



600 East Capitol Ave | Pierre, SD 57501 P605.773.3356 F605.773.6667

Division of Healthcare Access & Quality and Health

Protection

Health Protection

Licensure and Certification

Public Health Preparedness and Response

Rural Health

Facility: Lisa German  
Northeastern Mental Health Center  
14 South Main Aberdeen, SD 57401

Survey Date: March 30, 2021

Surveyor: Craig Holden, Medical Facilities Engineer

Survey Type: Environmental Sanitation, Safety, and Fire Prevention  
Accessibility

Code Standards: Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:62 -- Mental Health  
National Fire Protection Association Code 101 "Life Safety Code" 2000  
Edition, chapters 1-7 inclusive & chapter 32  
Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibilities Guidelines (ADAAG)

CC: Muriel J. Nelson  
Accreditation Program Manager  
Department of Social Services Division of Behavioral Health

The purpose of this survey was to conduct an initial survey, evaluate the operation, and determine compliance with South Dakota Administrative Rules 67:61:09 & 67:61:10.

The following is a list of items that were found out of compliance with the above rules. Please provide a plan of correction, correction date, and quality assurance plan for the following noted deficiencies. 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. **The plan must be submitted to our office by May 7, 2021.** Please indicate staff position or titles, not personal names, in your plan of correction if/when you identify what staff position will be responsible for corrections or monitoring compliance. Please sign the plan of correction prior to returning. In lieu of mailing, you may scan and email your copy to the following: [Muriel.nelson@state.sd.us](mailto:Muriel.nelson@state.sd.us), [Heidi.gravett@state.sd.us](mailto:Heidi.gravett@state.sd.us) and [Craig.holden@state.sd.us](mailto:Craig.holden@state.sd.us).

If you have questions regarding the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Health.

**1005 First Street West, Suite 4B, Redfield – Business Occupancy (leased)**

1. The suite doors were provided with double-action hardware. When locked the doors would need to be unlocked before they could be opened. Double-action hardware would impede egress in the event of an emergency.

**Date Corrected: April 2021**

**Correction Plan: Door is unlocked during Business hours**

**Staff Position Responsible: Therapist in Redfield office**

2. The front/main entrance door had a keyed deadbolt lock. The door should have a sign that reads “This door will remain unlocked during business hours.”

**Date Corrected: May 2021**

**Correction Plan: Put up a sign that reads “This door will remain unlocked during business hours”.**

**Staff Position Responsible: Therapist in Redfield office**

3. The fire extinguisher in the furnace room had a tag stating the last annual inspection was in October of 2019. this is a required annual inspection. Fire extinguishers must be checked monthly for the following: the arrow in the pressure gauge must be in the green (full), the pin is in the handle and secured (usually with a plastic tie), and the extinguisher should be picked up and tipped upside down several times to keep the contents from settling in the cylinder. The tag must be initialed by the person checking the extinguisher and dated (day and month). Monthly extinguisher checks had not been done since October 2019.

**Date Corrected: May 2021**

**Correction Plan: Contact Fire extinguisher inspector to come out and inspect, Set annual reminder to do this.**

**Staff Position Responsible: Therapist in Redfield office.**

**101 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Webster – (Back side of Webster Armory, E. end) - Business Occupancy (leased)**

- No comments.

**14 South Main Street, Aberdeen – Business Occupancy (Sprinklered w/smoke detection – leased)**

1. Rubber door wedges holding marked EXIT pathway doors should have other means installed (such as friction catches, magnetic hold opens, or even hook & eye hardware). The wedges could get jammed under the doors and cause to door to be stuck in a partially open condition.

**Date Corrected: May 2021**

**Correction Plan: Removed Wedges from the EXIT pathway doors**

**Staff Position Responsible: Finance Director**

**Agency Signature:** 

**Date:** 5/17/21