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V 000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>An annual, complaint and follow up survey was completed on February 26, 2024. The complaint was substantiated (intake #NC00213292). Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .3400 Residential Treatment-Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for 8 and currently has a census of 5. The survey sample consisted of audits of 2 current clients, 1 former client.</p>	V 000		
V 112	<p>27G .0205 (C-D) Assessment/Treatment/Habilitation Plan</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0205 ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT/HABILITATION OR SERVICE PLAN</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(d) The plan shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 	V 112		

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V 112	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>obtained.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to obtain written consent or agreement for the treatment/habilitation or service plan by the legally responsible person for 1 or 3 current clients (#5). The findings are:</p> <p>Finding #1 Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's record revealed: -16 year old male. -Admitted on 10/2/23. -Diagnoses of Conduct Disorder and Cannabis Use Disorder.</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's treatment plan dated 10/2/23 revealed: -Treatment Plan was updated on 12/2/23 and 2/2/24. -No evidence treatment plan was developed in agreement with client #5's guardian.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 client #5 stated: -He was admitted to the facility about 4 months ago. -His goal was to finish school.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 and 2/23/24 the Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated: -She had provided client #5's treatment plan to</p>	V 112		

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V 112	Continued From page 2 his guardian. -The guardian had not returned the signed treatment plan. This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.	V 112		
V 114	27G .0207 Emergency Plans and Supplies 10A NCAC 27G .0207 EMERGENCY PLANS AND SUPPLIES (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. (b) The plan shall be made available to all staff and evacuation procedures and routes shall be posted in the facility. (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. (d) Each facility shall have basic first aid supplies accessible for use. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to ensure fire and disaster drills were held at least quarterly and repeated on each shift. The findings are: Review on 2/22/24 of facility records for January 2023 thru December 2023 revealed: -No fire drills were held during the 1st quarter (January 2023 - March 2023) on the 1st and 2nd	V 114		

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V 114	Continued From page 3 shift. -No fire drills were held during the 4th quarter (October 2023 - December 2023) on the 1st and 2nd shift. -No disaster drills were held during the 2nd quarter (April 2023 - June 2023) on the 3rd shift. -No disaster drills were held during the 3rd quarter (July 2023 - September 2023) on the 3rd shift. Interview on 2/22/24 the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional/Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated: -The facility's shifts were: 1st shift 7am- 3pm, 2nd shift 3-11pm and 3rd shift 11pm-7am.	V 114		
V 116	27G .0209 (A) Medication Requirements 10A NCAC 27G .0209 MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS (a) Medication dispensing: (1) Medications shall be dispensed only on the written order of a physician or other practitioner licensed to prescribe. (2) Dispensing shall be restricted to registered pharmacists, physicians, or other health care practitioners authorized by law and registered with the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy. If a permit to operate a pharmacy is Not required, a nurse or other designated person may assist a physician or other health care practitioner with dispensing so long as the final label, Container, and its contents are physically checked and approved by the authorized person prior to dispensing. (3) Methadone For take-home purposes may be supplied to a client of a methadone treatment service in a properly labeled container by a registered nurse employed by the service,	V 116		

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V 116	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>pursuant to the requirements of 10 NCAC 26E .0306 SUPPLYING OF METHADONE IN TREATMENT PROGRAMS BY RN. Supplying of methadone is not considered dispensing.</p> <p>(4) Other than for emergency use, facilities shall not possess a stock of prescription legend drugs for the purpose of dispensing without hiring a pharmacist and obtaining a permit from the NC Board of Pharmacy. Physicians may keep a small locked supply of prescription drug samples. Samples shall be dispensed, packaged, and labeled in accordance with state law and this Rule.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview the facility failed to assure that dispensing of medications was restricted to persons authorized by law to do so, affecting 2 of 3 clients audited (#1, #5). The findings are:</p> <p>Finding #1 Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's record revealed: -16 year old male. -Admitted on 12/29/20. -Diagnoses of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder unspecified and Paraphenia Unspecified.</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's signed physician orders dated 12/6/23 revealed: -Cetirizine 5 milligram (mg) at bedtime. (allergy) -Desmopressin 0.2 mg daily. (bedwetting) -Risperidone 1 mg 1 and 1/2 tablets at bedtime. (Bipolar)</p>	V 116		

