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August 15, 2025

Andrew Akunne  
Carnegie AFC Inc  
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3879 Packard Street  
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RE: License #: AL630279364  
Investigation #: 2025A0626021  
Freedom Haven

Dear Mr. Akunne:

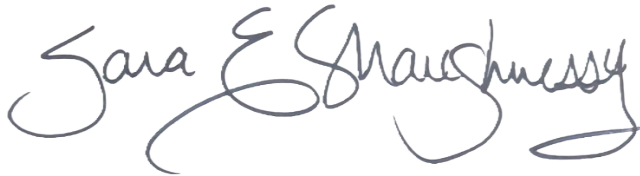
Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- 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 (248) 972-9136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sara E. Shaughnessy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sara" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Shaughnessy".

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	AL630279364
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2025A0626021
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	07/07/2025
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	07/07/2025
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	09/05/2025
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Carnegie AFC Inc
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	3879 Packard Street Ann Arbor, MI 48108
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(734) 973-7764
<b>Administrator:</b>	Andrew Akunne
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	Andrew Akunne
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Freedom Haven
<b>Facility Address:</b>	700-738 Wanda Ferndale, MI 48220
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(248) 548-3607
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	03/28/2007
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	08/01/2023
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	07/31/2025
<b>Capacity:</b>	20
<b>Program Type:</b>	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

Violation Established?	
The facility received a "D rating (disapproval)" on their fire inspection.	Yes

## III. METHODOLOGY

07/07/2025	Special Investigation Intake 2025A0626021
07/07/2025	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone The special investigation was initiated via a telephone interview with Bureau of Fire Safety inspector, Larry DeWachter.
07/07/2025	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone interviews took place with licensee, Andrew Akunne and home manager, Kim Scott.
07/21/2025	Contact - Telephone call made A telephone call was made to home manager, Kim Scott to inquire about the status of the system.
07/29/2025	Contact - Face to Face I conducted an onsite investigation at Freedom Haven. I interviewed home manager, Chinetha Wheeler, and Gerald Parker from Exquisite Fire and Safety.
07/29/2025	Contact - Document Received During the onsite investigation, I was provided with the documentation for the fire watch for Freedom Haven.
07/29/2025	Exit Conference An exit conference took place with Cindy Cline, program manager. The findings were discussed, and she indicated understanding.

## **ALLEGATION:**

**Freedom Haven received a “D rating (disapproval)” on their fire inspection.**

## **INVESTIGATION:**

On 07/07/2025, I opened an investigation into Freedom Haven, after reviewing a failed fire inspection report by the Bureau of Fire Safety. They received a “D” rating and were placed on a fire watch.

On 07/07/2025, I initiated the investigation by completing a phone interview with the Bureau of Fire Safety (BFS) inspector, Larry DeWachter. Mr. DeWachter informed me that the fire marshal was informed of the concerns with the fire alarm system at Freedom Haven. He stated there was an error light blinking and needed to be fixed.

On 07/07/2025, I completed a phone interview with licensee designee, Andrew Akunne. Mr. Akunne informed me that the system had not been fixed yet. He stated it needs a new front panel, and he is waiting for approval from BFS to move forward.

On 07/07/2025, I contacted Mr. DeWachter and asked about the need for approval. He explained that Freedom Haven needed to submit their plans to BFS and it can be replaced upon approval. He informed me that there wasn't anything to worry about, if safety was at risk, they would have called me immediately. He stated that getting licensing involved will sometimes get licensees to get things done quicker. He agreed to watch for the plans and make them a priority. He informed me that there is nothing licensing can do at this time and when the work is approved and completed, they will complete another inspection and send it to me.

On 07/07/2025, I completed a phone interview with the home manager, Kim Scott. Ms. Scott informed me that they were submitting the plans for the new panel as soon as possible and agreed to contact me when it is fixed. She agreed to get some smoke detectors for the home, per my request, as an interim safety precaution.

On 07/21/2025, I spoke with Ms. Scott, via telephone, and she informed me that they had the approval, and the panel will be replaced next week.

On 07/29/2025, I conducted an onsite investigation at Freedom Haven. I completed an interview with home manager, Chinetha Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler stated that Exquisite Fire and Safety, were at the home at that time. She stated they are replacing the whole system. She stated they have been following the fire watch guidelines and provided me with the hourly check documentation completed for the home. She stated the panel light had started blinking on 06/03/2025. The documents indicate the direct care staff members at Freedom Haven were documenting the location of all the residents every

hour, 24 hours per day, since 06/06/2025. I advised Ms. Wheeler to continue with the hourly checks until Freedom Haven receives an approved fire inspection from BFS.

On 07/29/2025, during my onsite investigation at Freedom Haven, I completed an interview with Exquise Fire and Safety employee, Gerald Parker. Mr. Parker stated the system is being worked on and should be done within 1-2 more days. He stated there is an issue with the sensors in the smoke detectors and they do not have the right part. Mr. Parker stated that as soon as he is finished, the fire inspector from Bureau of Fire Safety will be contacted and the inspection will be scheduled as soon as possible.

On 07/29/2025, I completed an in-person exit conference with the program manager for Carnegie AFC Inc, Cindy Cline. The findings were discussed, and Ms. Cline was informed that a corrective action plan would be required, and the renewal license cannot be issued until the facility passes the fire inspection.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>MCL 400.720</b>	<b>Certificate of approval from bureau of fire services and department; compliance; denial or certification with limitations; hearing.</b>
	<b>Sec. 20. (1) The department shall not issue a temporary, provisional, or regular license to an adult foster care facility with a capacity of more than 6 adults until the facility receives a certificate of approval from the bureau of fire services created in section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b, after compliance with fire safety standards prescribed in rules promulgated by the bureau of fire services pursuant to section 10(2)</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Based on the information gathered through the course of my investigation, it has been determined there is evidence to support the violation of not having approval from the Bureau of Fire Safety. The inspection report indicated the facility received a "D" rating and was placed on a fire watch due to a trouble light blinking on the control panel.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that upon receipt of an approved corrective action plan and an approved fire inspection completed by the Bureau of Fire Safety, there be no changes to the license.



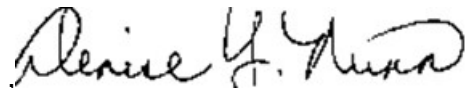
08/08/2025

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Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



08/15/2025

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Denise Y. Nunn  
Area Manager

Date