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Date: March 1, 2024

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From: Cassie Deffenbaugh, MSN, BSN, RN, Administrator
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Office of Licensure and Certification
600 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: Compliance Survey February 28, 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 February 28, 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 **March 11, 2024**.



1005 First St. west, Suite 4B, Redfield – Business Occupancy (leased)

1. 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.

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

1. No deficiency noted.

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

1. No deficiency noted.

Correction date: 3/4/2024

Plan of corrections:

We will move forward to having our staff do a monthly check, instead of our landlord in Redfield.

Annually, we will switch out the extinguisher with one that was inspected here in our Aberdeen Office and have it replaced in Redfield.

Please let me know if you need anything further.