



Date: January 24, 2024

To: Michelle Carpenter, Executive Director
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From: Cassie Deffenbaugh, MSN, BSN, RN, Administrator
Department of Health
Division of Licensure and Accreditation
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Re: Compliance Survey January 17, 2024

By: Travis Nelsen, Senior Health Facility Surveyor

Facility type: Mental Health business occupancy

STANDARDS: Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:62 Mental Health
National Fire Protection Association Code 101 Life Safety Code (LSC), 2012 Edition,
Chapters 1-10 inclusive and Chapter 33

CC: Muriel J. Nelson, Program Manager
Office of Licensing and Accreditation
Department of Social Services

A compliance survey for the above-referenced codes and standards was conducted on January 17, 2024. The purpose of this survey was to evaluate the operation to determine compliance with the above ARSDs and LSC references.

We request that you provide this office with your plan of correction stating the completion date for the corrections, the corrective action you have taken, or the plan of correction that you intend to make. Please type your plan of correction on this document and submit it to the following email addresses: DOHOLCPoC@state.sd.us and Travis.Nelsen@state.sd.us. The plan must be submitted to our office by February 3, 2024.



Dakota Counseling Institute
900 West Havens Street, Mitchell – Business Occupancy
No deficiencies noted.

Dakota Counseling Institute – Pathway
910 West Havens, Mitchell – Business Occupancy
No deficiencies noted.

Dakota Counseling Institute
107 W Bebee Ave
Chamberlain SD 57325

The second or rear exit door does not have stairs and exits into an alley. The door is approximately 4 feet above grade. I would recommend working with the landlord to try and find a solution like a ladder attached to the building so people have a way to climb down rather than jumping.

Date of correction:

Upon receipt and installation of the equipment.

Plan of correction:

Options were discussed with the landlord and it was determined that a ladder (please see attached) would be installed. This was ordered on 1/30 and project will be complete upon arrival.