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**DATE:** May 13, 2021

**FROM:** Chris Qualm, Administrator  
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Pierre, SD 57501-1700

**TO:** Lindsey McCarthy, MSW, Executive Director  
Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services  
500 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Winner, SD 57580

**RE:** Compliance Survey conducted May 4, 2021

**BY:** Lori Eckrich, Medical Facilities Engineer

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

**CLASSIFICATION: Mental Health Facility**

**CODE STANDARDS:** Administrative Rules of South Dakota 67:62 – Mental Health  
National Fire Protection Association Code 101 Life Safety Code, 2000  
Edition, chapters 1-10 inclusive and chapter 39.

A compliance survey for the above referenced code standards was conducted on May 4, 2021. Four locations served by Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services were surveyed.

Enclosed please find the list of deficiencies related to the state rules identified because of the March 4, 2021, survey of your facility by the above surveyor from this office.

The purpose of this visit was to survey the facility and make an evaluation of the operation and to determine its compliance with South Dakota Administrative Rules.

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 July 2, 2021. Please refer to the

enclosed Plan of Correction guidelines in completing your own plan and retain a copy of the correction plan for your records.

The following deficiencies were found during the survey.

**Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services Winner Office**  
**500 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Winner, SD 57580**

1. The primary electrical panel containing the building main disconnect, had three open spaces on the panel that shall be repaired.  
**Correction date: 6/16/2021**  
**Plan of correction: Contacted the local electrician to come and install the appropriate covers for the panel.**  
**Position responsible for correction: Business Manager**
2. The building air conditioning system, housed behind the facility, had unfilled pipe connections that will allow pests to enter the facility.  
**Correction date: 6/17/2021**  
**Plan of correction: Purchased appropriate spray foam/caulk and applied to fill area around pipe.**  
**Position responsible for correction: Business Manager**

**Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services Gregory Office**  
**405 Whittecar Street**  
**Gregory, SD 57533**

1. Two untagged extinguishers were found in the building storage closet within the kitchen area. Neither were appropriately contained. Although not tagged, one was marked for a 10-year service check in January 1991. Recommend returning both extinguishers.  
**Correction date: 6/16/2021 and 6/21/2021**  
**Plan of correction: Fire extinguishers were brought to the facility to be appropriately checked and disposed of. The landlord was notified that there are fire extinguishers that were outdated in the facility.**  
**Position responsible for correction: Business Manager/Executive Director**
2. The under-sink piping in the restroom was not appropriately protected against contact by a wheelchair user.  
**Correction date: 6/21/2021**

**Plan of correction: Send letter to landlord making them aware the piping under the sink needs a protective shield over it to protect any wheelchair user.**

**Position responsible for correction: Executive Director**

3. The air outlet covers were missing in all rooms except the doctor's consult room.

**Correction date: 6/21/2021**

**Plan of correction: Send letter to landlord making them aware that the air outlet covers were missing in all rooms except for the doctor's consult room.**

**Position responsible for correction: Executive Director**

#### **Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services Mission Office**

**153 S. Main Street**

**Mission, SD 57555**

1. The exit lights at both the front entrance nearest the Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services Office, and the rear exit adjacent to the Southern Plains Behavioral Health Office were burned out.

**Correction date: 6/21/2021**

**Plan of correction: Send letter to landlord making them aware that the exit lights are both burned out at the front and back exits.**

**Position responsible for correction: Executive Director**

2. The under-sink piping in the restroom was not appropriately protected against contact by a wheelchair user.

**Correction date: 6/21/2021**

**Plan of correction: Send letter to landlord making them aware that the under-sink piping in the restroom was not appropriately protected against contact by a wheelchair user.**

**Position responsible for correction: Executive Director**

#### **Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services White River Office**

**Housed within Trailer Adjacent to White River Elementary School**

**White River, SD 57579**

1. No accessible toilet room is available on this leased property.

**Correction date: 6/21/2021**

**Plan of correction: Email sent to the White River School Superintendent to inform him that there is no accessible toilet room in the building. A handicap accessible bathroom can be used in the main school building.**

**Position responsible for correction: Executive Director**

2. The roof had leaked above the storage shelves within the counselor's office. She believes that the repair is being done this summer.

**Correction date: 6/21/2021**

**Plan of correction: Email sent to the White River School Superintendent to inform him that the roof had leaked above the storage shelves within the counselor's office.**

**Position responsible for correction: Executive Director**

Agency Signature: 

Date: 6/22/2021