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February 4, 2022

Laketa Brodnex
D.E.B. AFC Inc.
P.O Box 136
Bridgeport, MI 48722

RE: License #: AS730383437
Investigation #: 2022A0576013
D.E.B. AFC Inc. #5

Dear Mrs. Brodnex:

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.
- 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. 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) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Garza".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS730383437
Investigation #:	2022A0576013
Complaint Receipt Date:	12/13/2021
Investigation Initiation Date:	01/03/2022
Report Due Date:	02/11/2022
Licensee Name:	D.E.B. AFC Inc.
Licensee Address:	P.O Box 136, Bridgeport, MI 48722
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 714-0793
Administrator:	Laketa Brodnex
Licensee Designee:	Laketa Brodnex
Name of Facility:	D.E.B. AFC Inc. #5
Facility Address:	821 S. Fayette Street, Saginaw, MI 48602
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 475-4034
Original Issuance Date:	10/27/2017
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	04/27/2020
Expiration Date:	04/26/2022
Capacity:	5
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL, AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Residents from another AFC home are brought to the facility to be cared for.	Yes
Ms. Brodnex takes the residents' Bridge cards and buys groceries for herself.	No
Manager, Laketa Brodnex is verbally abusive to residents.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

12/13/2021	Special Investigation Intake 2022A0576013
12/13/2021	APS Referral Intake received from Adult Protective Services (APS)
01/03/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Interviewed Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex, Resident A, Resident B, Resident C, and Resident D
01/03/2022	Contact - Face to Face Interviewed Staff, Kia Brown
02/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Interviewed Relative D
02/04/2022	Exit Conference Exit Conference with Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex

ALLEGATION:

Residents from another AFC home are brought to the facility to be cared for.

INVESTIGATION:

On December 13, 2021, intake was received from Adult Protective Services (APS). The intake was denied for APS investigation.

On January 3, 2022, I completed an unannounced on-site inspection at D.E.B. AFC #5 and interviewed Resident A, Resident B, Resident C, Resident D, Home Manager, Kia Brown, and Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex. Resident A was outside smoking when I arrived. Resident A reported he does not live at D.E.B. AFC #5 and lives next door at D.E.B. AFC #4. Resident A reported he is only at his home, D.E.B. #4 from

7pm-8am and the remaining time he is at D.E.B. #5. Resident A comes to D.E.B. #5 every morning and he will go back to his home to sleep.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Home Manager Kia Brown who reported the facility has 5 residents who live at the home. I asked Ms. Brown how many residents are currently at the home as there were several residents sitting in the common areas of the home and in bedrooms. According to Ms. Brown, there were 9 residents at the home, 4 of whom reside next door at D.E.B. AFC #4. Ms. Brown reported they went to church and just returned. Ms. Brown is the only staff working currently at D.E.B. AFC #5 however there is also a staff person working next door at D.E.B. AFC #4.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident B who reported residents from the next-door facility, D.E.B. AFC #4 come to his home, D.E.B. #5 every day. He is not sure what time they come over because he is sleeping however, they stay until 6pm-7pm. All the residents from both homes have fellowship together and eat dinner together. After they eat, the residents from next door will go home.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident C who reported residents from another home are brought to his home to visit. Almost every day other residents come over depending on the weather. The residents come early in the morning, and they leave around 7pm in the evening.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident D who reported residents from another home come to his home almost every day at 8am-8:30am. The residents leave the home at 5pm-5:30pm after they eat dinner.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex who reported some residents from next door, D.E.B. AFC #4 come to D.E.B. AFC #5. The residents from next door arrive around 10am and return to their home about 3pm.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14105	Licensed capacity.
	(1) The number of residents cared for in a home and the number of resident beds shall not be more than the capacity that is authorized by the license.

ANALYSIS:	<p>It was alleged that residents from another home are brought to the facility to be cared for. Upon completion of an unannounced on-site inspection and investigative interviews there is a preponderance of evidence to conclude a rule violation.</p> <p>Upon arriving at D.E.B. AFC #5 there were 9 residents at the facility being cared for by staff, which is over the licensed capacity. Interviews with residents, the home manager, and licensee designee confirm residents from a neighboring AFC facility (D.E.B. AFC #4) are routinely brought to the home for care and supervision.</p>
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION:

Ms. Brodnex takes the residents' Bridge cards and buys groceries for herself.

