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March 3, 2022

Probir Bairagee
307 N. Main Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093

RE: License #: AF750317796
Investigation #: 2022A1030021
Sona Adult Foster Care

Dear Mr. Bairagee:

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 (616) 356-0183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nile Khabeiry, LMSW". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF750317796
Investigation #:	2022A1030021
Complaint Receipt Date:	01/24/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	01/25/2022
Report Due Date:	03/25/2022
Licensee Name:	Probir Bairagee
Licensee Address:	307 N. Main Street Three Rivers, MI 49093
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 244-3160
Administrator:	Probir Bairagee
Licensee Designee:	Probir Bairagee
Name of Facility:	Sona Adult Foster Care
Facility Address:	307 N. Main Street Three Rivers, MI 49093
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 244-3160
Original Issuance Date:	08/21/2012
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	02/21/2021
Expiration Date:	02/20/2023
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Resident A is not provided with three nutritious meals per day	No
Sona AFC does not have an effective pest control program	Yes
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

01/24/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022A1030021
01/25/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site
01/25/2022	Contact - Face to Face Interview with Resident B
01/25/2022	Contact - Face to Face Interview with Resident C
01/25/2022	Contact - Face to Face Interview with Resident D
01/25/2022	Contact - Face to Face Interview with Licensee
01/26/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Shelly Martin
01/26/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Guardian A1
02/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with LARA consultant Ondrea Johnson
02/02/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Jason Andrews
03/02/2022	Exit Conference Exit conference by phone with Licensee

ALLEGATION:

Resident A is not provided three nutritious meals per day.

INVESTIGATION:

On 1/25/2022, I interviewed Resident A at the home. Resident A reported the facility provides three meals per day; however, they do not save him food when he is not home during mealtimes. Resident A reported he has lost “a lot of weight” since he has lived at the home. Resident A reported he is aware of when meals are served at the home and believes that he should be provided a meal whether or not he is home at the time the meal is served.

On 1/25/2022, I interviewed Residents B, Resident C and Resident D at the home. All three residents reported the home provides three meals per day plus snacks. All three residents reported the homeowner will save a meal for the residents if they let him know they will not be home during mealtimes.

On 1/25/2022, I received and reviewed Resident A’s Weight Record (WR), Health Care Appraisal (HCA). The WR indicated Resident A weighed 181 pounds on 11/1/2020 and weighed 131 pounds on 1/1/2022. The HCA indicated Resident A is diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, ADHD and Bi-Polar Disorder. I noted there were no concerns of malnutrition or failure to thrive noted.

On 1/25/2022, I interviewed Licensee, Probir Bairagee at the home. Mr. Bairagee reported he provides three meals per day for all the residents and is willing to put aside a meal for any resident who is not home as long as they let him know. and Resident A does not let him know when he is not going to be home. In addition, Resident A is very picky and even when he is home he refuses to eat or will only eat a small amount of food. Mr. Bairagee reported the weight loss is not due to a lack of access to nutritious meals. Mr. Bairagee reported none of the other residents have lost weight or complain about the meals.

On 1/25/2022, I interviewed Resident A’s mental health case manager, Shelly Martin by phone. Ms. Martin reported she does not believe Resident A is being malnourished or not provided healthy meals as he chooses to not be home during mealtimes. Ms. Martin stated Resident A has access to meals as well as snacks but is often hanging out with his “friends.”

On 1/26/2022, I interviewed Resident A’s guardian by phone. Guardian A1 reported she is aware that Resident A has lost a lot of weight since entering the facility however does not fault SONA AFC as Resident A chooses not to eat the food provided.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1419	Resident nutrition.
	(1) A licensee shall provide a minimum of 3 regular nutritious meals daily. Not more than 14 hours shall elapse between the evening and morning meal.
ANALYSIS:	It was reported that Resident A is not provided with three nutritious per day and has lost weight as a result. I noted that Resident A has lost 51 pounds between November 2020 and January 2022, however the cause of the weight lost is in dispute. After interviewing the Licensee, three residents Resident A case manager and legal guardian there is no evidence that Resident A's weight loss is the result of a lack of access to nutritious meals.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION:

INVESTIGATION:

I toured the facility and noted it was neat, clean, and several of residents were home.

Resident A reported he has lived at the facility for two years and they have always had a bed bug problem. Resident A did not have any bites on his body. I asked Resident A to turn over his mattress and a live bed bug was found and photographed.

Residents B, C, and D all reported the home has treated for bed bugs through a combination of home treatments and the use of a professional company. None of the residents had any bed bug bites.

Mr. Bairagee reported they have battled with bed bugs for years and have used home remedies as well a professional service. I observed several store-bought products used to treat bed bugs as well as a receipt for a pest control company. I informed Mr. Bairagee that I found a live bed bug during my inspection of one of the bedrooms.

On 2/1/2022, I reviewed the licensing file for this home. I determined that special investigation report (SIR) # 2022A1024001 dated 11/23/21 cited the home for the ongoing presence of bed bugs.

On 2/2/2022, I interviewed exterminator Jason Andrews by phone. Mr. Andrews is a pest control professional and was contacted by SONA AFC to provide extermination services for bed bugs in 2021. Mr. Andrews reported that he recommends that the home be treated at least once a month for six months as there had been progress made but there needs to be consistent treatments to fully eradicate the bed bugs.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1424	Environmental health.
	(4) Effective measures shall be taken to protect against the entrance of vermin into the home and against the breeding or presence of vermin on the premises.
ANALYSIS:	Interviews with residents and staff as well as my visual confirmation reveal the home continues to have a bed bug infestation.
CONCLUSION:	REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED SIR # 2022A1024001 corrective action plan dated 11/16/21

On 3/3/2022, I shared the findings of my investigation with Licensee, Probir Bairagee. Mr. Bairagee acknowledged his pest control program has made a difference but has not been totally effective.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the current licensee status.

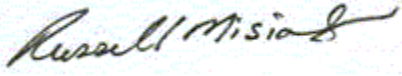
Nile Khabeiry, LMSW

3/3/2022

Nile Khabeiry
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



3/7/2022

Russell B. Misiak
Area Manager

Date