

February 8, 2024

██████████, Regional Director
Merakey Pennsylvania
4251 Crums Mill Road
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

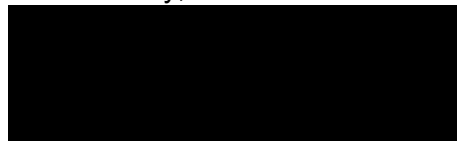
RE: Assertive Community Treatment - Modified Team
1598 Virginia Avenue
Monaca, Pennsylvania 15061
License #446050

Dear ██████████:

As a result of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (Department), Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), licensing inspection on January 10, 2024, of the above facility, the citations specified on the enclosed Licensing Inspection Summary (LIS) were found.

We have determined that your plan of correction is acceptable, and based on our follow-up review on February 8, 2024, we have determined that your submitted plan of correction is fully implemented. Continued compliance must be maintained.

Sincerely,



Community Program Manager

Enclosure
LIS

c: Beaver County Behavioral Health Administrator
Licensing Administration
Western Field Office
OMHSAS Business Partner Support Unit
OMHSAS Licensing Management Technician

Department of Human Services
Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
LICENSING INSPECTION SUMMARY

Name of Surveyor(s): [REDACTED]

Date(s) of Visit: 1-10-24 Announced Visit Unannounced Visit

Facility/Program Information

Name of Facility:	MERAKEY PENNSYLVANIA		
Address of Facility:	260 OHIO RIVER BLVD BADEN, PA 15005	License/Approval Number:	446050
		Type of Program:	Assertive Community Treatment
Phone Number:	[REDACTED]		

Inspection Information

Type of Inspection: Initial Renewal Complaint Incident

Inspection Results: Deficiencies Identified (Plan of Correction Required)

Signatures

Agency Representative Completing the Plan of Correction:

Name: [REDACTED] Title: Executive Regional Director

Corporate Officer Signature: [REDACTED] Date: _____

OMHSAS Staff Approval (signature): [REDACTED] Date: 2-8-24

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Regulatory Reference(s)	Violation #	Area(s) of Non-Compliance	Provider's Plan of Corrective Action	Projected Dates of Completion	
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<p>§ Article X OMHSAS-08-03</p>					
<p>ATTACHMENT B STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES</p> <p>SECTION VI: CONSUMER-CENTERED ASSESSMENT AND INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANNING</p> <p>Comprehensive Assessment</p> <p>A comprehensive assessment shall be initiated and completed within six weeks after a consumer's admission according to the following requirements:</p> <p>A. In collaboration with the consumer, the (Individual Treatment Team) ITT will complete a psychiatric and social functioning history time line.</p> <p>B. In collaboration with the consumer, the comprehensive assessment shall include an evaluation in the following areas:</p>	1.	<p>3 new admissions were reviewed. All 3 had been opened more than 5 months and should have had a comprehensive assessment completed. Record 1 did not contain any of the required parts of the comprehensive assessment. Record 2 did not contain a psychiatric and social functioning history time line, an education and employment assessment, and the physical health assessment was completed 11 weeks after the consumers admission. Record 3 did not contain a psychiatric and social functioning history time line.</p>	<p>All missing assessments and timelines will be completed for Records 1, 2, and 3 by staff by February 15, 2024.</p> <p>Beginning January 24, 2024, as part of morning meeting, all assessments that are due for completion are reviewed by the Team Leader/Program Assistant and assigned to specific staff. This reminder will occur daily in morning meetings until the assessments are completed.</p> <p>Team Leader/Program Assistance utilizes a tracker to monitor all comprehensive assessment due dates and completion.</p> <p>All assessments are submitted to the Team Leader for review and approval to ensure proper completion. This review will be completed within 48 hours.</p> <p>A review of the tracker will be completed with the Team Leader and Program Assistant during regularly scheduled biweekly supervision.</p> <p>Training will be provided to all staff on the expectations and process for</p>	<p>2/15/2024</p> <p>1/24/2024</p> <p>1/24/2024</p> <p>1/24/2024</p> <p>1/24/2024</p>	<p>A&V [REDACTED] 2-8-24</p>

