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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA ACTING DIRECTOR

October 30, 2023

Anna Simonson 8227 W. Ballard Central Lake, MI 49622

> RE: License #: AF050297571 Investigation #: 2024A0009002

Simonson AFC

Dear Anna Simonson:

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 (616) 356-0100.

Sincerely,

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

This report contains quoted profanity

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF050297571
Investigation #:	2024A0009002
Complaint Receipt Date:	10/09/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	10/10/2023
Report Due Date:	11/08/2023
Licensee Name:	Anna Simonson
Licensee Address:	8227 W. Ballard Central Lake, MI 49622
Licensee Telephone #:	(231) 544-9832
Administrator:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Simonson AFC
Facility Address:	8227 W. Ballard Central Lake, MI 49622
Facility Telephone #:	(231) 544-9832
Original Issuance Date:	10/03/2008
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	04/03/2023
Expiration Date:	04/02/2025
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL & AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

Violation Established?

A female resident inside the home was overheard from outside the	No		
home yelling, "Get that dick out of my face".			

III. METHODOLOGY

10/09/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2024A0009002
10/10/2023	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone call made to Complainant
10/12/2023	Inspection Completed On-site Interview with licensee Resident A, Anna Simonson and Shane Simonson
10/27/2023	Face to face interview with Resident B
10/30/2023	Exit conference with licensee Anna Simonson

ALLEGATION: A female resident inside the home was overheard from outside the home yelling, "Get that dick out of my face".

INVESTIGATION: On October 10, 2023, I was speaking with the complainant in general terms about the Simonson AFC home. She complained about the adult son, Shane Simonson, who lives at the home and her own relationship with him. No specific allegation was made until, during the course of that conversation, the complainant stated that she had heard a female resident inside the AFC home yell, "Get that dick out of my face".

I made an unannounced site visit at the Simonson AFC home on October 12, 2023. I spoke with licensee Ms. Simonson at that time. I told her I had received a complaint and needed to speak with the female residents who reside in the home. Ms. Simonson stated that there are currently two residents who live there. She said that Resident A was present for me to speak with but Resident B spends the day at a Community Mental Health (CMH) day program.

I interviewed Resident A at that time. She said that everything was going good at the foster home. Resident A said that Ms. Simonson does a lot for her including her laundry and the cooking of meals. She said that she liked living there. Resident A said that she got along with everyone there and likes both the residents and family members in the home. I asked her if there was anything that happened that she did

not like. Resident A said that she does get panic attacks sometimes and that she does not like that. She said at those times, she yells. She said that she is not always sure of what she is saying. Resident A explained that she hears things from God and that this makes her upset. She said that she will scream things out loud and that she knew that others did not really appreciate her doing that. She said that she has a hard time stopping herself from yelling out loud when the panic attacks occur. Resident A admitted that she might yell out anything and said that it might not really have anything to do with what is really going on. I asked her if anyone at the home ever did anything to her that she didn't like. She said no, she could not think of anything. She said that she might only tell someone not to slam the door if they slam the door. Resident A said that it was only little things like that she doesn't like. She denied that anyone in the home ever hurt her in any way. I asked her more about what she thought about the family members who live in the home. She again said that she liked them. She denied that any of the men in the home had ever done anything to her that she did not like. I told her that it had been reported to me that the sound of a screaming female had been heard from the home. Resident A admitted that it was probably herself who was heard yelling. She said that I should not worry about it.

I then spoke again to Ms. Simonson. She said that Resident A does scream. She hears voices and yells at herself. She will shout "get out of my face" and things like that. Ms. Simonson said that she had only known Resident A to yell at an actual person one time when she yelled at another resident for slamming the door. Resident A's bedroom is near the front door and she doesn't like it when she is in her room and someone slams the front door. Ms. Simonson denied that she knew of anything that would have caused Resident A to scream, "Get that dick out of my face." She said that Resident A yells things similar to that such as, "get out of my face" or "get of here" to herself. I asked Ms. Simonson whether there was any chance that Resident A might be yelling at Shane. She said no, that Shane doesn't really like Resident A because of her yelling and saying other odd things. He does not typically go into the resident section of the home unless he is going upstairs to his own bedroom. The upstairs of the home is where the men have rooms. She said that otherwise he spends his time in the family section of the home or the garage. Ms. Simonson denied that there were any men in the home with sexual issues or that any of them are on the sexual offender registry. She said that she felt the complaint had more to do with her adult daughter, whom she is currently estranged from but who lives next door, being angry about her putting new windows on the house. Ms. Simonson said that her adult daughter has a financial stake in the home. She said that she did not think to talk to her about the windows because of the current state of their relationship and because the new windows only added to the value of the home.

I then spoke with Shane Simonson. He also spoke of the difficulty with his sister and his belief that she was trying to cause problems for his family. I asked him about his relationship with the residents. Shane said that he gets along fine with the residents. I asked him about Resident A and Resident B. He said that he gets along fine with

them. He denied that he is ever alone with them unless they ask him to fix the television in their room or something like that. I asked him about Resident A. He said that she cries sometimes and then will scream out. The screaming is, "out of the blue" and no one is even around her when she screams like that.

I spoke to Resident A on October 27, 2023 at a CMH day program. I asked her about living at the Simonson AFC home. She said that she likes living there except for having to share a room with Resident A. She said that she is not into all that "peppy and happy shit" that Resident A is into. Resident B stated that Resident A also yells out randomly and sometimes says hurtful things. She is also quite loud otherwise. I asked her about Shane Simonson. She said that she does not often see him because he is in the family section of the home and will only go upstairs to his bedroom where the male residents also have bedrooms. She said that she likes him and he is decent to her and the other residents. I asked her about the comment that someone had allegedly heard coming from the home. Resident B said that it certainly was not herself who would have yelled something like that. She said that Resident A often yells things that aren't actually happening and that are really "off the wall". Resident B said that if Resident A had yelled what was alleged, she did not believe anything like that was actually happening to her. Resident B said that she does not know anything about Shane or any of the male residents doing anything to Resident A. There is nothing like that going on as far as she knows. She did not feel that her or Resident A are in any kind of danger in the home.

APPLICABLE RULE		
R 400.1412	Resident behavior management; prohibitions.	
	(1) A licensee shall not mistreat or permit the mistreatment of a resident by responsible persons or other occupants of the home. Mistreatment includes any intentional action or omission which exposes a resident to a serious risk or physical or emotional harm.	
ANALYSIS:	Both Resident A and Resident B denied that either of them are being mistreated in any way. They denied that they are mistreated specifically by Shane Simonson or any of the male residents in the home.	
	It was established that Resident A does scream out randomly and she described these as panic attacks and her responding to a voice that she hears.	
	Information was not discovered that either of the female residents have been mistreated in the home.	
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED	

An exit conference was conducted with licensee Anna Simonson by phone on 10/30/2023. I told her of the findings of my investigation and gave her the opportunity to ask questions.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the license status.

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Adam Robarge	Date
Licensing Consultant	
Approved By:	
	10/30/2023
Jerry Hendrick	Date
Area Manager	