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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA DIRECTOR

March 11, 2024

Rayann McCoy RSR Valley LLC 33255 26 Mile Road Lenox, MI 48048

> RE: License #: AM500408293 Investigation #: 2024A0617013

> > Sandalwood Valley I

Dear Ms. McCoy:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the severity of the violations, disciplinary action against your license is recommended. You will be notified in writing of the department's action and your options for resolution of this matter.

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) 975-5053.

Sincerely,

Eric Johnson, Licensing Consultant Bureau of Community and Health Systems Cadillac Place, Ste 9-100 3026 W Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48202

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

## I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AM500408293
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Investigation #:	202400617012
Investigation #:	2024A0617013
Complaint Receipt Date:	02/01/2024
Investigation Initiation Date:	02/05/2024
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Report Due Date:	03/02/2024
Report Due Date.	03/02/2024
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Licensee Name:	RSR Valley LLC
Licensee Address:	33255 26 Mile Road
	Lenox, MI 48048
Licensee Telephone #:	(586) 383-2802
Licensee Telephone #.	(300) 303-2002
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Administrator:	Rayann McCoy
Licensee Designee:	Rayann McCoy
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Name of Facility:	Sandalwood Valley I
Facility Address:	33255 26 Mile Rd
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	Lenox, MI 48048
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Facility Telephone #:	(586) 270-6784
Original Issuance Date:	11/15/2021
License Status:	REGULAR
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Effective Date:	05/15/2022
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	05/44/0004
Expiration Date:	05/14/2024
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
3	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
	ALZHEIMERS; AGED
	TRAUMATICALLY BRAIN INJURED

# II. ALLEGATION(S)

# Violation Established?

The facility is understaffed and residents are not supervised properly or being cared for.	Yes
The food provided is inadequate.	Yes

## II. METHODOLOGY

02/01/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A0617013
02/05/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone TC to the Complainant
02/05/2024	Contact - Document Received Email from Complainant that included pictures of resident injuries and falls
02/05/2024	Inspection Completed On-site I completed an unannounced onsite inspection of the facility. During my onsite inspection I interviewed Licensee Designee Ms. Rayann McCoy, facility manager Cindy Shelly, staff Stephanie Jemison, Latrese Pearson and cook Martin Brabant. I also interviewed Residents A, B, C, O, I, J, M, A and G.
02/16/2024	Contact - Telephone call made Email sent to Ms. McCoy
02/19/2024	Contact - Telephone call received I interviewed Resident H's son
02/19/2024	Contact - Document Received Email from Ms. McCoy. Email included Resident Registry, staff schedules, Incident reports, employee list, assessment plans, and resident ID forms
02/19/2024	Contact - Telephone call made TC to staff Paul Mattarella
02/20/2024	Contact - Document Received Email from Resident H's son

02/22/2024	Contact - Document Received Email from Resident H's son
02/22/2024	Contact - Document Received Email from Complainant including pictures of resident injuries
02/22/2024	Contact - Document Sent Email sent to Ms. McCoy
02/22/2024	Contact - Document Received Email from Ms. McCoy
02/23/2024	Contact - Telephone call made I interviewed Beacon Home Care nurse Autumn Roberts
02/23/2024	Contact - Telephone call made TC made to Mr. Paul Mattarella
02/23/2024	Contact - Telephone call made I interviewed staff Danielle Nasser
02/23/2024	Contact- Telephone call made I interviewed staff Ashly Shreffler
02/23/2024	APS Referral made Referral made to Adult Protective Services (APS)
02/28/2024	Exit Conference I conducted an exit conference with Licensee Designee Rayann McCoy to discuss the findings of this report

#### **ALLEGATION:**

The facility is understaffed and residents are not supervised properly or being cared for.

#### **INVESTIGATION:**

On 02/01/23, a complaint was received regarding Sandalwood Valley I. The complaint indicated the facility's lack of care and reckless disregard for the health, safety, and well-being of all the residents who reside at these two facilities are beyond appalling. There are no proper policies or procedures set in place that hold staff members accountable for ensuring the safety and overall well-being of each resident. The lack of sufficient staff-to-client ratio continues to go unaddressed by management. Being short-staffed each day has negatively affected the quality of care being given to each

resident. The weekly menu for meals that should be prepared is not posted and cooks are serving whatever is available due to a lack of groceries being provided for both facilities. Staff are being forced to provide care and support for residents with complex and terminal illnesses, who should have specialist care and support for them to receive the correct level of care needed.

