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August 3, 2023

Corey Husted
Brightside Living LLC
PO Box 220
Douglas, MI 49406

RE: License #: AM410403710
Investigation #: 2023A0467052
Brightside Living - Mistywood

Dear Mr. Husted:

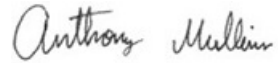
Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violation identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- How compliance with the rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for the violation.
- Specific time frames for the 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 (616) 356-0183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Mullins".

Anthony Mullins, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AM410403710
Investigation #:	2023A0467052
Complaint Receipt Date:	07/24/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	07/25/2023
Report Due Date:	09/22/2023
Licensee Name:	Brightside Living LLC
Licensee Address:	690 Dunegrass Circle Dr Saugatuck, MI 49453
Licensee Telephone #:	(614) 329-8428
Administrator:	Kalia Greenhoe
Licensee Designee:	Corey Husted
Name of Facility:	Brightside Living - Mistywood
Facility Address:	3371 Mistywood St SE Caledonia, MI 49316
Facility Telephone #:	(614) 329-8428
Original Issuance Date:	05/01/2020
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	11/01/2022
Expiration Date:	10/31/2024
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, MENTALLY ILL, DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Staff member Rebekah Ames allowed Resident A to use her marijuana vape pen.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

07/24/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023A0467052
07/25/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone
07/26/2023	Inspection Completed On-site
08/03/2023	APS Referral – sent via email
08/03/2023	Exit conference completed with licensee designee, Corey Husted.

ALLEGATION: Staff member, Rebekah Ames allowed Resident A to use her marijuana vape pen.

INVESTIGATION: On 7/25/23, I received a BCAL online complaint stating that an anonymous message was received stating that AFC staff members are smoking marijuana with one of the residents. The complaint stated that the resident has been calling about medical concerns that may have been a result of the marijuana use. The complaint did not list specific staff members or residents.

On 7/25/23, I spoke to the complainant via phone. The complainant stated that Resident A has been texting daily about having low blood pressure. The complainant stated that she asked Resident A if there were any recent changes contributing to her low blood pressure and she stated no. The complainant assumes that the marijuana is causing the changes because "this is the only recent change." The complainant confirmed that Resident A is taking medications that makes her blood pressure fluctuate but this has been steady. The complainant stated that staff at the AFC are encouraging Resident A to be seen by a cardiologist. The complainant stated that Resident A's guardian is going to the home tomorrow morning to drug test her.

On 7/26/23, I received a call from Resident A's guardian, Cheri Theriault stating that she went to the AFC home and drug tested Resident A. The results were negative for all substances. Ms. Theriault did not directly ask Resident A if she had been smoking with staff members in the home. Ms. Theriault stated that prior to drug

testing Resident A, the home manager, Ms. Rodriguez stated that other residents have noticed staff smoking marijuana with Resident A.

On 7/26/23, I made an unannounced onsite investigation at the facility. Upon arrival, AFC staff members allowed entry into the home. I spoke to AFC staff member Donna "D.J." Rodriguez. Ms. Rodriguez was asked about Resident A smoking marijuana with staff members. Ms. Rodriguez stated that Resident B said he witnessed AFC staff member Rebekah Ames smoking with Resident A. Ms. Rodriguez stated that Resident A has not disclosed this information to her, but she did not seem surprised when her guardian, Cheri Theriault drug tested her this morning. Ms. Rodriguez stated that it appeared as if Resident A knew the drug test was coming. Ms. Rodriguez has not heard of Resident A or other residents smoking marijuana with any other staff members. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that Resident A is available to speak but Resident B is at Hope Network's Day Program on 36th Street in Wyoming, MI.

