name.</p> <p>(2) The Division of MH/DD/SAS may review/request this documentation at any time.</p> <p>(i) Instructor Qualification and Training Requirements:</p> <p>(1) Trainers shall demonstrate competence by scoring 100% on testing in a training program aimed at preventing, reducing and eliminating the need for restrictive interventions.</p> <p>(2) Trainers shall demonstrate competence by scoring 100% on testing in a training program teaching the use of seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out.</p> <p>(3) Trainers shall demonstrate competence by scoring a passing grade on testing in an instructor training program.</p> <p>(4) The training shall be competency-based, include measurable learning objectives, measurable testing (written and by observation of behavior) on those objectives and measurable methods to determine passing or failing the course.</p> <p>(5) The content of the instructor training the service provider plans to employ shall be approved by the Division of MH/DD/SAS pursuant to Subparagraph (j)(6) of this Rule.</p> <p>(6) Acceptable instructor training programs</p>	V 537		

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V 537	<p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>shall include, but not be limited to, presentation of:</p> <p>(A) understanding the adult learner;</p> <p>(B) methods for teaching content of the course;</p> <p>(C) evaluation of trainee performance; and</p> <p>(D) documentation procedures.</p> <p>(7) Trainers shall be retrained at least annually and demonstrate competence in the use of seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out, as specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.</p> <p>(8) Trainers shall be currently trained in CPR.</p> <p>(9) Trainers shall have coached experience in teaching the use of restrictive interventions at least two times with a positive review by the coach.</p> <p>(10) Trainers shall teach a program on the use of restrictive interventions at least once annually.</p> <p>(11) Trainers shall complete a refresher instructor training at least every two years.</p> <p>(k) Service providers shall maintain documentation of initial and refresher instructor training for at least three years.</p> <p>(1) Documentation shall include:</p> <p>(A) who participated in the training and the outcome (pass/fail);</p> <p>(B) when and where they attended; and</p> <p>(C) instructor's name.</p> <p>(2) The Division of MH/DD/SAS may review/request this documentation at any time.</p> <p>(l) Qualifications of Coaches:</p> <p>(1) Coaches shall meet all preparation requirements as a trainer.</p> <p>(2) Coaches shall teach at least three times, the course which is being coached.</p> <p>(3) Coaches shall demonstrate</p>	V 537		

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V 537	<p>Continued From page 15</p> <p>competence by completion of coaching or train-the-trainer instruction. (m) Documentation shall be the same preparation as for trainers.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to ensure 2 of 2 current staff (staff #1 and the Qualified Professional/Licensee (QP/L)) had training in Seclusion, Physical Restraint and Isolation Time-Out at least annually. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 1/27/22 of staff #1's record revealed: -A hire date of 10/8/20 -A job description of Paraprofessional -Training in seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out expired in December 2021</p> <p>Review on 1/26/22 of the QP/Licensee's record revealed: -A hire date of 8/1/2005 -A job description of Qualified Professional -Training in seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out expired in December 2021</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with staff #1 revealed: -When asked about his NCI training, staff #1 stated he was probably due for his refresher course.</p> <p>Interview on 1/26/22 with the QP/L revealed: -Was aware her and staff #1's annual training in seclusion, physical restraint and isolation time-out expired in December 2021 -The instructor she used had been sick</p>	V 537		

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