Sandalwood Valley 1 AM500408293 and Sandalwood Valley 2 AM500408396 are two separate facilities that are connected and share a kitchen.

On 02/05/24, I conducted an interview with the complainant. According to the complainant, even though the facility has two separate licenses, they treat the facility as one facility and schedules are posted with two staff members to care for the entire facility. The layout of the facility leaves caregivers without the ability to maintain visual and auditory monitoring of each resident at all times. The complainant stated that the lack of care and reckless disregard for the health, safety and well-being of all the residents that reside at these two facilities are beyond appalling. There are no proper policies or procedures set in place that hold staff members accountable for ensuring the safety and overall well-being of each resident. The lack of sufficient staff to client ratio continues to go unaddressed by management which is causing burnout amongst numerous caregivers. For this reason, some caregivers have taken mental health days off, in order to recover from the stressful environment that they are forced to work in. This issue also causes daily call offs on each shift which leaves caregivers often left alone to operate daily functions of both facilities without help. Being short staffed each day has negatively affected the quality of care being given to each resident. According to the complainant, Sandalwood Valley 1 has 12 rooms of which six of those rooms are occupied. Three of the residents, Residents A, E, and G are two-person assist, with Resident E also needing staff assistance being fed. Sandalwood Valley 2 has 12 rooms in which seven of those rooms are occupied. Two of the residents, Residents H, and L are both two- person assist and require assistance being fed. Resident N is bed bound and needs monitoring while eating meals.

According to the complainant, the med techs are scheduled to act as caregiver, med tech, shift leader and sometimes cook for both licensed facilities. This leaves the med tech responsible for get-ups, showers, med passing, and over-seeing both facilities while also answering phones, handling resident family concerns and being present during hospice visits and doctor appointments. Because of this, often resident showers are being missed without follow-up to ensure they received their showers for the week. Caregivers are also showering two person assists with only one caregiver as well as caring for them alone, which is dangerous not only for the resident but the caregiver as well. Unexpected injuries and sores have been found on residents in both facilities. Resident E in Sandalwood Valley 1 has received unexpected injuries.

Resident H who resides in Sandalwood Valley 2, began to have skin break down on her buttocks which was reported to Cindy Shelly the manager. This went unaddressed until a caregiver took it upon herself to schedule a doctor appointment for her, which occurred on 1/25/24. The caregiver also scheduled for Resident F who resides in

Sandalwood Valley 1, to be seen as well that day. Resident F required medical treatment after staff reported to manager Cindy that the resident had a large amount of blood in her urine and in her brief. Resident F's urine had an unusually strong odor. Cindy told staff she believed it was from a hemorrhoid and left the situation unaddressed for weeks. When Dr. Pou saw the resident, he ordered a urine sample and ultrasound to be done which they are currently waiting on the test results to come back.

According to the complainant, on numerous occasions residents have fallen on the floor without staff notifying the residents guardians or proper documentation being filled out regarding each incident. On 12/23/23 Resident F was found by a caregiver on the floor in her bedroom doorway without pants on. Staff was unaware of how long she was there due to lack of staff on duty and the camera monitor not working. (I received and reviewed pictures of this incident). On 1/27/24 one med tech and one caregiver were scheduled on dayshift to cover both buildings. Resident H who resides in Sandalwood Valley 2, had to be sent to the hospital on this day. This left one caregiver to assist with both facilities while the med tech handled the situation during lunch hours. During this time, Resident A who resides in Sandalwood Valley 1, which is a two person assist, had to sit in his feces for three hours before staff were available to change his brief. He also stayed in bed due to lack of staff to help get him up and he missed lunch this day because there was not enough staff on duty considering the emergency with Resident H. Resident C has been residing in Sandalwood Valley 1 for over a month and has yet to take a shower. This resident refuses showers and the manager Cindy is fully aware of this and has yet to contact her guardian to address the situation.

According to the complainant, on 1/27/24, dayshift med tech found a cup with used needles sitting on the bedside table of Resident G who resides in Sandalwood Valley 1. The med tech immediately removed the cup and notified Cindy the manager via text and the issue went unaddressed. (I received and reviewed pictures of this incident). On 1/28/24, med tech on the midnight shift found five empty fireball liquor bottles in the employee bathroom trash can. Pictures were taken and sent to the manager via text which went unaddressed. (I received and reviewed pictures of this incident).

