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August 22, 2024

Suzanne Hunter
Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.
Suite 110
890 N. 10th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

RE: License #: AM590387878
Investigation #: 2024A0622045
Beacon Home At The Lodge

Dear Ms. Hunter:

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Blasius', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Amanda Blasius, 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 #:	AM590387878
Investigation #:	2024A0622045
Complaint Receipt Date:	07/31/2024
Investigation Initiation Date:	07/31/2024
Report Due Date:	09/29/2024
Licensee Name:	Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.
Licensee Address:	Suite 110 890 N. 10th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 427-8400
Administrator:	Katrina Pierce
Licensee Designee:	Suzanne Hunter
Name of Facility:	Beacon Home At The Lodge
Facility Address:	1550 E. Colby Road Stanton, MI 48888
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 831-0626
Original Issuance Date:	04/17/2018
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	10/17/2022
Expiration Date:	10/16/2024
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

II. ALLEGATION(S)

Violation Established?	
This facility has been determined to be in substantial non-compliance with applicable environmental health rules regarding the well water.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

07/31/2024	Special Investigation Intake- 2024A0622045
07/31/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone call to Sanitarian, Paityn Blaisdell
08/05/2024	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
08/19/2024	Contact – Email to Ashley Kelsey Compliance Director. Follow up on progress made towards getting a new water sample
08/20/2024	APS Referral- not needed due to no suspected abuse/neglect
08/22/2024	Exit Conference with administrator, Katrina Pierce

ALLEGATION: This facility has been determined to be in substantial non-compliance with applicable environmental health rules regarding the well water.

INVESTIGATION:

On 07/31/2024, I received a copy of Beacon Home at the Lodge's Environmental Health Inspection Report, which was dated 07/11/2024. According to the Environmental Health Inspection Report, the sanitarian, Paityn Blaisdell documented the following:

"This facility has been determined to be in substantial non-compliance with applicable rules. Approval is not recommended.

Well and septic system inspected.

Section 1: bacteria sample positive for coliform. Follow up sample is needed. Well chlorination may be needed for follow up sample."

On 07/31/2024, I interviewed sanitarian, Paityn Blaisdell via phone. Ms. Blaisdell stated that she completed the inspection onsite and sent in the water sample which came back positive for coliform. Ms. Blaisdell reported that she suspects the bacteria is coming from the sink and instructed the home to add chlorine to the well and then repeat a water sample. Ms. Blaisdell reported that once the AFC home is ready for

another water sample, it will need to be ordered through the Mid-Michigan District Health Department. As of 07/31/2024, a new water sample had not been ordered.

On 08/05/2024, I completed an unannounced onsite inspection to Beacon Home at the Lodge. I interviewed direct care worker, who is also the home manager, April McCreery in person. She reported that she was aware of the bacteria in the water and on 08/03/2024, the maintenance department flushed the well with chlorine. During the interview, I instructed DCW McCreery that a new water sample would be needed through the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, so the environmental health inspection report can be approved.

On 08/19/2024, I emailed Ashley Kelsey, director of compliance for Beacon homes regarding the needed follow up water sample. Ms. Kelsey reported that they had approval through Lakeshore environmental Inc. to resume use of the well and provided documentation. I instructed Ms. Kelsey that approval and a new water sample was needed through Mid-Michigan District Health Department. I provided Ms. Kelsey the Sanitarians phone number and instructed her that a water sample should be order again, so full approval can be given to Beacon Home at the Lodge.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14401	Environmental health.
	(1) Private water systems shall be in compliance with R 325.10101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code. A bacteriological report confirming water quality shall be required during the initial inspection and every 2 years thereafter. Group homes that use a community-approved water system need not be in compliance with this requirement.
ANALYSIS:	Based on the Environmental Health Inspection Report, Beacon Home at the Lodge was determined to be in substantial non-compliance with applicable environmental health rules due to coliform bacteria in the water. As of 08/22/2024, an updated Environmental Health Inspection Report has not been received documenting full compliance.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend that the status of the license remains unchanged.

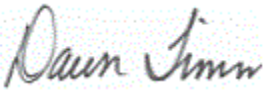


08/22/2024

Amanda Blasius
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



08/22/2024

Dawn N. Timm
Area Manager

Date