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Guilford County Substance Abuse Treatment Center Receives Informal Approval of Admission Reinstatement

Admissions will soon be reinstated at the Guilford County Substance Abuse Treatment Center. This was the decision of an onsite review team conducting a repeat assessment of the West Wendover Avenue facility in High Point.

In June 2008, reviewers from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR), Mental Health Licensure and Certification Section, spent two days at the treatment center surveying staff, talking with consumers, observing procedures, and examining records. Following this Annual Survey, the Guilford Center was notified on August 15 of Type A administrative and Type B personnel violations and was ordered to suspend admissions to the facility until problems relating to medication management, personnel records and resident safety could be resolved. Bridgeway Behavioral Health, Inc., the contract provider operating the treatment center, and the Guilford Center, the County agency that administers the substance abuse treatment program and holds the Certificate of Licensure for the facility, submitted a Plan of Correction to the State on August 25, 2008. The agencies began working immediately to correct the infractions and revise policies and procedures to fully comply with state regulations.

The DHSR Survey Team returned, unannounced, on Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23, to re-inspect the treatment center. The facility was found to be in compliance on every point. Written confirmation of approval to reinstate admissions should be received in ten days, at which time the facility will begin accepting new clients.

Billie Pierce, Director of the Guilford Center, issued the following statement:

“The Guilford Center and Bridgeway Behavioral Health have worked diligently since August 15, not only to resolve the issues for which the treatment center was cited, but to exceed compliance in every area. We are pleased to learn that the facility has passed inspection and we are looking forward to reinstating admissions as soon as we have received the State’s written confirmation to do so.”