According to the complainant, staff have also supplied the facility with needed items such as toilet paper, plastic spoons for crushed med orders, and other supplies needed for residents without compensation from management. Staff are being forced to provide care and support for residents with complex and terminal illnesses, who should have specialist care and support for them to receive the correct level of care they need. Resident A who resides in Sandalwood Valley 1 has an order from his hospice nurse to have his catheter flushed daily to prevent build-up of mucus within his bladder. Staff have told manager Cindy that they were uncomfortable with performing this task due to lack of experience in providing such care and they were told that they must do it because his hospice nurse said she refuses to come to the facility daily to do so. All the complaints continue to go unaddressed even after management has been notified. Management continues to admit new residents into the facilities without the proper staff and supplies needed in order to give residents, the proper care they deserve. Staff are being told "it's called job security" when they tell manager Cindy their concerns with

moving new residents in without hiring proper staff. Management is not doing anything to enrich the lives of the residents that reside in both facilities. They definitely have not done anything at all to reduce the probability of future injury to residents.

On 02/05/24, I completed an unannounced onsite investigation of the facility. During my onsite inspection I interviewed Licensee Designee Ms. Rayann McCoy, facility manager Cindy Shelly, staff Stephanie Jemison, Latrese Pearson and cook Martin Brabant. I also interviewed Residents A, B, C, and G.

When I arrived at the facility on 02/5/24, I observed the cook Martin Brabant cooking and staff Stephenie Jemison assisting residents for both facilities. Facility manager Cindy Shelly was upstairs in the staff office for approximately 15 to 20 minutes, leaving Ms. Jemison to care for all of the residents for both facilities. Staff were unable to provide me Resident files including incident reports and assessment plans. Ms. Shelly was not able to provide me with staff schedules before 1/28/24. Ms. Shelly stated that since the departure of former licensee designee Ms. Strickland, the paperwork and files are not in order, and she would have to spend time sorting through the staff office to find requested documents.

During the onsite investigation, staff stated that there is a total of five two-person assist between the two facilities. Residents A, E and G are two person assist residents residing in Sandalwood Valley 1. Residents H and L are two person assist residents residing in Sandalwood Valley 2. I reviewed the posted staff schedules from 1/28/24 to 2/10/24. According to the staff schedules, the facilities was short staffed on the following dates and times:

- 1/28/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 7am to 3pm
  - 1 staff scheduled to cover both facilities from 8pm to 11pm
  - o 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 11pm to 7am
- 1/29/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled to cover both facilities from 8pm to 11pm
  - o 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 11pm to 7am
- 1/30/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled to cover both facilities from 8pm to 11pm
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 11pm to 7am
- 1/31/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 7am to 3pm and 3pm to 8pm
  - o 1 staff scheduled to cover both facilities from 8pm to 11pm
  - o 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 11pm to 7am
- 2/1/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled each facility from 8pm to 7am
- 2/2/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled to cover both facilities from 8pm to 11pm
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 11pm to 7am
- 2/3/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 8pm to 7am

- 2/4/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 7am to 3pm
  - o 1 staff scheduled to cover both facilities from 8pm to 11pm
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 11pm to 7am
- 2/5/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 2pm to 3pm, and 8pm to 7am
- 2/6/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 8pm to 7am
- 2/7/2024:
  - o 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 8pm to 7am
- 2/8/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 8pm to 7am
- 2/9/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 7am to 3pm and 8pm to 7am
- 2/10/2024:
  - 1 staff scheduled for each facility from 7am to 7am

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed the facility manager Ms. Cindy Shelly. Ms. Shelly stated that there are no issues at the facility regarding care for the residents. According to Ms. Shelly, the facilities are not short staff although there are call offs often. Ms. Shelly stated that one staff member per facility is sufficient to provide adequate care for the residents, although there are five residents between the two facilities who require two staff to provide sufficient care. Originally, Ms. Shelly stated that there have not been any resident falls but later recanted and stated that there have been multiple resident falls. Ms. Shelly could not provide any documentation of any resident falls. According to Ms. Shelly, she has not seen any staff at work intoxicated or drinking on the job. Ms. Shelly stated that on 1/28/24, a staff member found alcohol bottles in a pile of supplies. The bottles were empty and thrown away. Ms. Shelly is not sure how long the bottles were there. While onsite staff showed me a text message that was sent to Ms. Shelly displaying five empty bottles of fireball alcohol in the trash. The text message dated 1/28/24 stated, "someone on afternoon shift drank five bottles of fireball and left it in the employee bathroom trash."

