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July 18, 2022

Vicky Cates
3960 Sharp Rd.
Adrian, MI 49256

RE: License #: AM460095319
Investigation #: 2022A1032012
New Beginnings AFC

Dear Ms. Cates:

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. If I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616) 356-0183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dwight Forde".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AM460095319
Investigation #:	2022A1032012
Complaint Receipt Date:	06/22/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	06/23/2022
Report Due Date:	07/22/2022
Licensee Name:	Vicky Cates
Licensee Address:	3960 Sharp Rd. Adrian, MI 49256
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 902-3950
Licensee/Administrator:	Vicky Cates
Name of Facility:	New Beginnings AFC
Facility Address:	211 E. Main Street Morenci, MI 49256
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 458-6926
Original Issuance Date:	05/24/2001
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	03/21/2022
Expiration Date:	03/20/2024
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Staff do not intervene when residents attack each other and smoke marijuana.	No
An employee burns leaves in the yard.	No
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

06/22/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022A1032012
06/23/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - Face to Face with employee Theresa Morey, Residents A, B, C and D
06/23/2022	Inspection Completed On-site
06/23/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Theresa Morey.
06/23/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to licensee, Vicki Cates
07/01/2022	Exit Conference Exit Conference with Vicki Cates, Licensee

ALLEGATION:

Staff do not intervene when residents attack each other and smoke marijuana.

INVESTIGATION:

On 6/23/22, I made contact with Morenci Police Department dispatch. I was provided copies of two reports of police contact at the home. The reports detail police response to an assault at the home and an issue with dogs. The assault involved Resident A attacking Resident B; Theresa called for service on May 17th 2022. The other report references an issue with dogs entering a neighbor's yard.

On 6/23/22, I interviewed employee Theresa Morey at the home. Ms. Morey denied leaving her dogs outside all day. The dogs were heard barking upstairs. She denied that she smokes marijuana at the home. She denied that she sets fires in the yard. Ms. Morey reported that Resident A set fires in the yard against staff advice. She stated that Resident A assaulted Resident B about a month ago and she called the police.

Ms. Morey stated that Resident A had been involved in a standoff with the police the night before, where he made threats to burn the house down. She stated that he barricaded himself in the room for two hours. The police then left once he calmed down. She lamented that Resident A had not been removed by the police. She stated that she had contacted Resident A's case manager who had provided guidance on writing a petition to receive inpatient mental health treatment for stabilization.

Resident B stated that Ms. Morey does not yell at them and takes good care of them.

Resident C stated that Ms. Morey has been a valuable staff member.

Resident D stated that the home runs smoothly but that Resident A has been causing problems. She stated that Ms. Morey has been one of the better staff members at the home in her ten years as a resident. She denied that Ms. Morey smokes marijuana at the home. While talking to Resident D, Resident A came outside where the interview was taking place, flashed a knife, claimed that the police stated that he had permission to have it, then proceeded to scream profanities at Resident C. I encouraged Resident C to distance herself from Resident A.

I left the home and proceeded to the Morenci Police Department. While in the parking lot I called the home and spoke briefly with Ms. Morey. She stated that things had calmed down at the home, since Resident A had left to be in the community. She advised that she was meeting with Resident A's case manager who had written a petition for involuntary hospitalization.

I called Vicki Cates, licensee. Ms. Cates denied that Ms. Morey smokes marijuana. She stated that Resident A had assaulted another resident unprovoked, and that attempts to have him comply with mental health treatment were unsuccessful and that his behaviors are difficult to manage.

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:	Police reports and interviews conducted reflect that Theresa Morey took steps to address a resident who assaulted another resident.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION:

Employees burn leaves in the yard.

INVESTIGATION:

On 6/23/22, Ms. Morey denied that she sets fires in the yard. She reported that Resident A set fires in the yard against staff advice.

On 6/23/22, Resident A stated that he was the one who likes to burn leaves. He told me at one point that I was telling lies and screamed that I should leave the house.

On 6/23/22, Vicki Cates stated that Resident A was the one setting fires in the back yard and denied that she gave him permission to do so. She stated that at one point a State Trooper came to the home to address the fire. The trooper reportedly told Resident A to extinguish the fire, but Resident A refused to do so. In response, the trooper put out the flame himself.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14403	Maintenance of premises.
	(13) A yard area shall be kept reasonably free from all hazards, nuisances, refuse, and litter.

ANALYSIS:	Theresa Morey and Vicki Cates denied that employees set fires in the yard, or that they allow residents to burn leaves in the yard.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

On 7/1/22, I conducted an exit conference with Vicki Cates, licensee. I shared the findings of the report, and she was in agreement.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change to the status of this license.

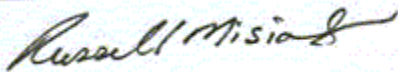


7/18/22

Dwight Forde
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



8/15/22

Russell B. Misiak
Area Manager

Date