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December 6, 2022

Ramon Beltran
Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.
Suite 110
890 N. 10th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

RE: License #: AS130411523
Investigation #: 2023A1034001
Beacon Home At East Ave South

Dear Mr. Beltran:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. No substantial violations were found.

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,

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS130411523
Investigation #:	2023A1034001
Complaint Receipt Date:	10/21/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	10/21/2022
Report Due Date:	12/20/2022
Licensee Name:	Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.
Licensee Address:	Suite 110 890 N. 10th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 427-8400
Administrator:	Navpreet Kaur
Licensee Designee:	Ramon Beltran
Name of Facility:	Beacon Home At East Ave South
Facility Address:	20271 East Ave N Battle Creek, MI 49017
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 427-8400
Original Issuance Date:	04/13/2022
License Status:	TEMPORARY
Effective Date:	04/13/2022
Expiration Date:	10/12/2022
Capacity:	5
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Residents have access to crack, are using crack and prostituting for drugs while in the AFC facility.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

10/21/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2023A1034001
10/21/2022	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone call with Complainant, Complainant interviewed.
10/24/2022	Inspection Completed On-site interviewed home manager, Heather Cortes, direct care workers, Whitney Powell, Maria Granado, Gillian Johnston, Residents A and Resident B.
10/27/2022	Contact - Telephone call made interviewed direct care workers- Brittany Labadie and Jamie Anderson.
11/02/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance
11/07/2022	Exit Conference with licensee designee Ramon Beltran

ALLEGATION: Residents have access to crack, are using crack and prostituting for drugs while at the AFC facility.

INVESTIGATION:

On 10/20/2022, Complainant reported residents have access to drugs and are prostituting themselves for drugs while living at the AFC facility.

On 10/21/2022, I interviewed Complainant who reported Resident B is providing Resident A with crack cocaine and the residents have used crack cocaine daily over the last month at the AFC facility. Complainant reported crack is being provided by a friend who visits Resident B. Complainant also alleged Resident A had fifteen-minute community access on 10/21/2022 but was gone for two hours and prostituted for drugs.

On 10/24/2022, I conducted an unannounced onsite investigation and interviewed home manager Heather Cortes. Ms. Cortes reported being aware of a drug related incident involving Resident A and B inside the secured/fenced backyard on September 11, 2022. Ms. Cortes reported the incident was addressed by direct care workers, management and both residents. Ms. Cortes reported staff took the appropriate steps by contacting and filing a Battle Creek Police Department report, filing an AFC incident report involving both residents, checking each resident

to ensure no drugs were in their possession and working with management to limit Resident A's and B's visitation privileges. Ms. Cortes reported another incident occurred on October 11, 2022, where a supposed friend of Resident B brought a brown paper sack to the front door of the facility asking to visit with Resident B. Ms. Cortes reported management spoke with the supposed friend, asking for the name of the friend and advising the friend Resident B had limited visitation privileges. Ms. Cortes reported the friend would not provide a name and left the brown paper sack on the front porch. Ms. Cortes reported the police were contacted, came to the facility and confiscated the brown paper sack. Ms. Cortes denied any recent drug related incidents involving Residents A or B, denied Residents A or B recently having possession of any drugs and denied any knowledge or Resident A prostituting herself for drugs.

On 10/24/2022, I interviewed Resident A who denied knowing about Resident B having crack, Resident B trying to give her crack and denied prostituting herself for drugs during a community outing. Resident A then reported about a prior incident between her and Resident B relating to drugs but it was addressed by the staff at the home.

On 10/24/2022, I interviewed Resident B who denied having any knowledge about drug activity between her and Resident A, denied ever offering Resident A crack or knowing anything about Resident A prostituting herself for drugs. Resident B reported of a previous incident in September 2022 involving her and Resident A relating to drugs but it was addressed by staff at the home.

On 10/24/2022 and 10/27/2022, I interviewed direct care workers (DCW) Whitney Powell, Maria, Granado, Gillian Johnston and Jamie Anderson all of whom denied having any knowledge about Resident A and B having access to crack cocaine, Residents A and B using crack cocaine and/or prostituting themselves for drugs. DCWs Powell, Granado, Johnston and Anderson denied ever witnessing any drug activity occurring at Beacon Home at East Ave where Residents A and B reside or allowing this activity to occur with their knowledge.

On 10/27/2022, I interviewed direct care worker (DCW) Brittany Labadie who reported Resident A and B were caught in mid-September 2022 trying to use crack cocaine after Resident B's friend attempted to throw a small baggie of the drug over the wooden backyard fence. DCW Labadie denied working at the time of the incident but was informed what happened by the home manager and what proactive steps were implemented so this never happened again. DCW Labadie stated Residents A and B have limited contact with visitors, were not able to be left unsupervised outside and Resident A and B's day outings were limited. DCW Labadie reported in October 2022 and unknown adult male came to the home asking for Resident B. DCW Labadie reported advising the unknown adult male Resident B could not have visitors and then contacting the home manager about the unknown adult male's visit to the home. DCW Labadie denied witnessing any recent incidents involving Resident A and B relating to drugs, drug use and or anything about either resident

prostituting themselves for drugs.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14305	Resident protection.
	(1) A resident shall be assured privacy and protection from moral, social, and financial exploitation.
ANALYSIS:	Based on interviews with Resident A and B, DCWs Powell, Granado, Johnston, Anderson, Labadie and home manager Ms. Cortes, there is no evidence to support that residents have access to crack cocaine, are using crack cocaine and are prostituting for drugs.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the status of the license remain unchanged.

Kevin L Sellers

11/15/2022

Kevin Sellers
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Dawn Timm

12/06/2022

Dawn N. Timm
Area Manager

Date