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August 31, 2021

David Call
Freedom Adult Foster Care Corp.
PO Box 1588
Clarkston, MI 48347

RE: License #: AS630012344
Investigation #: 2021A0602027
Traci AIS Group Home

Dear Mr. Call:

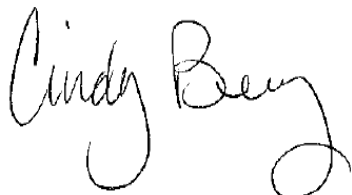
Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

If you desire technical assistance in addressing these issues, please feel free to contact me. In any event, the corrective action plan is due within 15 days. Failure to submit an acceptable corrective action plan will result in disciplinary action.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (248) 975-5053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Berry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "C" and "B".

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS630012344
Investigation #:	2021A0602027
Complaint Receipt Date:	06/30/2021
Investigation Initiation Date:	06/30/2021
Report Due Date:	08/29/2021
Licensee Name:	Freedom Adult Foster Care Corp.
Licensee Address:	3990 Bird Road Clarkston, MI 48348
Licensee Telephone #:	(248) 625-7923
Administrator:	David Call
Licensee Designee:	David Call
Name of Facility:	Traci AIS Group Home
Facility Address:	777 W. Predmore Oakland Township, MI 48363
Facility Telephone #:	(248) 693-7777
Original Issuance Date:	11/17/1982
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	08/16/2019
Expiration Date:	08/15/2021
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Incident report indicates that staff had open containers of alcohol sitting by the front door. A weed pen belonging to staff was also found in the home.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

06/30/2021	Special Investigation Intake 2021A0602027
06/30/2021	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Call made to the home – no answer.
07/01/2021	Contact – Telephone call made Message left for Office of Recipient Rights worker – Rishon Kimble.
07/13/2021	Inspection Completed On-site No response
08/26/2021	Inspection Completed On-site Interviewed staff member Destiny Vankuren
08/26/2021	Contact – Telephone call made Interviewed the home manager, Christine Gutton
08/26/2021	Contact – Telephone call made Message left for staff member Savannah Brozes.
08/27/2021	Exit Conference Held with the licensee designee, David Call by telephone

ALLEGATION:

Incident report indicates that staff had open containers of alcohol sitting by the front door. A weed pen belonging to staff was also found in the home.

INVESTIGATION:

On 6/30/2021, a complaint was received and assigned for investigation alleging that a staff member had open containers of alcohol sitting by the front door. A weed pen belonging to staff was also found in the home.

On 7/13/2021, I attempted to conduct an unannounced on-site investigation but there was no response. On 8/26/2021, I conducted another unannounced on-site investigation at which time I interviewed staff member, Destiny Vankuren. Ms. Vankuren stated she was working the day the incident occurred. On 6/29/2021, Ms. Vankuren was returning to the home from picking up residents from their day program. As she pulled into the driveway, there was a man driving a vehicle that was leaving the home. Staff member, Savanna Brozes was the only staff member in the home at that time. When Ms. Vankuren entered the home, there were three bottles of alcohol and a wax pen (vaping tool) sitting near the front door along with a sweatshirt partially covering the items. Ms. Vankuren took a picture of the items and sent it to the home manager, Christine Gutton. Ms. Gutton arrived at the home, disposed of the items, and took Ms. Brozes into the office and had a conversation with her. Shortly after that, Ms. Brozes left the home and has not returned. Ms. Vankuren stated the residents had no knowledge of the alcohol or wax pen being in the home.

On 8/26/2021, I attempted to interview Resident A but due to her cognitive difficulties she was unable to provide any information.

On 8/27/2021, I interviewed the home manager, Christine Gutton by telephone. Ms. Gutton stated on 6/30/2021 she received a call from Ms. Vankuren informing her that Ms. Brozes had alcohol in the home. She also sent a picture of three bottles of alcohol and a wax pen sitting inside the home near the front door. Ms. Gutton immediately arrived at the home, observed the alcohol and wax pen, disposed of it and took Ms. Brozes into the office to have a conversation with her. Ms. Brozes admitted that the alcohol and wax pen belonged to her. She apologized to Ms. Gutton and asked her to give her another chance. Ms. Gutton informed Ms. Brozes that she was suspended pending further investigation and that someone from upper management would be in contact with her. She instructed her to leave the home immediately. Ms. Gutton stated at the conclusion of the Office of Recipient Rights investigation, Ms. Brozes was substantiated for lack of safety for the residents. Management agreed to allow Ms. Brozes to return to work but under the condition that she could not work any shift alone. Another staff member would have to be on shift with her at all times. Ms. Brozes declined the offer and thus, no longer works for the company.

On 8/27/2021, I conducted an exit conference with the licensee designee, David Call by telephone. Mr. Call was informed of the investigative findings and recommendation documented in this report. He agreed to submit a corrective action plan upon receipt of the report.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14204	Direct care staff; qualifications and training.
	(2) Direct care staff shall possess all of the following qualifications: (a) Be suitable to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs of each resident.
ANALYSIS:	Based on the information obtained from Ms. Vankuren and Ms. Gutton, there is sufficient information to determine that Ms. Brozes is not suitable to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs of the residents as she brought alcohol and marijuana into the home leaving it accessible to the residents.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14305	Resident protection.
	(1) A resident shall be assured privacy and protection from moral, social, and financial exploitation.
ANALYSIS:	Based on the information obtained from Ms. Vankuren and Ms. Gutton, there is sufficient information to determine that Ms. Brozes brought alcohol into the home and stored it near the front door where residents could have easily accessed it.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend the status of the license remains unchanged.

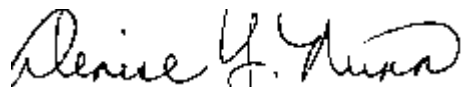


08/27/2021

Cindy Berry
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



08/31/2021

Denise Y. Nunn
Area Manager

Date