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September 12, 2022

Anna Simonson  
8227 W. Ballard  
Central Lake, MI 49622

RE: License #: AF050297571  
Investigation #: 2022A0009040  
Simonson AFC

Dear Ms. Simonson:


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 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 (231) 356-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Robarge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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enclosure

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	AF050297571
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2022A0009040
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	08/16/2022
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	08/17/2022
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	09/15/2022
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Anna Simonson
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	8227 W. Ballard Central Lake, MI 49622
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(231) 544-9832
<b>Administrator:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Simonson AFC
<b>Facility Address:</b>	8227 W. Ballard Central Lake, MI 49622
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(231) 544-9832
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	10/03/2008
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	04/03/2021
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	04/02/2023
<b>Capacity:</b>	6
<b>Program Type:</b>	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL & AGED

**II. ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
The licensee has left the residents with household members who are not “responsible persons”.	Yes
Additional Finding	Yes

**III. METHODOLOGY**

08/16/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022A0009040
08/16/2022	APS Referral
08/17/2022	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone call made to adult protective services worker Jacqueline Muzyl
08/19/2022	Inspection Completed – Onsite Interviews with licensee Anna Simonson and household members Barry and Shane Simonson
08/24/2022	Contact – Documents received from licensee Anna Simonson
09/09/2022	Contact – Telephone call made to licensee Anna Simonson
09/09/2022	Exit conference with licensee Anna Simonson

**ALLEGATION:** The licensee has left the residents with household members who are not “responsible persons”.

**INVESTIGATION:** I spoke with adult protective services worker Jacqueline Muzyl by phone on August 17, 2022. She said that has recently placed several residents at the Simonson AFC home. Ms. Simonson is always present when she, Ms. Muzyl, has stopped by. She thinks that Ms. Simonson does a good job with the residents and she has no concerns for their safety. She stated that she can imagine that Ms. Simonson might need to run into town for something and leave a household member there for a short time with the residents. Ms. Muzyl stated that this was always her adult daughter, Stephanie Gibson, in the past but that the two of them have had a falling out.

I made an unannounced site visit at the Simonson AFC home on August 19, 2022. I spoke with Barry and Shane Simonson outside the home. They reported that things were fine there except they were having a lot of problems with Stephanie Gibson

whom they are feuding with. She was living next door but moved out due to the dispute between them and is now trying to cause them trouble.

I also spoke with licensee Anna Simonson. She said that her adult daughter Stephanie Gibson had been her responsible person who lived next door so she could use her any time to help with residents. Stephanie and Shane had not been getting along and this “came to a head” earlier in the summer. Stephanie is angry at her and her husband because she feels they chose Shane over her. Stephanie wanted Shane to leave the home. Stephanie was so angry she moved out from next door and is no longer around for Ms. Simonson to use as her “responsible person”. She will not answer Ms. Simonson’s calls. Ms. Simonson stated that since we spoke last (during special investigation 2022A009031), she has submitted a BCAL-AFC100 form to make another local family member, Tamyra Brookins, her responsible person. She has also provided Ms. Brookins with the form so she can complete her physical exam and get her TB test done. I asked Ms. Simonson about the complaint of her leaving the residents in the care of Mr. Simonson and Shane. She said that she has always left the residents in the care of her husband, Mr. Simonson, for short periods of time when she runs to the store or something. He has always been her “employee”. She felt that she had done everything she needed to do to have him as an employee. Ms. Simonson admitted that she has also left the residents with Shane for short periods of time in the past but hasn’t done that since he was admitted and released from a psychiatric hospital. She stated that Shane has never been a risk to the residents but she knows it is not appropriate to have him care for them in any way given the recent hospitalization. We talked more about her making Ms. Brookins her official responsible person as soon as possible. I asked her to contact me as soon as she received some word from the State of Michigan regarding the results of Ms. Brookins’ background check.

I received documents from Ms. Simonson on August 24, 2022. She provided me with documentation from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Workforce Background Check system. She had cleared her husband, Barry Simonson, as an employee on October 16, 2009, and Ms. Tamyra Brookins on March 24, 2015. Ms. Simonson provided me with documentation that she had cleared both her husband and Ms. Brookins on the Office of Inspector General, Sanctioned Provider List, Nurse Aide Abuse List, Michigan Sex Offender Registry and Offender Tracking Information systems. There was “No record found” on any of these systems for either Mr. Simonson or Ms. Brookins.

I spoke with Ms. Simonson by phone on September 9, 2022. She said that she was still waiting for something back from the State of Michigan regarding the form she had submitted for Ms. Brookins to become her responsible person. She denied that she had kept a copy of the form. We discussed her having Ms. Brookins fill out and sign a new form and then sending that to the State of Michigan. She agreed and said that she would make a copy for herself this time.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1410</b>	<b>Resident protection.</b>
	A licensee or responsible person shall always be on the premises when a resident is in the home.
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	It was confirmed through this investigation that Ms. Simonson left the residents in the care of her adult son, Shane Simonson, for short periods of time prior to his admission into the psychiatric unit of a local hospital. I did not receive any documentation that Shane was, or had ever been, an employee of the facility.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

**ADDITIONAL FINDING:** I spoke with Ms. Simonson in June of 2022 (during special investigation 2022A0009031) about her obtaining documentation from the director of the psychiatric hospital where Shane had recently been admitted and released. The statement would need to address Shane’s personal fitness to be associated with the residents. We spoke again about the need to obtain this during the current investigation.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1404</b>	<b>Licensee, responsible person, and member of household; qualifications.</b>
	(7) A licensee shall require all members of the household and responsible persons who have been released from a public or private psychiatric hospital for less than 1 year to provide a written statement verifying the person’s personal fitness to care for or be associated with a resident. The statement shall be obtained from the medical or administrative director of the public or private psychiatric hospital and shall be made available to the department.
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	It was confirmed through this investigation that household member Shane Simonson was admitted and released from the psychiatric unit of a local hospital early in the summer of 2022. As of the writing of this report, Ms. Simonson had still not obtained a written statement from the director of the hospital regarding Shane’s personal fitness to be associated with the residents in the home.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

I conducted an exit conference with licensee Anna Simonson by phone on September 9, 2022. I told her of the findings of my investigation and gave her the opportunity to ask questions.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the license status.



09/12/2022

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Adam Robarge  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



09/12/2022

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Jerry Hendrick  
Area Manager

Date