INVESTIGATION:

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Home Manager, Kia Brown who reported there is only one resident at the facility who has a food stamp card and that is Resident D. Ms. Brown reported Resident D's relative, Relative D has the food stamp card and purchases food for Resident D. Ms. Brown denied anyone else is in possession of the card or that Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex uses the food stamp card to purchase groceries for herself or the facility.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident B who reported he does not have a food stamp card. Resident B reported he gets plenty of food to eat. Resident B denied any concerns.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex who reported only Resident D has a food stamp card and she is not in possession of the card or has ever used it to purchase food for herself. Resident D uses his food stamp card to purchase food items he wants for himself. Ms. Brodnex reported she buys plenty of food for the home.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident D who reported he has a bridge card and either he has the card or his relative. Resident D or his relative will purchase Resident D what he wants to eat with the card. Resident D denied Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex has ever had his food stamp card.

On February 4, 2022, I interviewed Resident D's relative, Relative D who reported Resident D is in possession of his food stamp card and he uses it to purchase food for himself. Relative D denied anyone has taken Resident D's card from him. Relative D

will take Resident D shopping and he always has his card on him. Relative D monitors Resident D's food stamp card purchases online, and he has not seen anything concerning.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14305	Resident protection.
	(1) A resident shall be assured privacy and protection from moral, social, and financial exploitation.
ANALYSIS:	<p>It was alleged that Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex uses resident food stamp cards to purchase food for herself. Upon completion of investigative interviews, there is not a preponderance of evidence to conclude a rule violation.</p> <p>Home Manager, Kia Brown and Ms. Brodnex report only Resident D has a food stamp card and he or his relative, Relative D is in possession of the card. Ms. Brodnex denied ever using Resident D's card to purchase food for herself or the home. Resident D confirmed he has a food stamp card and denied Ms. Brodnex has ever been in possession of the card. Relative D denied anyone has taken Resident D's food stamp card and reported he monitors purchases made on the card on-line. Relative D denied finding anything concerning with Resident D's card. There is not a preponderance of evidence to conclude residents are not assured protection from financial exploitation.</p>
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION:

Manager, Laketa Brodnex is verbally abusive to residents.

INVESTIGATION:

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Home Manager, Kia Brown who reported she has worked at the facility almost 4 years. Ms. Brown denied that Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex is verbally abusive toward the residents. Ms. Brown denied witnessing Ms. Brodnex mistreat the residents in any manner and stated Ms. Brodnex "goes above and beyond" for the residents. Ms. Brown denied any concerns with how Ms. Brodnex treats the residents.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident B who reported he has lived at his home for 6-7 months. Resident B likes his home a lot and the home is "ran with love". Resident B is familiar with Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex and he gets along well with her.

Resident B denied Ms. Brodnex is verbally abusive and she does not yell or call residents names. Resident B denied any concerns.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident C who reported he is not sure how long he has lived at the home. Resident C likes his home, and he is familiar with Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex. According to Resident C, Ms. Brodnex is nice, and she does not mistreat him. Resident C reported staff are nice and he likes them. Resident C confirmed he is comfortable at his home and denied any concerns.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Resident D who reported he has lived at his home for 4 years and it is good. Resident D denied Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex is verbally abusive toward him. Resident D gets along with Ms. Brodnex, and she is nice. Resident D denied having concerns with how he is treated at his home.

On January 3, 2022, I interviewed Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex who denied she is verbally abusive to the residents of the home. According to Ms. Brodnex, the residents "love her". Ms. Brodnex reported there are times that residents will yell and swear at her, and she has to redirect them and tell them to do better.

On February 4, 2022, I interviewed Resident D's relative, Relative D who reported Resident D has lived at D.E.B. #5 for approximately 3 years. Relative D denied having concerns with Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex or her treatment of Resident D. According to Relative D, Resident D would complain if he was being treated poorly and he has not complained to him about being mistreated.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14305	Resident protection.
	(3) A resident shall be treated with dignity and his or her personal needs, including protection and safety, shall be attended to at all times in accordance with the provisions of the act.
ANALYSIS:	It was alleged that Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex is verbally abusive toward the residents. There is not a preponderance of evidence to conclude a rule violation.

	Ms. Brodnex denies she is abusive toward the residents of the home. Ms. Brodnex reported she does have to redirect residents at times. Home Manager, Kia Brown denied any concerns with Ms. Brodnex treatment of the residents. Three residents were interviewed, and all denied having any concerns about there home or the treatment they receive from Ms. Brodnex. There is not a preponderance of evidence to conclude that residents are not treated with dignity or their safety and protection is not adhered to at all times.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

On February 4, 2022, I completed an Exit Conference with Licensee Designee, Laketa Brodnex. I advised Ms. Brodnex I would be requesting a corrective action plan for the cited rule violation.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon receipt of acceptable corrective action, no change in the license status is recommend.

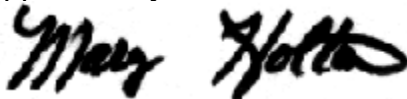


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Date