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V 000	<b>INITIAL COMMENTS</b>  An annual survey was completed on July 10, 2024. Deficiencies were cited.  This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .5600C Supervised Living for Adults with Developmental Disability.  This facility is licensed for 3 and has a current census of 2. The survey sample consisted of audits of 2 current clients and 1 former client.	V 000	<b>RECEIVED</b> <b>SEP 03 2024</b> <b>DHSR-MH Licensure Sect</b>	
V 107	<b>27G .0202 (A-E) Personnel Requirements</b>  <b>10A NCAC 27G .0202 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</b> (a) All facilities shall have a written job description for the director and each staff position which: (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. (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: (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.	V 107	V107- Personnel Requirements  Measures to correct- Staff #1 and QP will meet with Human Resources to review and sign the job description for each designated role.  Measures to prevent- Human Resources has incorporated the review of job descriptions in the hiring and onboarding process. The job description form can be provided on paper or electronically.  Who will monitor- All personnel files and records are monitored and maintained by the Human Resources Department.  How often- Job descriptions are reviewed and completed during hiring and onboarding of new employees, or in the occasion that staff change roles. For example, if a direct support staff member transitions to becoming an AFL Provider, they would apply for this position and go thorough the hiring process which includes reviewing the job description for an AFL Provider.	9/5/24

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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TITLE  
Qualified Professional

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08/29/2024

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V 107	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>(c) All facilities or services shall require that all 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 review and interview, the facility failed to ensure each staff member had a written job description affecting 2 of 2 staff (Qualified Professional (QP) and #1). The findings are</p> <p>Review on 7/9/24 of staff #1's record revealed: -Date of Hire: 3/26/21; -No documentation provided of a job description.</p> <p>Review on 7/9/24 of the QP's record revealed: -Date of Hire: 11/29/22; -No documentation provided of a job description.</p> <p>Interview with the Human Resource Assistant revealed:</p>	V 107		

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V 107	Continued From page 2 - "I don't have the job descriptions for [staff #1 or QP]."	V 107		
V 108	<p>27G .0202 (F-I) Personnel Requirements</p> <p><b>10A NCAC 27G .0202 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>(f) Continuing education shall be documented.</p> <p>(g) Employee training programs shall be provided and, at a minimum, shall consist of the following:</p> <p>(1) general organizational orientation;</p> <p>(2) training on client rights and confidentiality as delineated in 10A NCAC 27C, 27D, 27E, 27F and 10A NCAC 26B;</p> <p>(3) training to meet the mh/dd/sa needs of the client as specified in the treatment/habilitation plan; and</p> <p>(4) training in infectious diseases and bloodborne pathogens.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(i) The governing body shall develop and implement policies and procedures for identifying, reporting, investigating and controlling infectious and communicable diseases of personnel and clients.</p>	V 108	<p>V108- Personnel Requirements</p> <p>Measures to correct – Staff #1 will be attending the next training session on September 5th, 2024, to take 1st aid/CPR training course.</p> <p>Measures to prevent- Staff # 1 and QP will keep up with training dates, to avoid them expiring and us being out of compliance.</p> <p>Who will monitor- It is the responsibility of all parties involved including staff # 1, the QP and HR to keep up with employee trainings. This is to avoid trainings from expiring.</p> <p>How often- 1st aid/ CPR, is the only course taught every 2 years. Other classroom trainings, such as medication administration and You're Safe I'm Safe Interventions, are taught annually.</p>	9/5/24

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V 108	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure staff were currently trained in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) affecting 1 of 2 staff (#1). The findings are</p> <p>Review on 7/9/24 of text messages sent to staff #1 from the QP revealed: -A text message dated 5/29/24 that CPR training was scheduled on 6/10/24; -A reminder text message dated 6/9/24 was sent about CPR training.</p> <p>Review on 7/9/24 of staff #1's record revealed: -Date of Hire: 3/26/21; -CPR and first aid training expired on 4/1/24.</p> <p>Interview on 7/10/24 with staff #1 revealed: -He was unaware his CPR and first aid training was expired; -He attempted to attend first aid and CPR training in 2023 and was told that his certification did not expire until 2024.</p> <p>Interview on 7/9/24 with the QP revealed: -She was unaware of staff #1's first aid and CPR being expired; -She notified all her providers of upcoming training through text messaging.</p>	V 108		
V 111	<p>27G .0205 (A-B) Assessment/Treatment/Habilitation Plan</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0205 ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT/HABILITATION OR SERVICE</p>	V 111		

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V 111	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p><b>PLAN</b></p> <p>(a) An assessment shall be completed for a client, according to governing body policy, prior to the delivery of services, and shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the client's presenting problem;</li> <li>(2) the client's needs and strengths;</li> <li>(3) a provisional or admitting diagnosis with an established diagnosis determined within 30 days of admission, except that a client admitted to a detoxification or other 24-hour medical program shall have an established diagnosis upon admission;</li> <li>(4) a pertinent social, family, and medical history; and</li> <li>(5) evaluations or assessments, such as psychiatric, substance abuse, medical, and vocational, as appropriate to the client's needs.</li> </ol> <p>(b) When services are provided prior to the establishment and implementation of the treatment/habilitation or service plan, hereafter referred to as the "plan," strategies to address the client's presenting problem shall be documented.</p> <p><b>This Rule is not met as evidenced by:</b>  Based on record reviews and interview, the facility failed to ensure an assessment was completed prior to the delivery of services affecting 2 of 2 clients (#1 and #2). The findings</p>	V 111	<p>V111- Assessment/Treatment/Habilitation Plan</p> <p>Measures to correct- The QP has an in-service meeting scheduled with the Program Manager, to review the importance of completing admission assessments prior to intakes.</p> <p>Measures to prevent- An admissions packet has been put together for future intakes. Which includes the table of contents for waiver and non-waiver members provided by our quality management team. This table of contents shows all required documents that are to be in a consumer's clinical book, which includes the admission assessment.</p> <p>Who will monitor- It is the QP's or Program Manager's responsibility to complete an admission assessment prior to a new intake.</p> <p>How often- Admission Assessments are done before new consumers move into a new placement. The assessments take place at "previous/current" placements where a consumer resides prior to them transitioning to their new placement.</p>	9/2/24

