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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA
ACTING DIRECTOR

July 28, 2023

Rashalle Austin
Unity Group IV, LLC
163 Fiske Road
Coldwater, MI 49036

RE: License #: AS120377744
Investigation #: 2023A1032041
Unity Group IV, LLC

Dear Rashalle Austin:

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 black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Forde".

Dwight Forde, Licensing Consultant
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350 Ottawa, N.W.
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS120377744
Investigation #:	2023A1032041
Complaint Receipt Date:	06/23/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	06/26/2023
Report Due Date:	08/22/2023
Licensee Name:	Unity Group IV, LLC
Licensee Address:	163 Fiske Road Coldwater, MI 49036
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 617-9591
Licensee Designee:	Rashalle Austin
Name of Facility:	Unity Group IV, LLC
Facility Address:	126 Gail Ann Drive Coldwater, MI 49036
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 924-1457
Original Issuance Date:	07/30/2015
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	01/30/2022
Expiration Date:	01/29/2024
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
The home did not allow Resident A access to retrieve belongings after discharge.	No
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

06/23/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023A1032041
06/26/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone
06/27/2023	Inspection Completed On-site
06/28/2023	Contact - Telephone call received Call from complainant with new information
07/14/2023	Contact - Document Received I received a copy of Resident A's discharge notice
07/28/2023	Contact - Telephone call made With Home Manager Tina Pierson
07/28/2023	Exit Conference With licensee designee Rashalle Austin

ALLEGATION:

The home did not allow Resident A access to the home to retrieve belongings after discharge.

INVESTIGATION:

On 6/26/23, I interviewed the complainant via telephone. The complainant clarified that Resident A does not have access to her belongings, because she is not allowed to go to the home, and the home has made no plans to forward the items to a new address.

On 6/26/23, I spoke with Summit Point case manager, Jada via telephone. Ms. Hamilton stated that the home manager had asked her to retrieve Resident A's belongings, but she received guidance from her supervisor that the agency could not store client's belongings. Ms. Hamilton stated that typically, arrangements are made between AFC homes when clients leave, but Resident A has been refusing AFC home placement. Ms. Hamilton advised that Resident A's belongings are in the home's basement.

On 6/27/23, I interviewed employee Alexas Miller in the home. Ms. Miller stated that Resident A had been issued a 30-day notice for rule violations such as smoking in the room and not paying rent. Ms. Miller stated that Resident A went to a psychiatric ward at Bronson Hospital on May 4, 2023 and has since not been discharged. Ms. Miller denied that Resident A was not allowed to retrieve her belongings. I advised Ms. Miller that Resident A's belongings should be inventoried and that the rule requires that the list be transmitted to the resident who then has 30 days to collect the items before the home can remove them. Ms. Miller granted me access to the basement, where I observed several black bags and a rocking chair that were identified as Resident A's belongings. I also advised Ms. Miller that Resident A's case manager from Summit Point was unable to get Resident A's belongings.

On 6/28/23, I received a voicemail from Promedica Bronson Hospital Behavioral Health, stating that Resident A had left the hospital against medical advice. I was advised Resident A had previously psychiatrically hospitalized but had been in a medical ward more recently.

On 7/14/23, I received a copy of Resident A's discharge notice. The document detailed instances of non-compliance that included non-payment of rent and smoking in the bedroom.

On 7/28/23, I interviewed home manager Tina Pierson via telephone. Ms. Pierson stated that Resident A had retrieved some of her belongings from the home.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14315	Handling of resident funds and valuables.
	(16) Personal property and belongings that are left at the home after discharge shall be inventoried and stored by the licensee. The resident and designated representative shall

	be notified by the licensee, by registered mail, of the existence of property and belongings. Personal property and belongings that remain unclaimed, or for which arrangements have not been made, may be disposed of by the licensee after 30 days from the date that written notification is sent to the resident and the designated representative.
ANALYSIS:	I observed Resident A's belongings in the basement, bagged and inventoried. I was advised by the home that Resident A was in fact allowed to retrieve the items. Furthermore, I was advised that Resident A had retrieved some of the items. The home has held on to Resident A's belongings after 30 days and has not disposed of them.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

On 7/28/23, I conducted an exit conference with licensee designee Rashalle Austin. I shared my findings and Ms. Austin agreed with the conclusions reached.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change to the status of this license.

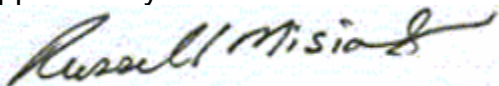


7/28/23

Dwight Forde
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



8/9/23

Russell B. Misiak
Area Manager

Date