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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 2/17/2021
Date Reported to DCCECE: 2/18/2021

Agency Name: Little Creek Behavioral Health
Agency Number: 255
Type of Facility: PRTF Facility License Type: Regular

Type of Incident: Other

Incident Description:

IC [REDACTED] was hospitalized for lithium toxicity. IC [REDACTED] was transported to the ED on 02.17.20 at 1400. IC [REDACTED] was sent to the ED for the following symptoms: Lethargy, staggered walk, low blood pressure.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action:

As a facility, we are adopting a new system that will provide our patients with more opportunities to drink water. Lithium and Valproic Acid, as well as all more efficiently when water intake is sufficient. Water will be offered at every snack time which is three times a day. Patients are also going to receive education that explains the importance of water and fluid intakes by the nursing staff.

Licensing Specialist Assigned: E. Breedlove
Licensing Supervisor Assigned: S. Singleton Litzsey

Child Abuse Hotline (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

Was the Hotline Called: No Was it accepted? No Outcome: N/A

Assigned Investigator: N/A

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 2/26/2021 Type of Follow-up: Email

Details from Follow-up:

Medications such as Lithium and Valproic Acid (Depakote) are standard in psychiatric medicine and require routine lab draws. It is our practice to draw labs seven days after one of these medications is started, adjusted, and every three months for maintenance. In the case of IC [REDACTED] did have a medication increase on Feb. 11 and his level was to be checked on Feb. 18. However, he went into the hospital on Feb. 17. On 2/25/21, Program Manager E. Russ spoke with DON Nedra Allen.

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Jones who advised that [REDACTED] is prescribed Lithium and that his medication was increased on 2/11/21. She reports that his lab was scheduled to be drawn on the 18th. However, [REDACTED] was transported to the hospital on the 17th. He was monitored at the hospital and released on the 19th. [REDACTED] has been removed from Lithium and his blood pressure meds have been changed.