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed staff Stephanie Jemison. According to Ms. Jemison, there has not been sufficient staff for several months. Staff will often call off, leaving the facilities short staff to pass meds, provide care and sometimes cook for the residents. There have been a multitude of times where one staff would have to provide care for both buildings. Ms. Jemison does not believe one person can adequately provide care to the residents, as many of the residents are high needs. Due to lack of staffing, residents are not properly and timely changed, which leaves residents in soiled briefs long period of times. According to Ms. Jemison, almost every day that she has come in at 7am, the residents are soaked in urine and feces. During the afternoon and night shift, there is often one staff to cover both buildings and as a result, there has been an increase in resident falls. Ms. Jemison showed me a text message from 2/3/24 at 1:36am that a coworker sent her, asking if she could come in on her off day due to

that staff being alone and residents on the floor that she could not get up alone. Ms. Jemison stated that one staff can't get residents up, dressed, fed, toileted, showered, etc. When there is only one person working there are often situations where staff get caught up helping a resident and has to ignore and neglect the others. Ms. Jemison stated that less than a week ago, there was a situation where EMS had to be called for a resident. One staff member had to assist with the emergency which left one other staff member to care for both facilities. During this time, there was a resident who is a two person assist and he had to wait at least three hours before he could be changed. That resident was soaked with urine and feces.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed staff Latrese Pearson. According to Ms. Pearson, there is a lack of staff, which causes residents not to receive proper and timely care. Ms. Pearson stated that there always call offs from staff that causes them to be short staffed. There have been multiple times that she had to cover both buildings by herself

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed staff licensee designee Ms. Rayann McCoy. According to Ms. McCoy, she just took over as licensee designee and has not had a chance to get the facilities in order.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident C. Resident C had no issues or concerns to report with regards to her care or the care of any of her housemates.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident B. Resident B had no issues or concerns to report with regards to her care or the care of any of her housemates.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident A. Resident A stated that there are not enough staff almost every day. Resident A stated that he requires two people to provide care for him. When the facility is short staffed, he has to wait long periods of time for staff to get him up, dressed, changed and fed. According to Resident A, he has fallen multiple times and had to wait long periods of time for enough staff to arrive at the facility to get him up because one person is not enough to get him up. During the night shift, Resident A has a tough time getting assistance from staff. Resident A stated that the afternoon/night workers are not that good. Resident A has observed and smelled night staff intoxicated from alcohol. Resident A did not feel comfortable disclosing which staff he has observed intoxicated.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident G. Resident G reported that there is not enough staff almost every day. Resident G stated that he requires two people to provide care for him. When the facility is short staffed, he has to wait long periods of time for staff to get him up, dressed, changed and fed.

On 2/19/24, I received and reviewed Resident Assessment plans and incident reports sent by Ms. McCoy. Almost all the assessments were outdated or completed on 2/7/24 with no signatures from the guardians. None of the incident reports indicate that the resident's guardians were contacted.

On 02/21/24, I received an email from the complainant. According to the complainant, things have not changed since my onsite investigation on 2/5/24. Since that time, the facility has brought in two new residents, with one being a two-person assist. The complainant stated that the managers created a fake schedule to reflect that the facility have coverage but that is not true. The complainant sent me copies of the real schedule and a copy of the fake schedule. The complainant also sent a photo of the new resident showing how staff wrapped gauze around his neck and left his tumor to bleed out all night. According to the complainant, the picture reflects how she found him when she arrived on the day shift.

On 02/22/24, I received and reviewed an updated Resident Registry for both facilities from Ms. McCoy. According to the updated Resident Registry, the facility has admitted one new resident since 2/5/24.