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V 116	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Paroxetine 20 mg daily. (ADHD) -Advair 250 mg 2 puffs every 4-6 hours as needed. (allergy) <p>Finding #2 Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -16 year old male. -Admitted on 10/2/23. -Diagnoses of Conduct Disorder and Cannabis Use Disorder. <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's signed physician orders dated 9/28/23 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trazodone 50 mg 1/2 tablet at bedtime as needed for sleep. -Latuda 20 mg every evening. (Schizophrenia) <p>Observation on 2/22/24 between 11:10 am - 12:00pm during a tour of the facility revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Weekly pill organizers for client medications. <p>Interview on 2/22/24 staff #1 stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He was not trained in medication administration. -The clients' medications were in a weekly pill organizer and he sometimes gave the clients their medications. <p>Interview on 2/22/24 the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional/Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He placed the clients medications into a weekly pill organizer. -The facility did not have a nurse to oversee medications. -He was responsible for medications. -He understood medications could not be dispensed prior to administration into weekly pill organizers. 	V 116		

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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 unlicensed persons trained by a registered nurse, pharmacist or other legally qualified person and privileged to prepare and administer medications.</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(A) client's name;</p> <p>(B) name, strength, and quantity of the drug;</p> <p>(C) instructions for administering the drug;</p> <p>(D) date and time the drug is administered; and</p> <p>(E) name or initials of person administering the drug.</p> <p>(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:</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>Based on record reviews, observation and interviews, the facility failed to ensure medications were administered by a unlicensed person trained by a registered nurse for 1 of 2 staff audited (#1) and failed to keep the MARs current affecting 3 of 3 clients audited (#1, #5, former client (FC) #6). The findings are:</p> <p>Finding #1 Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's record revealed: -16 year old male. -Admitted on 12/29/20. -Diagnoses of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder unspecified and Paraphenia Unspecified.</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's signed physician orders dated 12/6/23 revealed: -Cetirizine 5 milligram (mg) at bedtime. (allergy) -Desmopressin 0.2 mg daily. (bedwetting) -Risperidone 1 mg 1 and 1/2 tablets at bedtime. (Bipolar) -Paroxetine 20 mg daily. (ADHD) -Advair 250 mg 2 puffs every 4-6 hours as needed. (allergy)</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's MARs from 12/1/23 - 2/22/24 revealed the following medications had no name or initials of person administering the medication: -Cetirizine 5 mg was given daily. -Desmopressin 0.2 mg was given daily, also documented as given 2/23/24-2/31/24. -Risperidone 1 mg was given daily. -Paroxetine was given daily, transcribed as 40 mg.</p> <p>Observation on 2/22/24 between 2:30pm - 2:45pm of client #1's medications revealed: -Advair was last dispensed on 11/19/20, the</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>prescription label expired February 2022.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 client #1 stated: -He received this medications daily.</p> <p>Finding #2 Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's record revealed: -16 year old male. -Admitted on 10/2/23. -Diagnoses of Conduct Disorder and Cannabis Use Disorder.</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's signed physician orders dated 9/28/23 revealed: -Trazodone 50 mg 1/2 tablet at bedtime as needed for sleep. -Latuda 20 mg every evening. (Schizophrenia)</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's MARs from 12/1/23 - 2/22/24 revealed the following medications had no name or initials of person administering the medication: -Trazodone 50 mg was given daily. -Latuda 20 mg was blank on 12/28/24 - 12/31/24, otherwise given daily.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 client #5 stated: -He received his medications daily.</p> <p>Finding #3 Review on 2/22/24 and 2/23/24 FC #6 stated: -17 year old male. -Admitted on 7/26/22. -Discharged on 12/29/23. -Diagnoses of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Cannabis Use Disorder and ADHD, predominantly inattentive presentation, moderate severity.</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of FC #6's signed physician</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>orders revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -8/17/23 - Adderall 10 mg daily. (ADHD) - Quetiapine 100 mg at bedtime. (PTSD) - Divalproex 250 mg every morning and at bedtime. (mood/mental) - Quetiapine 50 mg every morning. <p>11/17/23 - Vitamin D 1250 micrograms (mcg) weekly. (Supplement)</p> <p>Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's MARs from 12/1/23 - 12/31/24 revealed the following medications had no name or initials of person administering the medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Adderall 10 mg was documented daily 12/1/23 - 12/31/24 (after discharge). -Quetiapine 100 mg was given daily until discharge. -Divalproex 250 mg was given daily until discharge. -Quetiapine 50 mg was documented daily 12/1/23 - 12/29/24 (after discharge). -Vitamin D 1250 mcg was given weekly. <p>FC #6 was discharged and not available for interview.</p> <p>Finding #4 Review on 2/22/24 of staff #1's personnel file revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hire date: 7/20/23. -Job: Paraprofessional -No evidence of a training in medication administration. <p>Interview on 2/22/24 staff #1 stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He was not trained in medication administration. -He did not touch the clients' medications bottles. -He had given the client's their medications from the weekly pill organizer. 	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 and 2/23/24 the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional/Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He had not signed or initialed the MAR to show medication had been administered. -He put the client's medications in weekly pill organizers. -There was no nurse to review medication or train in medication administration. -He generally administered medications in the morning and the QP/Co-Owner would administer medications in the afternoons. -He reviewed medications with staff. -Staff were not trained in medication administration. <p>This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.</p>	V 118		
V 227	<p>27G .3401 Res. Sub. Abuse - Scope</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .3401 SCOPE</p> <p>(a) A residential treatment or rehabilitation facility for alcohol or other drug abuse disorders is a 24-hour residential service which provides active treatment and a structured living environment for individuals with substance abuse disorders in a group setting.</p> <p>(b) Individuals must have been detoxified prior to entering the facility.</p> <p>(c) Services include individual, group and family counseling and education.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews the facility failed to meet licensure scope by admitting</p>	V 227		

