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Office of Licensing and Accreditation

Accreditation Survey Report
for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers

ARSD 67:61

January 14-15, 2026

Capital Area Counseling Substance Use Disorder Services

2001 Eastgate Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

Levels of Care:

Outpatient Treatment (1.0)

Intensive Outpatient Treatment (2.1)

1. Governance	Yes	No	N/A
a. Governmental agency, federally recognized tribe, business corporation, non-profit corporation or limited liability company (0.5 and 1.0 only) (67:61:03:01)	✓		
b. Policy for not denying clients equal access to services (67:61:03:04)	✓		
c. Annual, entity-wide, independent financial audit completed (67:61:04:05)	✓		
d. Business hours posted in prominent place on premises (67:61:04:09)	✓		
e. Board of directors meets at least quarterly and keeps minutes of all meetings (67:61:03:03)	✓		
f. Up-to-date policy and procedure manual (67:61:04:01)	✓		
g. Up-to-date organizational chart (67:61:05:09)	✓		
h. Sentinel event policy (67:61:02:21)	✓		
i. Policy for notifying DSS of changes (67:61:02:20)	✓		

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this section.

2. Program Services	Yes	No	N/A
a. Schedule of fees based on client ability to pay (67:61:04:06)	✓		
b. Policy prohibiting client abuse, neglect, and exploitation (67:61:06:03)	✓		
c. Client rights policy (67:61:06:01; 67:61:06:02)	✓		

d. Client grievance policy (67:61:06:04)	✓		
e. Submits accurate statistical data (67:61:04:02)	✓		
f. Discharge policy (67:61:06:07)	✓		
g. Client orientation policy and procedure (67:61:04:07)	✓		
h. Policy for responding to medical emergencies (67:61:04:09)	✓		
i. Electronic or written directory with name address, and phone number of support services (67:61:04:10)	✓		
j. In level 3.1, 3.2D, and 3.7 facilities, staff is on duty at all times who is trained to respond to fires and natural disasters (67:61:04:09)			✓

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this section.

3. Personnel	**Yes**	**No**	**N/A**
a. Orientation completed within 10 days of hire with all required components (64:61:05:05)	✓		
b. Office of Inspector General Medicaid exclusion list check (67:61:05:12)	✓		
c. In 3.2D facility, all counseling and supervisory staff are trained in emergency first aid, CPR and responding to natural disasters; Documentation in file (67:61:17:06)			✓
d. Policy and procedure for supervising employees, volunteers, and interns (67:61:05:06)	✓		
e. Two-step TB test or blood assay test within 2 weeks of hire or 12 months before hire	✓		

(67:61:05:01)

f. Employee TB policies and procedures (67:61:05:01)	✓		
g. Complete employee records; policies to maintain those records (67:61:05:08)	✓		

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this section.

4. Case Record Management	Yes	No	N/A
a. Procedures for closing inactive client records for inpatient programs within 3 days and outpatient programs for 30 days [67:61:07:04(1-2)]		✓	
b. Policy for case records to be retained for at least 6 years [67:61:07:04(3)]	✓		
c. Established ongoing compliance review process (67:61:04:03)	✓		

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services has necessary policy requiring the closure of files for clients who had not received services in 30 days. However, multiple files were found in which clients were not discharged despite not having services for 30 days.

5. Environmental/Sanitation/Safety/Fire Prevention	Yes	No	N/A
a. Health, safety, sanitation, and disaster plan (67:61:10:01)	✓		

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this section.

6. Assessment (67:61:07:05)	Yes	No	N/A
a. Strengths of the client and client's family if appropriate; identification of resources within the family	✓		
b. Presenting problems or issues	✓		

c.	Identification of readiness for change in problem areas	✓		
d.	Current substance use and relevant treatment history, including mental health history and treatment, gambling treatment, psychiatric hospital admissions, medications, relapse history, potential for relapse, physical illness, and hospitalization	✓		
e.	Relevant family history, including family relationship dynamics and family psychiatric and substance use history	✓		
f.	Family and relationship issues along with social needs	✓		
g.	Educational history and needs	✓		
h.	Legal issues	✓		
i.	Living environment or housing	✓		
j.	Safety needs and risks with regard to physical acting out, health conditions, acute intoxication, or risk of withdrawal	✓		
k.	Past or current indications of trauma, domestic violence, or both if applicable	✓		
l.	Vocational and financial history and needs	✓		
m.	Behavioral observations or mental status	✓		
n.	Formulation of a diagnosis	✓		
o.	Eligibility determination	✓		
p.	Clinician's signature, credentials, and date	✓		

q. Clinical supervisor's signature, credentials, and date	✓		
r. Completed within 30 days	✓		

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this section.

