

## CORE ISSUES

Facility	License #	Physical Address	Phone Number
Shodair Residential Treatment Center	12851	2755 Colonial Drive	406-444-7500
Administrator	City	Zip Code	Survey Date
Craig Aasved	Helena	59604-	05/19/2021
Survey Team Leader	Survey Type		Response Due
Taylor, Jasmine	Complaint Inspection		05/29/2021

Item #	Rule ()	Description
1	50-5-111-2 Prohibited activities	<p>The surveyor's onsite inspection on 06/01/2021 and interview with the Accreditation and Credentialing Coordinator.</p> <p>FINDINGS:</p> <p>1) The facility did not preserve all evidence related to the sentinel event that occurred on May 19, 2021. The facility destroyed the staff communication form completed by the Night Shift Registered Nurse the morning of the sentinel event on May 19, 2021. This form documented pertinent information into the investigation and root cause of the event.</p>
2	53-21-107-7 Abuse and neglect of persons admitted to	<p>The surveyor's review of the email notification of the event dated 05/20/2021 and subsequent information submitted to the department, and the facility's 'Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting Policy.'</p> <p>FINDINGS:</p> <p>1) The report provided to the Licensure Bureau on 05/20/2021 and subsequent correspondence from the facility did not</p>

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3	53-21-142-13 Rights of person admitted to facility	<p>The surveyor's review of the incident report dated 05/19/2021, review of video footage, the facility's 'Monitoring Patients Policy,' interviews with 25 staff on 06/01/2021, 06/02/2021, 06/03/2021, and 06/04/2021 and the Root Cause Analysis submitted to the department on 06/10/2021.</p> <p>FINDINGS:</p> <p>1.The facility is not providing a humane psychological and physical environment. The facility has failed to ensure patient safety as evidenced by repeat occurrences of inadequate supervision resulting in a sentinel event on May 19, 2021. During interviews with 25 staff on 06/01/2021, 06/02/2021, 06/03/2021, and 06/04/2021, Staff noted a lack of adequate staff to supervise patients, maintain a safe environment and complete all required patient visual checks in real-time. Staff expressed extreme concern for both staff and patient safety. Staff indicated the ratio of 1 staff to 8 patients during the day and evening creates unsafe conditions. Staff stated that registered nurses are included in the staff ratio but are not able to continuously provide direct client supervision due to</p>

		<p>their other duties. Staffing recommendations implemented by the facility on April 24, 2021 continue to include nurses in the staffing ratio. The staffing changes implemented on April 24, 2021 were not added to the provider policy and are not consistently followed. The night of the sentinel event, one mental health technician had called off from their shift and was not replaced. The staffing was not at the new recommended level.</p> <p>Staff do not continuously monitor patients. Facility policy requires staff to visually see patients every 15 minutes. Prior to the event, 15-minute checks were not always completed at regular intervals. Staff stated that insufficient staffing numbers also resulted in bathroom alarm lights remaining on for several minutes at a time. The night shift staffing ratios can often be 1 staff to 12 patients. Staff have stated that it is impossible to safely supervise patients at this staffing level. Staff stated they are not provided additional staff members when multiple patients are on suicide precautions that require 1:1 monitoring. Staff report there have been up to 6 patients on suicide precautions sleeping on the milieu due to lack of staffing. Multiple staff reported bringing these concerns to management, explicitly asking for more staff in order to follow the facility's policies and procedures. Staff report their requests for increased staffing were denied. The Root Cause Analysis submitted to the department on 06/10/2021 does not include a plan for addressing the inadequate staffing numbers.</p>
4	37.106.2202(1) Residential Treatment Facility: Licensure Standards	<p>The surveyor's onsite inspection on 06/01/2021, interview with the Chief Engineer, interviews with 25 staff on 06/01/2021, 06/02/2021, 06/03/2021, and 06/04/2021, review of video footage, the Incident Report Form dated 05/24/2021, and review of Root Cause Analysis reported submitted to the department on 6/10/2021.</p> <p>FINDINGS for EC.02.01.01</p>

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