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V 227	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>2 of 3 audited current clients (#4, #5) without a diagnosis of a substance abuse disorder and not providing substance abuse services The findings are:</p> <p>Finding #1 Review on 2/22/24 of client #1's record revealed: -16 year old male. -Admitted on 12/29/20. -Diagnoses of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder unspecified and Paraphenia Unspecified. -No evidence of a substance abuse diagnosis.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 client #1 stated: -He did not have any substance abuse diagnoses. -He had not received any substance abuse services.</p> <p>Finding #2 Review on 2/22/24 of client #5's record revealed: -16 year old male. -Admitted on 10/2/23. -Diagnoses of Conduct Disorder and Cannabis Use Disorder. -No evidence of substance abuse services provided.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 client #5 stated: -He lived at the facility for 4 months. -He has not received any substance abuse services or therapy.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional/Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated: -The facility did not currently have clients with a substance abuse diagnosis.</p>	V 227		

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V 227	Continued From page 12 Interview on 2/22/24 and 2/23/24 the Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated: -The facility did not currently have clients with a substance abuse diagnosis. -He had not submitted a waiver to the Division of Health Service Regulation to admit clients without a substance abuse diagnosis. -He had a waiver with the local Management Entity to admit clients without a substance abuse diagnosis. This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.	V 227		
V 228	27G .3402 Res. Sub. Abuse - Staff 10A NCAC 27G .3402 STAFF (a) Each facility shall have full-time staff as follows: (1) One full-time certified alcoholism, drug abuse or substance abuse counselor for a facility having up to 30 occupied beds, and for every 30 occupied bed increment or portion thereafter. (2) One full-time qualified alcoholism, drug abuse or substance abuse professional as defined in Paragraphs (14), (17) and (19) of 10A NCAC 27G .0104 for facilities having 11 or more occupied beds, and for every additional occupied 10-bed increment or portion thereafter. (3) The remaining full-time staff members required by Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule may be either qualified alcoholism, drug abuse, or substance abuse counselors. (b) A minimum of one staff member shall be present in the facility when clients are present in the facility. (c) In facilities that serve minors, a minimum of one staff member for each five or fewer minor clients shall be on duty during waking hours when	V 228		