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<p>Psychiatric History, Mental Status, and Diagnosis: The psychiatrist is responsible for completing the psychiatric history, mental status, and diagnosis assessment...</p> <p>Physical Health: A registered nurse is responsible for completing the physical health assessment.... The first interview to begin this assessment should take place within 72 hours of admission.</p> <p>Use of Drugs and Alcohol:.. The substance abuse specialist presents the assessment findings at the first treatment planning meeting...</p> <p>Education and Employment:.. The vocational specialist presents the assessment findings at the first treatment planning...</p> <p>Social Development and Functioning:..</p> <p>Activities of Daily Living (ADL):..</p>			<p>completing assessments within the required timeframes by the Team Leader on January 24, 2024.</p>	1/26/24	

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Family Structure and Relationships:..					
§ Article X § OMHSAS-08-03					
ATTACHMENT B STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES SECTION V: STAFF REQUIREMENTS Substance Abuse Specialist: One or more Substance Abuse Specialists having full certification as an addictions counselor or a co-occurring disorders professional by a statewide certification body which is a member of a National Certification Body, or certified by another state government's certification board, shall be designated the role of substance abuse specialist(s).	1.	At the time of the audit, the staff person identified as the Substance Abuse Specialist did not have the required certification as an addictions counselor or a co-occurring disorders professional.	At the time of licensing, the identified staff member had a date to sit for the exam, which [REDACTED] did on 1/29/24. The staff member passed the exam and now qualifies as a co-occurring disorders professional.	2/15/2024	A&V [REDACTED] 2-8-24
§ Article X § OMHSAS-08-03					
ATTACHMENT B STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES	1.	A waiver of OHS Bulletin # 08-03, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Attachment B, Standards and Guidelines, Section V., Staff	Program Leadership will implement Merakey's internal Waiver Request process which includes coordinating with Merakey's Quality and Compliance Organization (QCO) for requesting, implementing, and tracking all waiver request.	2/15/2024	

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<p>SECTION XIV: WAIVER OF PROVISIONS</p> <p>ACT programs may request waivers of requirements in program standards...</p> <p>OMHSAS-16-03</p> <p>Revised Procedure for Waiver of Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Program Regulations and Standards</p> <p>Agencies may also request renewal of an approved waiver. Requests for continuation of the waiver must be submitted to the Field Office Manager 60 days in advance of the approved waiver's expiration date or 60 days prior to the date of license renewal, whichever is earlier.</p>		<p>Requirements, relating to "Substance Abuse Specialist" was granted. This waiver was granted under the following conditions:</p> <p>The "Substance Abuse Specialist" was to obtain full certification as an addictions' counselor or a co-occurring disorders professional by a statewide certification body that is a member of a National Certification Body.</p> <p>This waiver expired on April 1, 2023. After April 1, 2023, the facility was expected to fully comply with OHS Bulletin # 08-03, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT).</p> <p>the staff person identified as the Substance Abuse Specialist did not obtain the required certification as an addictions counselor or a co-occurring disorders professional by April 1, 2023 and the agency did not request renewal of the approved waiver.</p>	<p>Program Leadership and QCO will track all expiration dates through a calendar system triggering a reminder to complete a new waiver request prior to the expiration of the current one. Waiver status information including monitoring expiration dates will be included as part of the Local Performance Quality Improvement meeting structure on a monthly basis. Program Leadership reviewed Merakey's internal Waiver Request process on 2/28/24.</p> <p>As of now, the staff member identified as the Substance Abuse Specialist has taken █████ exam on 1/28/24 and successfully passed. Thus, qualifying █████ as a co-occurring disorders specialist.</p>	1/24/2024	<p>A&V █████ 2-8-24</p>