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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA
DIRECTOR

August 5, 2024

Namita and Dilip Samadder
26232 M-60
Cassopolis, MI 49031

RE: License #: AF140293340
Investigation #: 2024A1030040
Shepherd Home

Dear Namita and Dilip Samadder:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan was required. On July 9, 2024, you submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan.

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 black ink that reads "Nile Khabeiry, LMSW".

Nile Khabeiry, 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 #:	AF140293340
Investigation #:	2024A1030040
Complaint Receipt Date:	07/08/2024
Investigation Initiation Date:	07/08/2024
Report Due Date:	09/06/2024
Licensee Name:	Namita and Dilip Samadder
Licensee Address:	26232 M-60 Cassopolis, MI 49031
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 445-5353
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	Namita Samadder
Name of Facility:	Shepherd Home
Facility Address:	26232 M-60 Cassopolis, MI 49031
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 445-5353
Original Issuance Date:	04/25/2008
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	09/21/2022
Expiration Date:	09/20/2024
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL ALZHEIMERS AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
The home did not pass the water quality test.	Yes
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

07/08/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A1030040
07/08/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Interview with Cody Davis
07/09/2024	Contact - Face to Face Interview with home owner
07/09/2024	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Harold Schaus
07/09/2024	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Cody Davis
07/09/2024	Contact - Telephone call made Left voicemail for Harold Schaus
07/22/2024	Contact - Document Received Received and reviewed water quality test from Garrett Laboratories
07/29/2024	Contact - Document Received Received and reviewed EHI report
08/05/2024	Exit Conference Exit conference by phone

ALLEGATION:

The home did not pass the water quality test.

INVESTIGATION:

On 7/8/24, I interviewed Van Buren/Cass County Environmental Health Officer, Cody Davis by phone. Mr. Davis reported his office has conducted three water quality tests and the home has failed all three tests. Mr. Davis reported they need to have the water chlorinated and retested however the home has failed to contact a licensed well driller.

On 7/9/24, I interviewed homeowner, Namita Samadder at the home. Ms. Samadder reported she is aware of the water problems and provided me with a business card from the company that chlorinated the well last month. Ms. Samadder reported she knows that she needs to pass the inspection in order to have her license renewed. Ms. Samadder reported the residents are getting bottled water until the problem is solved and had several cases of bottled water. Ms. Samadder agreed to complete an on-site corrective action plan in order to get a passing water quality inspection.

On 7/9/24, I interviewed Harold Schaus from Dohn Well Drilling by phone. Mr. Schaus reported he made a service call in June and chlorinated the water at that time. Mr. Schaus reported he ran a test of the water and it passed. Mr. Schaus reported he tested the water at the tap in the basement which indicates the well is chlorinated. Mr. Schaus offered to come back if necessary and do it again. I informed Mr. Schaus that I would contact the health inspector and see if that's necessary and call him back.

On 7/9/24, I contacted Cody Davis by phone to get clarification on the information received from Mr. Schaus. Mr. Davis reported they test the water at the kitchen sink as that is where the residents would drink from, not the basement. Mr. Davis provided the process that a company should take to chlorinate the water for the home and that after the well is treated the water needs to run so that it goes throughout the home and not just the tap in the basement.

On 7/9/24, I left a voicemail message for Mr. Schaus asking him to come back, re-chlorinate the water and then test it at the kitchen sink and not the basement.

On 7/18/24, I received a voicemail from Harold Schaus that indicated he re-chlorinated the well and tested at the kitchen faucet and it passed the water test.

On 7/22/24, I received a water analysis test from Garrett Laboratories after Dohm Well Drillers re-chlorinated the well on 7/10/24. The analysis indicated the water was tested in the kitchen and passed inspection.

On 7/29/24, I received an Environmental Health Inspection that indicated the home received an A rating after the water was re-chlorinated.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1424	Environmental health.
	(1) The water supply shall be adequate, of a safe and sanitary quality, and from an approved source. Hot and cold running water under pressure shall be provided.
ANALYSIS:	The home did not pass the water quality test administered by the Van Buren-Cass Environmental Health Department on 7/8/24. I assisted the home in contacting the well drilling company to have the well re-chlorinated and on 7/29/24 the home passed the water quality test. It should be noted, the home took appropriate action and purchased bottled water for the residents.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

On 8/5/24, I shared the findings of my investigation with the licensee designee, Natima Samadder. Ms. Samadder acknowledged and agreed with the findings.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Based on the acceptance of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no changes to the current license status.

Nile Khabeiry, LMSW

8/5/24

Nile Khabeiry
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Russell Misiak

8/8/24

Russell B. Misiak
Area Manager

Date