Ms. Rodriguez introduced me to Resident A. Resident A confirmed her date of birth and agreed to discuss case allegations. Resident A stated that her guardian came to the home this morning and drug tested her. Resident A was adamant that her drug test results were negative for all substances. Resident A had no knowledge as to what exactly her guardian was drug testing her for. Resident A was asked if she has used any substances within the last few weeks, including marijuana. Resident A acknowledged that she has taken "one puff" of marijuana in the last month from a "dab pen." Resident A acknowledged that she smoked the marijuana at the AFC with a current staff member. Resident A stated that Ms. Ames doesn't work at the home often and she has only seen her in the home a total of three times. Resident A stated that this incident occurred a few weeks ago on 3rd shift while Ms. Ames was the only staff member working. Resident A was adamant that no other staff members in the home have ever provided her with marijuana or other substances. Resident A did share that Resident B witnessed Ms. Ames give her a puff of her marijuana vape pen a few weeks ago. Resident A stated that this occurred around 4:30 am while Ms. Ames was cleaning the home.

Resident A confirmed that she has been having issues with her blood pressure and is currently taking medications as prescribed to address this. Resident A stated that her guardian has been reaching out to her cardiologist to assist with this to make sure her blood pressure stays within a healthy range. I encouraged Resident A to refrain from using any substances that could affect her blood pressure. Resident A appeared to be receptive to this.

On 7/26/23, I made an unannounced visit to Hope Network Day Program. Upon arrival, staff member Michelle Vandyke introduced me to Resident B and introductions were made. Resident B stated that he has lived at his current AFC home for four weeks. Except for some of his personal items missing, Resident B stated that things are going well. He denied any concerns with staff or other residents in the home. Resident B was asked if he has ever witnessed staff and

residents smoking marijuana. Resident B stated that there was one time that he witnessed a staff member give Resident A her marijuana vape pen at night. Resident A initially could not recall the staff member's name but when I mentioned Ms. Ames, Resident A confirmed that this was the staff member he was referring to. Resident B stated that Resident A asked Ms. Ames to use her vape pen and she willingly gave it to her. Resident B stated that he also observed Ms. Ames with the vape pen in her mouth, but she never inhaled the marijuana while in his presence. Resident B stated that he hasn't seen Ms. Ames in approximately 2-3 weeks. Resident B denied witnessing any other staff members give Resident A or other residents marijuana. Resident B was thanked for his time as this interview concluded.

On 8/2/23, I spoke to AFC staff member, Rebecca Ames via phone. Ms. Ames stated that she did not provide Resident A with a marijuana vape pen. Instead, she did allow Resident A to use her Breeze pen one time, which she was adamant was nicotine. Ms. Ames stated that this was a one-time incident and agreed that it was not the best decision, and she should never have allowed it to happen. Ms. Ames stated that she discussed this with the owner of the AFC, Corey Husted and he gave her a verbal warning and explained that this is not happen again. Ms. Ames is currently working at the AFC home. I informed her not to retaliate against Resident A or Resident B because of her wrongdoing. Ms. Ames assured me that she would not retaliate against the residents, and she would not discuss it with them either. Ms. Ames was thanked for her time as this interview concluded.

On 8/3/23, I conducted an exit conference with licensee designee, Corey Husted. He was informed of the investigative findings and agreed to complete a CAP within 15 days of receipt of this report.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14303	Resident care; licensee responsibilities.
	(1) Care and services that are provided to a resident by the home shall be designed to maintain and improve a resident's physical and intellectual functioning and independence. A licensee shall ensure that all interactions with residents promote and encourage cooperation, self-esteem, self-direction, independence, and normalization.
ANALYSIS:	Resident A stated that Ms. Ames allowed her to take "one puff" of her marijuana vape pen at the home during 3 rd shift. Resident B confirmed that he witnessed Ms. Ames allow Resident A to use her marijuana vape pen. Ms. Ames stated that she gave Resident A her nicotine Breeze Pen as opposed to a marijuana vape pen. Regardless of what was given, Ms. Ames acknowledged her wrongdoing and knows

	that this does not promote or encourage normalization. Based on the information provided, there is a preponderance of evidence to support the allegation.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

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

Anthony Mullins

08/03/2023

Anthony Mullins
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Jerry Hendrick

08/03/2023

Jerry Hendrick
Area Manager

Date