On 2/23/24, I interviewed staff Danielle Nasser. According to Ms. Nesser, both facilities are extremely short staffed and overworked. She primarily works the night shift and there are only two people scheduled for the entire building. There have been multiple resident falls during the night shift due to staff being overwhelmed by other resident needs. Ms. Nasser stated that she recently worked by herself to cover both buildings and Resident O who resides in Sandalwood Valley 2, fell and she was unaware due to assisting other residents. She is not sure how long Resident O was on the floor before she discovered her. According to Ms. Nasser, she has witnessed other staff (approximately four different staff members) intoxicated on shift. Sometimes they come into work intoxicated or they drink on the job. Ms. Nasser stated that there have been cases of COVID in the building and staff were unaware due to improper testing. Also, the facility lacked appropriate PPE supplies. Due to being short staffed, management have recently started denying time off for staff, even for legitimate reasons, which has resulted in the loss of even more staff.

On 02/23/24, I interviewed staff Ashly Shreffler. According to Ms. Shreffler, there have been multiple residents who have sustained injuries in recent weeks. Ms. Shreffler stated that staff do not always properly use assistive devices and sometimes are too rough with the residents. Ms. Shreffler stated that residents are not being showered consistently.

According to Ms. Shreffler, there have been multiple residents who have contracted COVID, but the facility was unaware because the tests at the facility are expired. Staff then contacted the home care nurse to come out and the nurse immediately sent the resident out to the hospital. Other residents started showing COVID symptoms, but the tests were negative because the tests were expired. Ms. McCoy brought new test kits to the facility that were still expired. Ms. Shreffler and her children tested positive for COVID recently due the facility's mismanagement of testing. Ms. Shreffler stated that on 02/22/24, cook Paul Mattarella tested positive for COVID. The facility does not have sufficient PPE supplies.

According to Ms. Shreffler, the facility stopped paying staff overtime and now many staff members are not working extra hours, which causes the facility to be even more short staffed. According to Ms. Shreffler, management created a fake schedule after my onsite investigation on 2/5/24, to display proper staffing. However, staff was told to continue working their normal schedule and to ignore the new posted schedule. According to Ms. Shreffler, management hired a worker named April Halatsis, and she did not pass her background check. Ms. Halatisis worked from 02/01/24 to 02/17/24.

I observed the staff schedule and April Halatsis was on the schedule from 2/4/24 to 2/10/24. I also reviewed the facility's department file, and observed an Employment Disqualification Notice which indicates April Halatsis is ineligible to work at an AFC licensed facility until 10/8/28. The notice was dated 2/16/24. According to Ms. Shreffler, she has witnessed staff intoxicated on shift. Sometimes they come into work intoxicated or they drink on the job.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14204	Direct care staff; qualifications and training
	(2) Direct care staff shall possess all of the following qualifications:  (a) Be suitable to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual and social needs of each resident.  (b) Be capable of appropriately handling emergency situations.
ANALYSIS:	On 1/28/24, a med tech on the midnight shift found five empty fireball liquor bottles in the employee bathroom trash can. During the onsite investigation, staff showed me a text message that was sent to Ms. Shelly displaying five empty bottles of fireball alcohol in the trash. The text message dated 1/28/24 stated, "someone on afternoon shift drank five bottles of fireball and left it in the employee bathroom trash." Multiple staff and residents stated that they have witnessed staff working the afternoon and night shift being intoxicated and or drinking on shift.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14206	Staffing requirements.
	(2) A licensee shall have sufficient direct care staff on duty at all times for the supervision, personal care, and protection of residents and to provide the services
	specified in the resident's resident care agreement and assessment plan.

