

Division of Health Service Regulation

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: HAL059034	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: 01 B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/18/2017
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER MCDOWELL HOUSE		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1687 DAIRY ROAD NEBO, NC 28761		
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C 000	Initial Comments Report of Construction Section Biennial Survey by Dennis Harrell on 5-18-2017. Records indicate this facility was converted from a school to a Home for the Aged on 1-1-1985. The facility is licensed for 25 residents. Based on this information, the facility was surveyed using the 1984 Minimum Standards and Regulations for Homes for the Aged and Disabled, the 1978 NC State Building Code and the applicable portions of the current Rules for Adult Care Homes of Seven or More Beds.	C 000		
C 166	Housekeeping-Maintained Free of Hazards SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0306 HOUSEKEEPING AND FURNISHINGS (a) Adult care homes shall: (5) be maintained in an uncluttered, clean and orderly manner, free of all obstructions and hazards; (e) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, hoses on spray wands were long enough to reach the sink basin and there were no vacuum breakers provided. Hoses on water fixtures that are long enough to reach the flood rim of the fixture present the possibility of siphoning contaminated water into the water system unless a vacuum breaker is installed. Findings include sinks in the following spaces: a. Staff room, b. Laundry, c. Med room.	C 166		

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C 185	Continued From page 1	C 185		
C 185	Fire Safety-Rehearsals on Each Shift SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0309 PLAN FOR EVACUATION (b) There shall be rehearsals of the fire plan quarterly on each shift in accordance with the requirement of the local Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Official. (c) Records of rehearsals shall be maintained and copies furnished to the county department of social services annually. The records shall include the date and time of the rehearsals, the shift, staff members present, and a short description of what the rehearsal involved. (f) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on a review of documents, the records available onsite included little to no description of what the rehearsal involved.	C 185		
C 189	Building Equipment Maintained Safe, Operating SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS (a) The building and all fire safety, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing equipment in an adult care home shall be maintained in a safe and operating condition. (k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: 1. Based on observation the building and all fire	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 2 safety equipment was not maintained in a safe condition. Findings: a. The Special Locking (magnetic locking) on the exit doors and the courtyard gate unlocked on fire alarm activation but then re-locked when the fire alarm system was silenced. Special Locking devices that re-energize and lock before the fire alarm system is fully reset could delay or prevent evacuation in an emergency. 2. Based on observation the magnetic hold open devices on the cross-corridor smoke partition doors released the doors on fire alarm activation but then re-energized when the fire alarm system was silenced. Magnetic hold open devices that re-energize before the fire alarm system is fully reset could allow smoke and fire to travel freely through the facility. 3. Based on observation, the facility failed to be maintained in a safe condition because of exit signs not working properly. Malfunctioning exit signs could delay or prevent an evacuation in an emergency. Findings include: a. The exit sign in the kitchen was not illuminated. b. The exit sign in the corridor at the men's bathroom was not illuminated. c. The exit sign at the exit to the courtyard did not work on battery when tested. 4. Based on observation, battery powered emergency lights would not work when tested. Battery powered emergency lights that will not work properly for at least 90 minutes could endanger the residents and staff. Mal-functioning lights include the following areas: a. Activity room,	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 3 b. Living room, c. Front door, d. Medroom, e. Exit to courtyard. 5. Based on observation, the corridor smoke detector marked "Zone 22" failed to activate when tested with smoke. Smoke detectors that do not work properly endanger all residents and staff. 6. Based on observation, corridor doors are prevented from closing quickly and latching to resist the passage of fire and smoke. Corridor doors that do not close completely and latch present the possibility that a fire that begins in one space can quickly spread to the corridor and the remainder of the facility. Findings include; a. Both latchsets are missing on one of the doors between the activity room and the storage room behind it. The door is nailed shut but the missing hardware prevents the door from being able to resist the passage of smoke and fire. b. The latchbolt strike was missing on the door to bedroom 104. c. The door to bedroom 104 would not latch when closed. 7. Based on observation, the required one-hour fire rated ceiling was compromised. Holes and penetrations that are not sealed with materials approved for use in one-hour fire rated construction present the possibility that a fire that begins in one space can quickly spread to other areas of the facility. Finding includes: Hole beside a conduit in the ceiling of the electrical room.	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 4 8. Based on observation, the floor was deteriorated and damaged in the staff room.	C 189		
C 191	Unvented & Portable Elec. Heaters Prohibited SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS (b) There shall be a heating system sufficient to maintain 75 degrees F (24 degrees C) under winter design conditions. In addition, the following shall apply to heaters and cooking appliances. (2) Unvented fuel burning room heaters and portable electric heaters are prohibited. (k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation the facility failed to adhere to the prohibition of portable electric heaters. Portable electric heaters are a potential fire hazard and as such could effect all occupants of the facility. Findings include: There was a portable electric heater found in the women's shower room.	C 191		
C 199	Exhaust Ventilation SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS (g) The spaces listed in this Paragraph shall be provided with exhaust ventilation at the rate of two cubic feet per minute per square foot. This requirement does not apply to facilities licensed before April 1, 1984, with natural ventilation in	C 199		

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C 199	Continued From page 5 these specified spaces: (1) soiled linen storage; (2) soil utility room; (3) bathrooms and toilet rooms; (4) housekeeping closets; and (5) laundry area. (k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation the facility failed to maintain required exhaust in a working condition. Non-functioning exhaust could cause an unhealthy buildup of moisture and possibly bacteria. Findings include; a. The exhaust fan would not work in the utility closet. b. The exhaust fan would not work in the laundry.	C 199		