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V 111	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>are:</p> <p>Review on 7/9/24 of client #1's record revealed: -Date of Admission: 7/19/21; -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Moderate; Autism Spectrum Disorder; and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder mixed hoarding; -No documentation provided of an admission assessment having been completed prior to admission; -An annual assessment was completed on 1/1/24 revealed that client #1 had behavior concerns of aggression towards others, self- injurious behaviors, and aggression towards property and toileting needs.</p> <p>Review on 7/9/24 of client #2's record revealed: -Date of Admission: 12/26/22; -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Severe and Autism Spectrum Disorder; -No documentation provided of an admissions assessment having been completed prior to admission; -An annual assessment was completed on 1/1/24 revealed that client #2 had behavior concerns of aggression towards others, aggression towards property, and toileting needs.</p> <p>Interview on 7/9/24 with the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed: -The agency had experienced some turnover with the Program Managers position; -The Program manager completed the intake process and then hands her the admission documentation.</p>	V 111		
V 736	27G .0303(c) Facility and Grounds Maintenance  10A NCAC 27G .0303 LOCATION AND	V 736		

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V 736	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p><b>EXTERIOR REQUIREMENTS</b> (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.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interviews the facility staff failed to ensure the facility and its grounds were maintained in a clean, attractive, and orderly manner and shall be kept free from offensive odor. The findings are:</p> <p>Observation on 7/8/24 at approximately 2:57pm revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The gutters in the front and back of the facility had pine needles and leaves in them;</li> <li>-The outside shed was dry rotted across the bottom panel of the building;</li> <li>-In front of the storage building was a file cabinet and random boxes;</li> </ul> <p>Livingroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There were three large holes in the living room walls that were approximately 12 inches long and five inches wide;</li> </ul> <p>Hallway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A hole in the wall approximately 10 inches long and 5 inches wide that exposed a metal pipe;</li> <li>-A previously patched hole approximately 10 inches long and 10 inches wide that needed to be painted;</li> <li>-The vent had excessive dust;</li> </ul> <p>Kitchen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There were food particles in the bottom of the oven;</li> <li>-The blind over the sink had three broken blades;</li> </ul> <p>Dining room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The wall in the kitchen had a hole in the wall approximately 5 inches long and 5 inches wide;</li> </ul> <p>Bathroom:</p>	V 736	<p>V736 -Facility and Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>Measures to correct- Staff # 1 has cleaned the gutters, removed file cabinet/ boxes from outside shed, thoroughly cleaned vent and oven, fixed broken blinds throughout home, and has patched the holes in the walls throughout home, he just needs to paint them. Staff # 1 has thrown away the ripped plastic mattress cover and fixed the small tear in the other mattress. He has also put up curtains throughout the home and put on a new toilet seat and tank cover in the bathroom of bedroom # 3. Staff # 1 has been transparent with the QP in regard to tag V 736, and the work he has done get back in compliance with rule 27G .03039 (c) Facility and Grounds Maintenance.</p> <p>Measures to prevent- A more in-depth monitoring will occur during monthly visits. All things noted that require a follow-up will be given a strict follow-up date. Upon follow-up date, if changes have not been made, corrective actions will follow.</p> <p>Who will monitor- The QP is the supervisor of this home and is held responsible for all monitoring.</p> <p>How often- QP will monitor the upkeep of the home on a monthly basis, during monthly visits at the home.</p>	9/6/24

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V 736	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The left corner in front of the tub had some black growth;</li> <li>Bedroom #1:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The dresser had a missing drawer;</li> <li>-The entire side of the mattress cover was ripped;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bedroom #2:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The wall underneath the window had two holes approximately 5 inches long and 5 inches wide;</li> <li>-The window did not have a blind or curtain;</li> <li>-Along the back wall in the corner was a hole approximately 3 inches long and 3 inches wide;</li> <li>-The room had a slight odor of urine;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bedroom #3:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The side of the mattress was ripped approximately 5 inches long.</li> <li>-The window in front of the door did not have a blind or curtain.</li> <li>-The window to the far left the blinds had two broken blades.</li> <li>-The ensuite toilet seat and tank cover was missing.</li> <li>-The outlet cover for the light switch was missing.</li> <li>-Facility needed overall cleaning.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Interview on 7/8/24 with staff #1 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-He had a maintenance guy who did repairs at the facility. The maintenance guy required the amount of work to be a "couple hundred dollars" prior to him coming out.</li> </ul> <p>Interview on 7/9/24 with the Qualified Professional revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-She was aware of the holes in the wall and had observed them during her visits to the home.</li> </ul>	V 736		