ANALYSIS:	During the onsite investigation, I observed that there is a total of three two-person assist residents in this facility. I reviewed the posted staff schedules from 1/28/24 to 2/10/24. According to the staff schedules, the facility did not schedule or have enough staff to meet the needs of the residents everyday between 1/28 to 2/10/24. The facility often has one to two people working in each building in the afternoon and night shift. Due to improper staffing, multiple residents were injured. I also observed residents sitting in the dining room for over 30 minutes waiting to be fed due to lack of staff. There were not enough staff to watch and feed the residents in the dining room and feed the bedbound residents in their rooms. The two-person assist residents were left in their rooms and had to wait until the other residents finished eating so that there would be sufficient staff to safely get those residents up and out of bed.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14209	Home records generally.
	<ul> <li>(1) A licensee shall keep, maintain, and make available for department review, all the following home records: <ul> <li>(d) Resident Records</li> <li>(g) Accident records and incident reports.</li> <li>(h) Personnel records, as required in R 400.15208</li> <li>(t) Menus</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ANALYSIS:	During the onsite investigation, staff were unable to provide me resident files including incident reports and assessment plans. Ms. Shelly was not able to provide me with staff schedules before 1/28/24. Ms. Shelly stated that since the departure of former licensee designee Ms. Strickland, the paperwork and files are not in order, and she would have to spend time sorting through the staff office to find requested documents. No resident falls or hospitalization were documented. On 02/19, Ms. McCoy emailed me copies of incident reports. None of the incident reports indicate that the resident's guardians were contacted. The menu posted was dated 12/31/23 to 1/6/24. Ms. Shelly stated that there are more up to date menus, but she was unable to provide them to me.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14303	Resident care; licensee responsibilities.
	(2) A licensee shall provide supervision, protection, and personal care as defined in the act and as specified in the resident's written assessment plan.
ANALYSIS:	During the onsite investigation, I observed that there is a total of three two-person assist residents in this facility. According to the posted staff schedules from 1/28/24 to 2/10/24, the facility did not schedule or have enough staff to meet the needs of the residents everyday between 1/28 to 2/10/24. The facility often has one to two people working in each building in the afternoon and night shift. Due to improper staffing, multiple residents were injured. On 2/19/24, Ms. McCoy emailed copies of resident assessment plans and Resident A and Resident E are two-person assist residents. However, the facility doesn't schedule enough staff to meet the needs of the residents as specified in the residents' care plans.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

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:	Due to improper staffing, multiple residents were injured. During the onsite, I observed residents sitting in the dining room for over 30 minutes waiting to be fed due to lack of staff. There were not enough staff to watch and feed the residents in the dining room and feed the bedbound residents in their rooms. The three two-person assist residents were left in their rooms and had to wait until the other residents finished eating so that there would be sufficient staff to safely get those residents up and out of bed. I received and reviewed multiple pictures of various residents on the floor from falls, pictures of residents with injuries such as bed sores and leaking tumors. There also pictures of residents soiled bedding and clothing.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14316	Resident records.
	(1) A licensee shall complete, and maintain in the home, a separate record for each resident and shall provide record information as required by the department. A resident record shall include, at a minimum, all of the following information:
	(a) Identifying information, including, at a minimum, all of the following:
	(i) Name. (ii) Social security number, date of birth, case number, and marital status. (iii) Former address.
	(iv) Name, address, and telephone number of the next of kin or the designated representative.
	(v) Name, address, and telephone number of the person and agency responsible for the resident's placement in the home.
	(vi) Name, address, and telephone number of the preferred physician and hospital.
	<ul> <li>(vii) Medical insurance.</li> <li>(viii) Funeral provisions and preferences.</li> <li>(ix) Resident's religious preference information.</li> <li>(b) Date of admission.</li> </ul>
	(c) Date of discharge and the place to which the resident was discharged.
	(d) Health care information, including all of the following:
	(i) Health care appraisals. (ii) Medication logs.
	(iii) Statements and instructions for supervising prescribed medication, including dietary supplements and individual special medical procedures.  (iv) A record of physician contacts.
	(v) Instructions for emergency care and advanced medical directives.
	<ul><li>(e) Resident care agreement.</li><li>(f) Assessment plan.</li><li>(g) Weight record.</li></ul>
	<ul><li>(h) Incident reports and accident records.</li><li>(i) Resident funds and valuables record and resident refund agreement.</li></ul>
	(j) Resident grievances and complaints.

#### **ALLEGATION:**

The foods provided are inadequate.

#### **INVESTIGATION:**

According to the complainant, residents at this facility are not being fed proper nutritious meals each day. The required weekly menu for meals that should be prepared are not posted and cooks are serving whatever is available due to lack of groceries being provided for both facilities. Cooks are not preparing special dietary meals to residents that are in their care plans. Caregivers often spend their own money on meals for residents when they run out of items without being compensated for the purchases. On 1/30/24 the facility only had four eggs to feed all thirteen residents. The cook on duty called the manager Cindy to inform her and she told him to serve everyone oatmeal.

I interviewed Ms. Shelly on 02/05/24. According to Ms. Shelly, groceries are ordered once a week to biweekly, depending on the needs of the home. Ms. Shelly stated that there are no issues with adequate and nutritious food being provided to the residents.

