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September 30, 2019

Ms. Melissa Jackson, Administrator
Vermont Veterans' Home
325 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201-5014

Provider #: 475032

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Enclosed is a copy of your acceptable plans of correction for the Life Safety Code follow-up survey conducted on **August 20, 2019**. Please post this document in a prominent place in your facility.

We will follow-up to verify that substantial compliance has been achieved and maintained. If we find that your facility has failed to achieve or maintain substantial compliance, remedies may be imposed.

Sincerely,



Pamela M. Cota, RN
Licensing Chief

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0938-0391

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 475032	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING 01 - BUILDING 01 B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED R 08/20/2019
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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER VERMONT VETERANS' HOME	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 325 NORTH STREET BENNINGTON, VT 05201
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{K 000} INITIAL COMMENTS

An unannounced on-site follow-up survey was conducted by the Division of Fire Safety on August 20, 2019, to the August 7, 2019, investigation. Although the facility was found to be in substantial compliance, the following tag does require a plan of correction.

{K 511} Utilities - Gas and Electric
SS=B CFR(s): NFPA 101

Utilities - Gas and Electric
Equipment using gas or related gas piping complies with NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, electrical wiring and equipment complies with NFPA 70, National Electric Code. Existing installations can continue in service provided no hazard to life.
18.5.1.1, 19.5.1.1, 9.1.1, 9.1.2

This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:
Per observation on 8/20/2019, the facility failed to assure that equipment using gas, or gas related piping complied with all regulatory requirements. The findings include the following.

1. Per observation, and confirmed with Director of Environmental Services, on 8/20/2019, Debois and King Engineering is designing a remedy to these leaks. Although the facility is keeping ahead of the leaks cost and contractual obligations by the state is slowing down the process to correct the water problem in the basement caused by leaking pipes and condensation. Potentially creating an issue with

{K 000}

The filing of this plan of correction does not constitute an admission of guilt. Vermont Veterans Home ("the Provider") submits this Plan of Correction ("POC") in accordance with specific regulatory requirements.

K 511 Utilities - Gas and Electric
CFR(s): NFPA 101

{K 511}

The facility will continue to use fans and air movers in the basement to mitigate the moisture while permanent remedies are developed that include replacing the steam piping and heat exchangers in the American Way basement.

The facility will contract with remediation contractors to dry out, dehumidify and clean the basement and crawl spaces under American Way and North Wing.

VVH maintenance staff will be placed on a duty rotation to conduct a daily inspection/sweep of the basement and crawl spaces within the facility, where we will document potential hazards and the need for immediate repairs. This sweep will be conducted occasionally during evening/night shifts and at least one day per weekend by the maintenance person on duty. Random nights and all weekends will be included.

VVH has contracted a local electrical firm to assist the VVH Master Electrician in checking any electrical devices, wiring, connections or other related infrastructure for issues related to moisture. A report is forthcoming from the Contractor, and an additional inspection will be made, and report will be produced following the completion of the steam piping project and moisture remediation.

Data from the audits will be brought to the QAPI meeting every other month for six months or until the committee determines resolution.

Compliance Date: September 27th, 2019

K511 POC accepted 9/30/19. S Dumont / PD

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Melissa J. ... MBA FACMCA

CEO

09/24/2019

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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{K 511}	Continued From page 1 moisture getting into the electrical components and other electrical equipment. The moisture may be getting into equipment causing corrosion of terminations which could cause equipment failure or fire.	{K 511}
	2. Per observation, and confirmed with Director of Environmental Services, on 8/20/2019, the facility is keeping this well managed, although there were damp spots noticed on the floor that will require additional follow-up to assure that all electrical is checked for issues with moisture.	



VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

September 24, 2019

Ms. Pam Cota, RN
Licensing Chief
Division of Licensing and Protection
HC 2 South 280 State Drive
Waterbury, VT 05671-2060

Dear Ms. Cota:

Enclosed you will find the plan of correction for the August 20, 2019 life safety visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or should require additional information.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Jackson, MBA, FACHCA

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Chief Executive Officer