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January 24, 2022

Meagan Frye  
A Place Called Home In Dowagiac LLC  
50253 M51 N  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

RE: License #: AM140393406  
Investigation #: 2022A0578013  
A Place Called Home In Dowagiac

Dear Ms. Frye:

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 01/18/2022, you submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan.

It is expected that the corrective action plan be implemented within the specified time frames as outlined in the approved 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 (517) 284-9727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eli DeLeon".

Eli DeLeon, 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**

<b>License #:</b>	AM140393406
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2022A0578013
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	01/04/2022
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	01/07/2022
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	03/05/2022
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	A Place Called Home In Dowagiac LLC
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	50253 M51 N Dowagiac, MI 49047
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(269) 876-6523
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meagan Frye
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	Meagan Frye
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	A Place Called Home In Dowagiac
<b>Facility Address:</b>	50253 M51 N Dowagiac, MI 49047
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(269) 783-4585
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	07/03/2018
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	01/03/2021
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	01/02/2023
<b>Capacity:</b>	10
<b>Program Type:</b>	AGED

**II. ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
Fire Safety Certification Inspection was disapproved.	Yes

**III. METHODOLOGY**

01/04/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022A0578013
01/07/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone
01/13/2022	Exit Conference -With the licensee designee Meagan Frye.
01/13/2022	Contact-Document Reviewed - <i>Fire Safety Certification Inspection dated 12/16/2021.</i>
01/13/2022	Contact-Document Reviewed - <i>Fire Safety Certification Inspection dated 12/20/2021.</i>
01/13/2022	Contact-Document Received -Corrective Action Plan signed and dated by the licensee designee, Ms. Meagan Frye.

**ALLEGATION:**

**Fire Safety Certification Inspection was disapproved.**

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 01/04/2022, I received a *Fire Safety Certification Inspection* disapproval from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs dated 12/16/2022. The *Fire Safety Certification Inspection* stated the following:

“1 - Facilities housing residents who regularly require wheelchairs shall be equipped with ramps located at the required means of escape. Ramps shall be in compliance with Section 7.2.5 of the Code. Rule 108; 7.1.7.2.5

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS:**

> The ramp that serves the rear exit off the kitchen slider must terminate on solid ground at least as wide as the ramp itself. An unobstructed path to the common way is also required. Please cut the grass and make sure that the ground to the

driveway is flat, any holes filled in, and maintained free from obstructions like snow during the winter months.

2 - The adult foster care facility or designated representative shall ensure that the electrical wiring and equipment, including an emergency electrical supply if installed, is installed in compliance with the provisions of NFPA 70, as adopted in Chapter 2.2, as amended by and available as specified in R 400.18102. Rule 108; 9.1.2.1

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS:**

> Install cover on receptacle in basement on the left as you head down the stair.

3 - Any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire resistive construction, or any other feature requiring periodic testing, inspection, or operation to ensure its maintenance shall be tested, inspected, or operated as specified elsewhere in this code or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction. 4.6.12.4

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS:**

> Dryer vent is foil type and not approved. Must be ridged or ridged flex material.  
> I will need to see the final report from your Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspection. Keep in mind that you or your staff will have to do monthly inspections, and document them, of your fire extinguishers as well as your emergency lights. You can document your extinguishers right on the card provided or on a separate form. Your emergency lights will be tested monthly and usually documented on a separate form that you would keep next to all of your fire safety reports.

4 - To ensure operational integrity, the fire alarm system shall have an approved maintenance and testing program complying with the applicable requirements of NFPA 70 and NFPA 72. 9.6.1.5

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS:**

> We will need to see a copy of your Fire Alarm Sensitivity Report from your contractor prior to approval. As we discussed you will need to have your system sensitivity tested at least every other year. You will need to have your system inspected by your contractor annual.

5 - The administration of every adult foster care facility shall have, in effect and available to all personnel, written copies of a plan for protecting all persons in the event of fire and for evacuating persons from the building to the designated point of safety. The plan shall include special staff response, including fire protection procedures needed to ensure the safety of any resident, and shall be amended or revised whenever any resident with unusual needs is identified. All employees shall be periodically instructed and kept informed with respect to their duties and responsibilities under the plan, including the operation of fire alarm and other fire protection equipment. Such instruction shall be reviewed by the staff not less

than every 2 months. A copy of the plan shall be readily available at all times within the facility. The evacuation plan shall include provisions to protect residents who are either permanently or temporarily incapable of self-preservation. The evacuation plan shall be evaluated annual to ensure that all information is current and correct. Rule 401; 33.7.1.1

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS:**

> As we discussed please make sure that all employees review your Fire Safety Emergency Plan at least every 2 months. Most facilities create a form and request all employees sign to assure that they have completed this requirement.

6 - Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted not less than once per quarter per scheduled shift; daytime, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., evening 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., and night, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Rule 401; 33.7.3.1

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS:**

>As we discussed you will want to make sure and document fire drills at a minimum of once per quarter per shift at varying times and conditions.”


On 01/14/2022, I reviewed the details of the allegations with the licensee designee, Ms. Meagan Frye. Ms. Frye denied yet receiving the results of the *Fire Safety Certification Inspection* dated 12/16/2022 and was unaware an additional *Fire Safety Certification Inspection* was completed on 12/20/2022 which provided an approved rating. Ms. Frye confirmed this was facility was in the process of receiving a new license and that a *Correction Action Plan* would be provided.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>MCL 400.721</b>	<b>Facility licensed on March 27, 1980; compliance with fire safety standards; section inapplicable to installation of smoke and heat detection equipment.</b>
	<b>(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), an adult foster care facility licensed on March 27, 1980 shall be considered to be in compliance with the fire safety standards prescribed in rules promulgated under this act if the facility meets the fire safety standards prescribed in rules promulgated under former Act No. 287 of the Public Acts of 1972 which were in effect on March 27, 1980.</b>


<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	According to the <i>Fire Safety Certification</i> Inspection dated 12/16/2022, this facility received a disapproval rating. The <i>Fire Safety Certification Inspection</i> stated the ramp that serves the rear exit off the kitchen slider must terminate on solid ground at least as wide as the ramp itself, an outlet cover was missing on a basement receptacle, an unapproved dryer vent was being used, and documentation of annual fire extinguisher inspection, fire alarm sensitivity, and fire safety emergency plan are needed.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the current license status continue

 01/18/2022  
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 Eli DeLeon Date  
 Licensing Consultant

Approved By:

 01/24/2022  
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 Dawn N. Timm Date  
 Area Manager