During the onsite investigation I observed an outdated menu posted in the kitchen. The menu posted was dated 12/31/23 to 1/6/24. Ms. Shelly stated that there are more up to date menus, but she was unable to provide them to me. Also, there was not a list of residents or special menus for residents who require an alternate menu.

I observed the refrigerator, cabinets, and freezers to be fully stocked with appropriate amounts of food. The facility has multiple freezers and I observed the freezers to be fully stocked with an assortment of frozen meat, vegetables and other frozen food entries.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed cook Martin Brabant. According to Mr. Brabant, there are no issues with food at the facility. Although there are no updated menus, Mr. Brabant stated that he has worked there long enough to be able to make up

his own menu based on the foods available. He stated that he always makes sure that the residents have a protein, starch and vegetables. Mr. Brabant stated that he works five days a week Thursday to Monday from 6:30am to 1:30 and is responsible for breakfast and lunch. According to Mr. Brabant, he prepared fried eggs, ham and toast for breakfast.

I observed Mr. Brabant prepare roast beef, gravy and green beans for lunch. I also observed residents sitting in the dining room for over 30 minutes waiting to be fed due to lack of staff. There were not enough staff to watch and feed the residents in the dining room and feed the bedbound residents in their rooms. The two-person assist residents were left in their rooms and had to wait until the other residents finished eating so that there would be sufficient staff to safely get those residents up and out of bed.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident C. Resident C had no issues or concerns to report with regards to the meals and food being provided at the facility.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident B. Resident B had no issues or concerns to report with regards to the meals and food being provided at the facility.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident A. Resident A stated that he had no concerns with regards to the meals and food being provided at the facility.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Resident G. Resident G stated that he had no concerns with regards to the meals and food being provided at the facility.

According to staff Danielle Nasser, cook Paul Mattarella calls of work often, leaving caregivers to cook in addition to their other duties. When Mr. Mattarella does work, he doesn't follow a menu and just put things together. Ms. Nasser stated that the food does not look appetizing and are often small in portions.

On 02/28/24, I conducted an exit conference with Licensee Designee Rayann McCoy to discuss the findings of this report. Ms. McCoy stated that she is actively interviewing to hire more staff.

APPLICABLE RULE		
R 400.14313	Resident nutrition.	
	(1) A licensee shall provide a minimum of 3 regular, nutritious meals daily. Meals shall be of proper form, consistency, and temperature. Not more than 14 hours shall elapse between the evening and morning meal.	
ANALYSIS:	During my unannounced onsite investigations, I observed the residents eating lunch. The foods for both facilities are kept in one kitchen. I observed the refrigerator, freezer, and pantries with appropriate amounts of food. However, according to the	

	complainant, residents at both facilities are not being fed proper nutritious meals each day. The required weekly menu for meals that should be prepared are not posted and cooks are serving whatever is available due to lack of groceries being provided for both facilities.
	According to Ms. Nasser, When Mr. Mattarella does work, he doesn't follow a menu and just put things together. Ms. Nasser stated that the food does not look appetizing and are often small in portions. I received and reviewed a picture of a meal that was provided for the residents. The meal was a small portion and did not look appealing.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE		
R 400.14313	Resident nutrition.	
	(3) Special diets shall be prescribed only by a physician. A resident who has been prescribed a special diet shall be provided such a diet.	
ANALYSIS:	During the onsite investigation I observed an outdated menu posted in the kitchen. The menu posted was dated 12/31/23 to 1/6/24. Ms. Shelly stated that there are more up to date menus, but she was unable to provide them to me. Also, there was not a list of residents or special menus for residents who require an alternate menu. According to Resident Files, Resident E requires a special diet.	
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED	

APPLICABLE RULE		
R 400.14313	Resident nutrition.	
	(5) Records of menus, including special diets, as served	
	shall be provided upon request by the department.	
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ANALYSIS:	During the onsite investigation I observed an outdated Menu posted in the kitchen. Menu posted was dated 12/31/23 to 1/6/24. Ms. Shelly stated that there are more up to date menus but she was unable to provide them to me. Also, there was not a list of residents or special menus for residents who require an alternate menu. According to Resident Files, Residents E, requires a special diet.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

## III. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend revocation of the license.

2)	03/06/24	
Eric Johnson		Date
Licensing Consultant		

Approved By:

Denise Y. Nunn Date Area Manager