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May 29, 2024

Thomas & Audrey Youngblood
5152 Riverview Dr. N.
Parchment, MI 49004

RE: License #: AF390273822
Investigation #: 2024A0578028
Homestead South

Dear Thomas & Audrey Youngblood:

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 (517) 284-9727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eli DeLeon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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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 #:	AF390273822
Investigation #:	2024A0578028
Complaint Receipt Date:	04/17/2024
Investigation Initiation Date:	04/18/2024
Report Due Date:	06/16/2024
Licensee Name:	Thomas & Audrey Youngblood
Licensee Address:	5152 Riverview Dr. N. Parchment, MI 49004
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 344-5292
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	Thomas & Audrey Youngblood
Name of Facility:	Homestead South
Facility Address:	5152 Riverview Drive, N. Parchment, MI 49004
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 290-8603
Original Issuance Date:	09/01/2005
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	05/14/2022
Expiration Date:	05/13/2024
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Resident A works in the community until 2:30PM but was not allowed to return to the facility until 6:30PM.	Yes
Residents are not allowed to get their own clothes.	No
Resident A is not provided with lunch.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

04/17/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A0578028
04/18/2024	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone call with Complainant.
04/18/2024	Special Investigation Completed On-site- Interview with licensee Audrey Youngblood and licensee Thomas Youngblood. Interview with Resident A and Resident B.
04/18/2024	Contact-Documentation Reviewed.- <i>Assessment Plan for AFC Residents</i> for Resident A.
04/18/2024	Contact-Documentation Reviewed- <i>Health Care Appraisal</i> for Resident A, dated 10/21/2022.
04/19/2024	APS Referral
04/19/2024	ORR Referral
05/17/2024	Special Investigation Completed On-site.
05/30/2024	Exit Conference. -With licensee Thomas Youngblood.

ALLEGATION:

- **Resident A works in the community until 2:30PM but was not allowed to return to the facility until 6:30PM.**
- **Residents are not allowed to get their own clothes.**

INVESTIGATION:

On 04/17/2024, I received this complaint through the BCHS On-line Complaint System. Complainant alleged on 04/15/2024, Resident A was told by the licensee, Thomas Youngblood that she wasn't allowed to return to the facility until after 6:30PM. Complainant reported Resident A completes her community employment at 2:30PM. Complainant reported this is not the first time Resident A has been kept from the facility for multiple hours on end and when Resident A does attempt to enter the facility the doors are locked. Complainant added all the resident clothes are kept in the basement and residents are not allowed to get their own clothes.

On 04/18/2024, I interviewed Complainant regarding the allegations. Complainant confirmed Resident A had been locked out of this facility on more than one occasion and reported Resident A had been informed by the licensee this was due to responsible persons at this facility having vacations, bowling outings, or other jobs. Complainant reported visiting this facility on 04/15/2024 at approximately 3PM and knocking on the door several times with no response.

On 04/18/2024, I completed an unannounced investigation on-site at this facility and interviewed licensee Audrey Youngblood regarding the allegations. Audrey Youngblood reported there may have been several times when no responsible person was available at this facility as she and her husband, licensee Thomas Youngblood are in the process of identifying another responsible person for the facility. When asked the last time this facility was unattended by a responsible person, Audrey Youngblood could not remember. When asked if this facility had a responsible person working on 04/15/2024, Audrey Youngblood clarified that sometimes it was difficult to hear a knock at the door due to the floor plan of this facility.

Audrey Youngblood reported this facility was being treated for bed bugs, and as a part of this process, all resident clothing was removed from bedrooms and placed in the basement. Audrey Youngblood reported this was to facilitate heat treatment performed by an exterminator to treat bed bugs. Audrey Youngblood reported Thomas Youngblood will retrieve resident clothing from the basement or residents will go to the basement to retrieve their own clothing. Audrey Youngblood denied that residents were not allowed reasonable access to their own clothing for any reason.

On 04/18/2024, I interviewed licensee Thomas Youngblood regarding the allegations. Thomas Youngblood acknowledged that on one or more occasion, this facility has been unattended and locked to prevent access to anyone including residents. Thomas Youngblood reported he was in the process of identifying another responsible person but had yet to identify one and the responsible persons for this facility were limited to him and Audrey Youngblood. Thomas Youngblood reasoned that licensing rules allowed him to leave the facility unattended if all residents have independent community access. Thomas Youngblood was provided consultation on having a responsible person present in the facility whenever a resident is in the facility or accessible when a resident wants to return to the facility, despite any resident having independent community access.

Thomas Youngblood acknowledged resident clothing was removed from resident bedrooms to facilitate the treatment of bed bugs. Thomas Youngblood reported that several treatments and inspections by exterminators had occurred, and this treatment should be close to completion. Thomas Youngblood reported that when the exterminators confirm the absence of the presence of bed bugs, resident clothing would be returned to resident bedrooms. While at the facility, I inspected the bedrooms of Resident A and Resident B. I observed a large amount of clothing on dressers and in baskets. Resident A and Resident B confirmed this clothing belonged to them and included clean and dirty clothing.

