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March 20, 2025

Brittany Mcneil and Roland Awolope
6892 Annandale Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

RE: License #: AS390413934
Investigation #: 2025A0581015
Delight's AFC

Dear Brittany Mcneil and Roland Awolope:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the severity of the physical plant violations, a six-month provisional license is recommended.

If you do not contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must indicate so in writing; this may be included in your corrective action plan or in a separate document. If you contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must notify this office in writing and an administrative hearing will be scheduled. Even if you contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must still submit an acceptable corrective action plan within 15 days.

Even if you contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must still submit an acceptable corrective action plan within 15 days and it 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.
- Indicate how continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- Be signed and dated.

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.

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) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Cushman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS390413934
Investigation #:	2025A0581015
Complaint Receipt Date:	02/24/2025
Investigation Initiation Date:	02/24/2025
Report Due Date:	04/25/2025
Licensee Name:	Brittany Mcneil and Roland Awolope
Licensee Address:	6892 Annandale Drive Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Licensee Telephone #:	(616) 477-6637
Administrator:	Brittany Mcneil and Roland Awolope
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Delight's AFC
Facility Address:	6425 Trotwood Street Portage, MI 49024
Facility Telephone #:	(126) 987-3453
Original Issuance Date:	12/28/2022
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	06/28/2023
Expiration Date:	06/27/2025
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL AGED

II. ALLEGATION

	Violation Established?
The facility is uninhabitable due to a fire.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

02/24/2025	Special Investigation Intake - 2025A0581015
02/24/2025	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone - Interview with licensee.
02/24/2025	Inspection Completed On-site - Stopped and observed facility.
02/24/2025	Contact - Document Sent - Requested fire report from Portage Fire Dept.
02/24/2025	Contact - Document Received - Received Portage Fire Dept. fire report
02/24/2025	Contact - Document Received - Email correspondence with area manager and BCHS Director regarding facility and placement of residents.
02/24/2025	Contact - Telephone call made - Contact with licensee, Roland Awolope.
02/27/2025	Contact - Telephone call received – Interview with licensee, Roland Awolope.
02/27/2025	Contact – Document Received – Portage Fire Department Report of Findings
03/03/2025	Contact - Document Received - Email from licensee, Roland Awolope.
03/11/2025	Contact - Face to Face - Interview with licensee, Roland Awolope.
03/11/2025	Exit Conference with licensee, Roland Awolope.
03/18/2025	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Non-Compliance
03/19/2025	Contact – Telephone made – Interview with direct care staff, Martine Mkama.

03/19/2025	Contact – Telephone made – Interview with licensee, Roland Awolope.
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ALLEGATION: The facility is uninhabitable due to a fire.

INVESTIGATION: On 02/24/2025, I interviewed licensee Roland Awolope, via telephone after learning from a local news article the facility caught fire over the weekend. Roland Awolope stated he had not been working in the facility at the time of the fire; however, it was his understanding on 02/22/2025 sometime between 5 pm and 6 pm the facility caught fire after one of the residents improperly discarded a cigarette after smoking in the garage. He stated direct care staff called 911 after they noticed smoke coming from the garage. He stated Resident A and Resident E were the residents identified as smoking. Roland Awolope stated Resident E reported to police both he and Resident A were smoking in the garage, but neither he nor Resident A identified who discarded the cigarette(s) or identified where the cigarettes were placed. He stated both residents have freedom of movement within the facility and out in the community and stated they would have been allowed access to the garage and allowed to be in it. He denied staff allowing the residents to smoke in the garage or staff even being aware the residents were smoking in the garage immediately preceding the fire. He stated the facility’s designated smoking areas are in the front and back of the facility. He stated both areas had appropriate cigarette disposal receptacles.

Roland Awolope stated two direct care staff were working in the facility with the six residents. He stated all the residents had been relocated to other facility’s owned and operated by the license except, Resident F, who stayed with family. He stated Resident A, B, and C went to one facility while Resident D and Resident E went to another facility.

Roland Awolope stated prior to the fire, he had intentions to open a new Adult Foster Care (AFC) small group facility, but now he was requesting his realtor rush the closing process on a home in order to open an AFC facility sooner. Roland Awolope requested to move some of the residents of Delight’s AFC to the prospective facility with the intention of submitting for a new enrollment on 02/24/2025. He stated it was his intention to close on the new property and prospective AFC on or around 03/14/2025.

On 02/24/2025, I was provided guidance regarding Roland Awolope submitting an original enrollment for a new AFC facility with the intention to move the residents from Delight’s AFC to the prospective facility. I was directed the arrangement was acceptable as long as it was a temporary situation and no more than four residents were residing in the prospective facility. Additionally, all four residents moving to the prospective facility needed to be contracted through a local Community Mental Health agency. Additionally, Roland Awolope would submit an original application immediately.

