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October 8, 2020

Reynaert, Lori AND Maynard, Michelle
1445 W Nielson Rd
Sanford, MI 48657

RE: License #: AL560390137
Investigation #: 2020A0572039
Meridian Acres #1

Dear Reynaert, Lori AND Maynard, Michelle:

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 (810) 787-7031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Humphrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the end of the name.

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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 #:	AL560390137
Investigation #:	2020A0572039
Complaint Receipt Date:	08/07/2020
Investigation Initiation Date:	08/11/2020
Report Due Date:	10/06/2020
Licensee Name:	Reynaert, Lori AND Maynard, Michelle
Licensee Address:	1445 W Nielson Rd Sanford, MI 48657
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 859-6301
Administrator:	Michelle Maynard
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Meridian Acres #1
Facility Address:	2905 N. Meridian Rd Sanford, MI 48657
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 423-1400
Original Issuance Date:	11/26/2018
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	05/26/2019
Expiration Date:	05/25/2021
Capacity:	20
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ALZHEIMERS AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Environmental Health Inspection D Rating.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

08/07/2020	Special Investigation Intake 2020A0572039
08/11/2020	Special Investigation Initiated - Letter Licensee, Lori Draves-Reynaert.
08/12/2020	Contact - Document Received Licensee, Lori Draves-Reynaert.
10/02/2020	Contact - Telephone call made Licensee, Lori Draves-Reynaert.
10/02/2020	Exit Conference Licensee, Lori Draves-Reynaert.
10/02/2020	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
10/02/2020	Contact - Document Sent Alan Bloch, Environmental Health Inspector.
10/05/2020	Contact - Document Received Alan Bloch, Environmental Health Inspector.
10/02/2020	Contact - Telephone call made Alan Bloch, Environmental Health Inspector.

ALLEGATION:
Environmental Health Inspection D Rating.

INVESTIGATION:
On 08/07/2020, the local licensing department opened an investigation on Meridian Acres #1 due to failing their Environmental Health Inspection.

On 08/11/2020, an email was sent to Lori Draves-Reynaert regarding the D rating of the Environmental Health Inspection. A reply was received on 08/12/2020 informing me that they had an issue with the incorrect septic and they now have an engineer working to get it corrected.

On 10/02/2020, contact was made with Licensee, Lori Draves-Reynaert regarding any updates with the Septic. She informed that the Health Department and Engineer are coming out to the facility as they have been working with them to get everything corrected. From her understanding, the Environmental Health Inspector found that the field was too small and that the two Grinder Pumps was pushing the matter out too quickly. Since it was pushing the matter out too quickly, the field was not able to absorb the matter and it was causing sludge. Ms. Draves-Reynaert does not know why it's no longer approved as they had a Civil Engineer draw up the plans two years ago and the Environmental Health Department approved the plans. She indicated that they do not know anything about septic, but they ultimately have to pay for something that was originally approved for at a cost of approximately \$100,000.⁰⁰. Ms. Draves-Reynaert informed that there are no issues regarding the drinking water and that they can do laundry and have showers. One of the issues that they have is that with the septic issue, they are not to water the lawn. The facility has the money to pay for the correction and they are currently working with the Civil Engineer and Environmental Health Department. They just have to obtain 2 or 3 bids first and then they can move forward and hopefully have it taken care of as soon as possible.

On 10/02/2020, an email was sent to Alan Bloch, Environmental Health Inspector regarding the D Rating and whether or not the residents are at a risk of harm if they are using the water for drinking or bathing. Mr. Bloch responded on 10/05/2020 indicating that Meridian Acres has municipal water, so there is not a risk to their drinking water, etc. Mr. Bloch asked for me to give him a call so that he can better explain the situation.

On 10/06/2020, a phone call was made to Mr. Bloch regarding any additional information on the D Rating for the Environmental Health Inspection. Mr. Bloch informed that the facility is having drain field issues, so he is working with the facility to get the drain replaced. A barrier to this was the flood in Sanford, but the facility is working with himself and an Engineer to get everything resolved by 12/01/2020. The engineer has submitted the plans and work should begin within a couple weeks. If progress is not made by November 2020, then he may have to recommend that Meridian Acres do laundry at another location because it would no longer be cost-effective to do laundry at the facility. Mr. Bloch agreed to inform me if progress is not made and if the facility will have to resort to doing laundry at another location.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.15401	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:	Meridian Acres failed their environmental health inspection. They are currently working with the Environmental Health Specialist and the engineer assigned to the job. The water is not impacting the residents drinking water.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

On 10/02/2020, an Exit Conference was held with Licensee, Lori Draves-Reynaert regarding the investigation. She was informed that a citation would be issued due to the D Rating of the Environmental Health Inspection and to keep me informed of the progress or reason for lack of progress.

IV. **RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that no changes be made to the licensing status of this large adult foster care facility, pending the receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan (Capacity 1-20).



10/06/2020

Anthony Humphrey
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



10/08/2020

Ardra Hunter
Area Manager

Date