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February 6, 2023

Ethan Saile and Danielle LaHaie
7111 Dewyre Rd.
Hawks, MI 49473

RE: License #: AF710409695
Investigation #: 2023A0360016
Windy Hill AFC

Dear Ethan Saile and Danielle LaHaie:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. No substantial violations were found.

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 (866) 865-0006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Soderquist".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF710409695
Investigation #:	2023A0360016
Complaint Receipt Date:	01/12/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	01/13/2023
Report Due Date:	02/11/2023
Licensee Name:	Ethan Saile and Danielle LaHaie
Licensee Address:	7111 Dewyre Rd. Hawks, MI 49473
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 884-4461
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Windy Hill AFC
Facility Address:	7111 Dewyre Rd. Hawks, MI 49473
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 884-4461
Original Issuance Date:	09/20/2021
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	03/20/2022
Expiration Date:	03/19/2024
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Sewage from the home is running into the next field and can be smelled.	No
The yard is full of trash.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

01/12/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023A0360016
01/13/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Letter APS referral
01/13/2023	APS Referral online
01/17/2023	Inspection Completed On-site Responsible person Donna French, Resident A, B, C, D
01/31/2023	Inspection Completed On-site Ethan Saile, Donna French, Resident A, B, C, D. Alison Saile
02/05/2023	Contact - Document Received Danielle Lahaie
02/06/2023	Exit Conference

ALLEGATION: Sewage from the home is running into the next field and can be smelled.

INVESTIGATION: On 1/12/2023 I was assigned a complaint from the LARA online complaint system.

On 1/12/2023 I reviewed the AFC home record which documented the most recent environmental health inspection was completed and approved on 6/09/2021 with an A rating.

On 1/17/2023 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at the facility. I observed both septic fields and did not see or smell any sewage. The responsible person Donna French stated they did have an issue with the septic tank and that it was being addressed. She denied that there were any sewage backups in the home. I observed the bathroom and kitchen and all the drains appeared to be working properly.

On 1/31/2023 I conducted another unannounced onsite inspection at the facility. I observed no sewage in the yard. The licensee Ethan Saile stated they did start to have a septic backup a few weeks ago and he checked the drainage field and dug up the septic tank. He stated there was no evidence that the septic field was saturated and scheduled the septic tank to get pumped. He stated Chaskey's Septic Service came to the facility on 1/27/2023 and pumped the septic and inspected the drainage field and reported to him that the drainage field was not saturated. Mr. Saile stated he would send the invoice from Chaskey's verifying the septic tank had been pumped.

While at the home on 1/31/2023 I interviewed Resident's A, B and C. Resident D was unable to be interviewed because of his limited verbal abilities. All four residents appeared clean and well cared for. Resident A, B and C all stated that the septic was recently pumped and there have been no septic issues in the home.

On 2/05/2023 I received a copy of the sales invoice from Chaskey's documenting that they pumped the septic tank on 1/27/2023.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1424	Environmental health.
	(2) All sewage shall be disposed of in a public sewer system or, in the absence thereof, in a manner approved by the health authority.
ANALYSIS:	<p>The complaint alleged the sewage is running into the next field and can be smelled.</p> <p>I conducted two unannounced onsite inspections at the home on 1/17/2023 and 1/31/2023. I observed no sewage running in the yard or any sewage smell. I observed no septic issues in the home.</p> <p>Licensee Ethan Saile stated he did have the septic tank pumped on 1/27/2023. On 2/05/2023 I received a copy of the invoice from Chaskey's Septic verifying that the septic tank was pumped. The last environmental health inspection was completed and approved on 6/09/2021 with an A rating.</p> <p>There is not a preponderance of evidence that the sewage is not disposed of in a manner approved by the health authority.</p>
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION: The yard is full of trash.

INVESTIGATION: On 1/17/2023 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at the facility. I observed no trash in the yard.

While at the facility on 1/17/2023 I interviewed the responsible person, Donna French. Ms. French denied that there is ever trash in the yard. She stated sometimes the residents will have a couple bags of returnable bottles and cans but that is all.

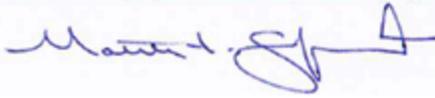
On 1/31/2023 I conducted another unannounced onsite inspection at the home. I again found no evidence of trash in the yard. I interviewed the licensee Ethan Saile. Mr. Saile stated he is not aware of any trash being left in the yard. I then interviewed Resident's A, B and C who all denied that there is trash left in the yard.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1426	Maintenance of premises.
	(11) A yard area shall be kept reasonably free from all hazards, nuisances, refuse, and litter.
ANALYSIS:	<p>The complaint alleged there is a yard full of trash.</p> <p>I conducted two unannounced onsite inspections at the home on 1/17/2023 and 1/31/2023 and did not observe any trash in the yard.</p> <p>The licensee Ethan Saile denied there is trash left in the yard. Resident's A, B and C as well as the Responsible Person Donna French all denied there is trash left in the yard.</p> <p>There is not a preponderance of evidence that the yard area is not kept reasonably free from all hazards, nuisances, refuse, and litter.</p>
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

On 02/06/2023 I conducted an exit conference with licensee Ethan Saile. Mr. Saile concurred with the findings of the investigation.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the status of the license.



02/06/2023

Matthew Soderquist
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



02/06/2023

Jerry Hendrick
Area Manager

Date