On 04/18/2024, I interviewed Resident A and Resident B regarding the allegations. Resident A and Resident B acknowledged that clothing in this facility was put in the basement to accommodate for heat treatment related to bed bugs. Resident A and Resident B acknowledged they can either go into the basement to get their own clothing or Thomas Youngblood will do it for them. Resident A and Resident B reported Thomas Youngblood obtains their clothing for them every night after dinner. Resident A reported she has cerebral palsy and using the stairs to the basement causes her pain. Resident B reported when Thomas Youngblood obtains their clothes, she sometimes gets the wrong clothing. Resident A and Resident B reported Resident A was currently wearing Resident B's clothing.

Resident A reported until recently, a responsible person was always at this facility, and the back door of the facility was usually unlocked. Resident A reported recently, the licensees, Audrey Youngblood and Thomas Youngblood, have had only one car and Audrey Youngblood had been dog-sitting off-site. Resident A reported a previous responsible person was no longer available to this facility. Resident A reported last week she was unable to return to the facility as Thomas Youngblood was at bowling. Resident A confirmed she has community employment that lasts until 2:30PM and that because of this facility being unattended and locked, she had to stay in the café of a local grocery store for approximately two hours. Resident A reported Thomas Youngblood had notified her by phone that she could return to the facility, and he picked her up from this café.

Resident A reported this week, the facility had to be closed for bed bug treatment. Resident A could not recall the specific date, but clarified that again, she could not return to the facility until approximately 5PM, despite being done at her place of employment at approximately 2:30PM. Resident B acknowledged this facility had been locked and unattended on more than one occasion. Resident B acknowledged a previous responsible person was no longer available to this facility.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1409	Resident rights; licensee responsibilities.
	<p>(1) Upon a resident's admission to the home, the licensee shall inform and explain to the resident or the resident's designated representative all of the following resident rights:</p> <p>(j) The right of reasonable access to and use of his or her personal clothing and belongings.</p> <p>(p) The right of access to his or her room at his or her own discretion.</p>
ANALYSIS:	Based upon my investigation, which consisted of interviews with Resident A, Resident B, licensee Audrey Youngblood and licensee Thomas Youngblood, on more than one occasion, residents have not had access to their rooms at their own discretion due to this facility being unattended and locked. Audrey Youngblood and Thomas Youngblood both acknowledged this facility had been unattended and locked to prevent entry, including the residents' ability to access their own room at their own discretion.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION:

Resident A is not provided with lunch.

INVESTIGATION:

On 04/17/2024, Complainant alleged Resident A was not provided with lunch in many weeks and the last time Resident A was not provided with a lunch time meal was 04/15/2024. Complainant alleged that when the licensee takes residents to dinner at a restaurant, if the resident cannot afford to pay for dinner, no other dinner will be provided at the facility.

On 04/18/2024, I interviewed licensee Audrey Youngblood regarding the allegations. Audrey Youngblood acknowledged that all residents go out to eat on Friday nights. Audrey Youngblood reported if residents do not have money for this meal, her husband, Thomas Youngblood purchases their meal. Audrey Youngblood denied being aware of any resident that refused to attend this Friday night meal and chose to stay at this facility. Audrey Youngblood denied that any resident would be denied any meal for any reason.

On 04/18/2024, I interviewed Thomas Youngblood regarding the allegations. Thomas Youngblood acknowledged that every resident attends a Friday night meal out in the community. Thomas Youngblood denied being aware of any resident that would like to refuse or stay home at this facility. Thomas Youngblood acknowledged that he would pay for any resident meal if the resident reported they did not have the funds to purchase a meal in the community. Thomas Youngblood reported this Friday night meal usually occurs at a local community center which offers these meals at a discounted rate. Thomas Youngblood denied that any resident would be denied any meal for any reason. While at this facility, I inspected the kitchen and pantry of this facility and observed an abundance of canned and shelf stable food.

On 04/18/2024, I interviewed Resident A and Resident B regarding the allegations. Resident A and Resident B acknowledged that every resident attends a Friday night meal in the community. Resident A reported she wasn't feeling well and wanted to stay at this facility, but she was made to attend the Friday night meal in the community. Resident A reasoned this was due to not having a responsible person to stay at the facility. Resident A acknowledged not being present in this facility when lunch is served during the week as she is at her community employment. Resident A acknowledged having independent community access and having access to food in the community and at her place of employment. Resident A and Resident B acknowledged being provided with three regular nutritious meals at this facility when present in the facility and denied missing a meal for any reason.

On 04/18/2024, I reviewed the *Assessment Plan for AFC Residents* for Resident A, dated 03/16/2023. The *Assessment Plan for AFC Residents* for Resident A documented Resident A has independent community access.

On 04/18/2024, I reviewed the *Health Care Appraisal* for Resident A, dated 10/21/2022. The *Health Care Appraisal* for Resident A documented Resident A has a diagnosis of anxiety, depression, and cerebral palsy.

/;APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1419	Resident nutrition.
	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:	Based upon my investigation, which consisted of interviews with Resident A, Resident B, licensee Audrey Youngblood and licensee Thomas Youngblood, as well as observations made during an unannounced investigation on-site there was not enough evidence to substantiate the allegation that Resident A or any other resident is not provided with lunch at this facility.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable written plan of correction, it is recommended that this license continues on regular status.



05/28/2024

Eli DeLeon
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



05/29/2024

Dawn N. Timm
Area Manager

Date