I contacted Roland Awolope immediately after receiving direction informing him of the guidance provided. Roland Awolope acknowledged understanding of the arrangement.

On 02/24/2025, I drove by the facility and observed the garage and second story significantly damaged.

On 02/24/2025, I received Portage Department of Public Safety – Fire Division’s Full Data Incident Report Number 2025-00000802. According to this report, the fire department was dispatched to the facility on 02/22/2025 at 5:32 pm with active fire and smoke showing in the facility. The report documented the fire department was notified the home was an adult foster care facility and all the residents were out of the facility and accounted for. The report documented the “suspected cause is improperly discarded smoking materials in the garage”. The report documented the facility was a “Heavy loss. No utilities. Structure not suitable for occupation.”

On 02/27/2025, I received Portage Department of Public Safety – Fire Division’s “Report of Findings” regarding a “Structure Fire – Adult Foster Care Home” located for the facility’s address. The conclusion of the report is the fire originated inside the attached garage and evidence indicated the fire began near the refrigerator/freezer located in the garage. The report documented “interviews with occupants indicated recent smoking activity within the garage area before the discovery of the fire”. The report documented the “...cause of the fire was determined to be accidental due to improperly discarded smoking materials”.

The report documented five residents and staff, Martine Mkama, were interviewed during the investigation by Portage Department of Public Safety – Fire Division. According to the report, Resident A acknowledged smoking in the facility’s garage with Resident D and Resident E; however, the report documented he “...insisted he extinguished his cigarette on the concrete floor”. The report documented Resident D “initially declined to speak but later denied being in the garage despite contradictory accounts”. The report documented Resident E “claimed he exited the garage approximately two minutes before [Resident A] and did not observe any fire”. The report documented Resident B had no relevant information because he had been in his bedroom and Resident D reported he was not in the garage. Direct care staff, Martine Mkama, reported he detected smoke from the facility’s dining room. He reported he “...investigated by opening the service door to the garage near the front door of the structure and observed heavy smoke and a fire near the refrigerator”. Martine Mkama also reported a previous incident where Resident A improperly discarded a cigarette, nearly causing another fire; however, the report did not specify when this incident occurred.

On 02/27/2025, I interviewed Roland Awolope. He stated the facility was a total loss from the fire damage. He stated he was contemplating closing the license and

starting over with a new license. He also stated he was unable to submit any licensing paperwork for any of the residents as the only copies burned in the fire.

On 03/19/2025, I interviewed direct care staff, Martine Mkama, via telephone. His statement to me was consistent with what was reported in Portage Department of Public Safety – Fire Division’s “Report of Findings”. His statement was also consistent with the licensee’s statement to me except Martine Mkama identified Resident E as the resident smoking in the facility’s garage rather than Resident A as identified by Roland Awolope.

Martine Mkama stated around 3 pm on the afternoon of the fire, he discovered Resident A and Resident E in the garage with Resident E smoking. He stated he instructed both residents that smoking in the garage and facility were not allowed. Martine Mkama stated he observed Resident E put out the cigarette using his foot. He stated he reminded the residents to smoke outside in the designated smoking areas.

Martine Mkama stated around 5 pm he was in the facility’s dining room preparing dinner. He stated Resident A, D, and E were not in the dining room so he went upstairs to inform them dinner would be ready soon. He stated approximately five minutes later Resident D came into the dining room and reported Resident A and Resident E would be coming to dinner shortly. Martine Mkama stated he prepared and then administered Resident D’s medications, which took approximately 20 minutes.

Martine Mkama stated Resident E then came into the dining room area and then shortly after that, Resident C reported he thought he smelled smoke coming from the outside. Martine Mkama stated he went outside and saw smoke coming from the garage. He stated he and the other staff working, Dolpart Mhina, got all the residents out of the facility, including Resident A which he stated was in the facility upon him returning to the dining room after observing the smoke. Martine Mkama stated all the residents, including Resident A and Resident E, have independent community access. He stated all the residents could be out and about in the facility without constant staff supervision.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14403	Maintenance of premises.
	(1) A home shall be constructed, arranged, and maintained to provide adequately for the health, safety, and well-being of occupants.

ANALYSIS:	On 02/22/2025, the facility caught fire after two residents allegedly smoked in the garage and improperly disposed of their cigarettes. Consequently, the facility caught fire and caused extensive damage making the facility uninhabitable.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

On 03/11/2025 and 03/19/2025, I conducted my exit conference with the licensee, Roland Awolope, via in person and telephone, respectively. He stated he would accept the provisional recommendation with the intention of closing the license once his enrollment for new AFC at a different location was issued a temporary AFC license.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Due to the facility being uninhabitable after sustaining extensive fire damage, I recommend the license be modified to a provisional license.

Cathy Cushman

03/20/2025

Cathy Cushman
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Dawn Timm

03/20/2025

Dawn N. Timm
Area Manager

Date