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V 228	<p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>minor clients are present.</p> <p>(d) Any qualified alcoholism, drug abuse or substance abuse professional who is not certified shall become certified by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board within 26 months from the date of employment, or from the date an unqualified person meets the requirements to be qualified, whichever is later.</p> <p>(e) Each direct care staff member shall receive annual continuing education to include understanding of the nature of addiction, the withdrawal syndrome, group therapy, and family therapy through in-service training, academic course work, or training approved by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board.</p> <p>(f) Each direct care staff member in a facility that serves minors shall receive training in youth development and therapeutic techniques in working with youth.</p> <p>(g) Each facility shall have at least one staff member on duty trained in the following areas:</p> <p>(1) alcohol and other drug withdrawal symptoms; and</p> <p>(2) symptoms of secondary complications to alcoholism and drug addiction.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews the facility failed to ensure direct care staff received required annual continuing education to include the nature of addiction, the withdrawal syndrome, group therapy, family therapy, youth development and therapeutic technique for 2 of 2 audited direct care staff (Staff #1 and Staff #3) , The findings are:</p>	V 228		

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V 228	<p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>Finding #1 Review on 2/22/24 of staff #1's personnel file revealed: -Hire date: 7/20/23. -Job: Paraprofessional -No documentation staff #4 received annual education in the nature of addiction, group therapy, family therapy, youth development and therapeutic technique, training in youth development and therapeutic techniques.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 staff #1's stated: -He worked at the facility for 6 or 7 months. -He had not received training in the nature of addiction, group therapy, family therapy, youth development and therapeutic technique.</p> <p>Finding #2 Review on 2/22/24 staff #3's personnel file revealed: -Hire date: 1/2/24. -Job: Paraprofessional. -No documentation staff #4 received annual education in the nature of addiction, group therapy, family therapy, youth development and therapeutic technique, training in youth development and therapeutic techniques.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 staff #3 stated: -He worked at the facility since January 2024. -He had not received training in the nature of addiction, group therapy, family therapy, youth development and therapeutic technique.</p> <p>Interview on 2/22/24 and 2/23/24 the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional/Qualified Professional (QP)/Co-Owner stated: -He and the QP/Co-Owner was responsible for ensuring staff were trained.</p>	V 228		

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V 228	Continued From page 15 -Direct care staff had not been trained in program specific staff trainings as required. Interview on 2/22/24 and 2/23/24 the QP/Co-Owner stated: -It was his responsibility to ensure staff were trained. This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.	V 228		
V 736	27G .0303(c) Facility and Grounds Maintenance 10A NCAC 27G .0303 LOCATION AND EXTERIOR REQUIREMENTS (c) Each facility and its grounds shall be maintained in a safe, clean, attractive and orderly manner and shall be kept free from offensive odor. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility was not maintained in a clean, safe, attractive and orderly manner. The findings are: Observation on 2/22/24 between 11:10 am - 12:00pm during a tour of the facility revealed: -The living room/common area middle light fixture had a blown bulb. The recliner chair had torn fabric. The area rug was torn around the perimeter of the rug. -Client #2 and client #3's bedroom had clothing and bath towels scattered throughout the room. -The shower room was missing tiles at the base of the shower. There were missing tiles in the corner under the shelves. The paint plaster was a different color from the wall. -The hallway had a cord taped to the wall leading up to a camera. There were cracked tiles at the	V 736		

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V 736	<p>Continued From page 16</p> <p>bathroom entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The hallway bathroom had cracked tiles around the toilet. -The 2nd hallway bathroom was "out of order" and was in need of repairs. -Client #1's bedroom did not have a closet door and the area was used to store a mattress and dresser. <p>Interview on 2/22/24 the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional/Qualified Professional/Co-Owner stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There maintenance man was an older gentleman and repairs had been reported. -The facility had purchased new furniture. -He would ensure the facility was maintained. <p>This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.</p>	V 736		