7. Treatment Plan (67:61:07:06)	Yes	No	N/A
a. Statement of specific client problems to be addressed during treatment, with supporting evidence	✓		
b. Diagnostic statement and statement of short and long-term goals	✓		
c. Measurable objective or methods leading to the completion of short-term goals including time frames for the anticipated dates of completion of each objective; include interventions that match the client's readiness to change		✓	
d. Statement identifying staff member responsible for facilitating treatment methods	✓		
e. Signed and dated by addiction counselor or addiction counselor trainee, and credentials	✓		
f. Evidence of the client's meaningful involvement in formulating the plan	✓		
g. Completed within:			
i. Ten calendar days (2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.7)	✓		
ii. Thirty calendar days (1.0)	✓		

Comments: 87% of outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment plans did not contain anticipated time frames for completion of goals.

87% of reviewed outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment plans did not contain interventions for goals, or interventions simply stated “individual therapy” or “group therapy”. Interventions should be action staff takes or information staff teaches to help the client meet the specific goal.

8. Progress Notes (67:61:07:08)	Yes	No	N/A
a. Minimum of one progress note weekly which substantiates all services provided and summarizes significant events occurring throughout the treatment process	✓		
b. Information identifying the client receiving services – name, unique ID number, service activity code, title describing the service, or both, date, time met, units of service, and length of session	✓		
c. Brief assessment of the client’s functioning	✓		
d. Description of what occurred during the session, including action taken or plan to address unresolved issues	✓		
e. Brief description of what client and provider plan to work on during the next session	✓		
f. Signature and credentials of staff providing the services	✓		

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this goal.

9. Continued Service Criteria (67:61:07:07)	Yes	No	N/A
a. Client meets continued service criteria, and is documented every:			
i. Two calendar days (3.2D)			✓
ii. Fourteen calendar days (0.5, 2.1, 2.5, 3.7)	✓		

iii. Thirty calendar days (1.0, 3.1)	____	✓	____
b. Progress and reasons for retaining the client at the present level of care	✓	____	____
c. An individualized plan of action that addresses the reasons for retaining the individual in the present level of care	____	✓	____

Comments: 50% of reviewed outpatient treatment files contained continued service reviews that were not completed every 30 days.

88% of reviewed outpatient treatment files contained continued service reviews that did not contain individualized plans of action to address the reasons for retaining the client at their level of care.

10. Transfer or Discharge Summary (67:61:07:10)	**Yes**	**No**	**N/A**
a. Completed by an addiction counselor or addiction counselor trainee within five working days after discharge, regardless of the reason for discharge	✓	____	____
b. Summary of the client's problems, course of treatment, and progress toward planned goals and objectives identified in the treatment plan	✓	____	____
c. When a client prematurely discontinues services, reasonable attempts are made and documented by the agency to re-engage the client into services, if appropriate	✓	____	____

Comments: Capital Area Counseling meets all requirements of this section.

11. Tuberculin Screening Requirement (67:61:07:12)	**Yes**	**No**	**N/A**
a. A tuberculin screening for the absence or presence of symptoms shall be conducted for each new client within 24 hours of onset of services	✓	____	____

Comments: Capital Area Counseling meets all requirements of this section.

12. Intensity of Services	Yes	No	N/A
a. The outpatient program provides less than 9 hours per week of counseling services for adults and less than 6 hours for adolescents. (67:61:13:03)	✓		
b. The intensive outpatient program provides counseling at least two times per week. Each adult should be provided with at least 9 hours of services. Adolescents shall be provided at least 6 hours of services.	✓		
c. The day treatment program shall provide at least 15 hours per week of services for adults and adolescents. For adults, the program shall provide an additional 5 hours on specialized topics.			✓
d. The clinically-managed low-intensity residential treatment program shall provide at least 5 hours of services.			✓
e. The clinically-managed residential detoxification program shall provide at least 30 minutes of services per day within 48 hours of admission, and an additional 30 minutes for each subsequent 24 hour period.			✓
f. The medically-monitored intensive inpatient program shall provide at least 21 hours of services per week. The program shall also provide at least 9 hours of additional services on specialized topics.			✓

Comments: Capital Area Counseling Services meets all requirements of this section.

13. Signatures

	Three Year Accreditation (100%-90%)
X	Two Year Accreditation (89.9% - 70%)
	Probation (69.9% and below)
	One Year Provisional Accreditation (70% and above)

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