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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 105140	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/07/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Bristol Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1818 E Fletcher Ave Tampa, FL 33612	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to provide supervision to prevent an elopement for a resident with a known history of wandering for one resident (#1) of two residents sampled. On 4/19/26 at approximately 10:30 a.m., Resident #1 left the facility unsupervised and was missing for 10 hours. Findings included: Review of a progress note dated 4/19/26 revealed, At approximately 1 p.m., nurse entered resident's room to administer scheduled medications. Resident was not present in the room at that time. Immediate search of the unit was conducted with no success. Nurse proceeded to the front desk and spoke with the receptionist, who reported that the resident had left the facility earlier, appearing to sign out. There was no prior notification given to nursing staff regarding the resident's intent to leave the facility. Review of the admission record revealed Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including other toxic encephalopathy, cellulitis of lower limbs, generalized muscle weakness, adjustment disorder with depressed mood and age-related physical debility. Review of the minimum data set (MDS), dated [DATE], showed a brief interview for mental status (BIMS) score of 8 out of 15, indicating the resident was moderately impaired, and may forget daily tasks. Section E revealed the resident did not have wandering behaviors indicated. Review of the resident's medical record revealed the following: An admission elopement assessment dated [DATE] revealed the resident was not at risk. An elopement evaluation dated 3/31/26 revealed the resident has recent history of elopement or wanders with history of exit seeking within the last 90 days. The intervention called for placing the resident's picture in the elopement book. Apply wanderguard, if facility has system available. Review of a progress note dated 3/20/26 showed, Care Area Review: The IDT [interdisciplinary team] met to discuss the following care areas: Elopement. Emotional Well Being. Comments: on 3/13/26: resident was observed trying to leave out of back doors of the unit. Stated he was going home. Was easily redirected back to room and Wanderguard placed. Review of the current physician orders revealed: On 3/13/26: Wanderguard; every shift, Check for placement - right leg AND every day shift Check for function - right leg. Review of the care plan, initiated on 2/23/26 and discontinued on 5/2/26, revealed Resident #1 did not have a plan of care in place following the elopement assessment on 3/31/26 and did not have a wandering or elopement focus in place during the time of the elopement on 4/19/26. On 5/7/26 at 12:12 p.m. an interview was conducted with Staff A, Registered Nurse (RN)/ Supervisor. Staff A revealed having worked on the day Resident #1 left the facility. He stated around lunch time, the assigned nurse had discovered the resident was not in the room. He stated they immediately initiated the search and he called the code. Staff A stated having been informed that the receptionist had let the resident out. An interview with Staff B, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), on 5/7/26 at 12:35 p.m. revealed she was assigned to care for Resident #1 on the day he left the facility. She stated Resident #1 had wandering behaviors and wandered about the facility. She stated she did not know at the time the resident was at risk for elopement and could not confirm if he had a wanderguard. She stated when she realized he was missing, she went to the receptionist who said he went out the door. She stated the receptionist confused the resident for a visitor and let him out. She reported having searched the perimeters and (continued on next page)		

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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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