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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA  
DIRECTOR

May 20, 2024

Barbara Hartman  
3214 Lakeshore Dr  
ESCANABA, MI 49829

RE: License #: AF210392110  
Investigation #: 2024A0234007  
Hartman's Adult Care

Dear Ms. Hartman:

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.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

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 'Maria DeBacker'.

Maria DeBacker, Licensing Consultant  
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	AF210392110
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2024A0234007
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	03/27/2024
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	03/27/2024
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	05/26/2024
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Barbara Hartman
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	3214 Lakeshore Dr ESCANABA, MI 49829
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(906) 233-7008
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Hartman's Adult Care
<b>Facility Address:</b>	3214 Lakeshore Dr Escanaba, MI 49829
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(906) 233-7008
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	09/11/2018
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	03/11/2023
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	03/10/2025
<b>Capacity:</b>	3
<b>Program Type:</b>	AGED

**II. ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
Resident A has been threatened by the homeowners.	Yes
The licensee has been designated Power of Attorney for Resident A.	No
Additional Findings	No

**III. METHODOLOGY**

03/27/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A0234007
03/27/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Spoke with APS
03/27/2024	APS Referral
05/08/2024	Inspection Completed On-site
05/20/2024	Phone interview with Relative A
05/20/2024	Exit Conference

**ALLEGATION:**

**Resident A has been threatened by the homeowners.**

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 4/2/24 Relative A was interviewed by phone. She stated that on 3/14/24 she was advised that she was removed as Resident A's POA and Barbara Hartman was now his POA. She said she had concerns for her father's wellbeing and safety as she had moved him out of the home due to threats she received via text from the Hartman's. She stated that Ms. Hartman had moved Resident A back into her foster home.

On 5/8/24 an unannounced onsite visit was made at the home and licensee Barbara Hartman was interviewed. Ms. Hartman stated that last fall and recently there has been tension between her, her husband, and Relative A. She admitted that at times the texts messages have been harsh.

On 5/8/24 Resident A, B, and C were observed to be well dressed and groomed. Resident A and C were interviewed and stated that they had no concerns about treatment at the home and they were happy in home. Resident B was napping and was not interviewed.

On 5/20/24 Relative A was interviewed by phone. Relative A stated that she has received threatening messages from the licensee. She stated that she gave a 30-day notice to the home that she was moving Relative A in the fall of 2023. She stated that in that time there was tension, arguing and threatening messages from the Hartman's. Relative A stated that she did not feel that Resident A was being treated properly or getting proper care. Relative A provided a copy of a text message that she received on 5/20/23 from Barb Hartman stating:

*"[Resident A] had been a handful lately. Butting into business that isn't his business and telling me what is gonna happen. I'm at my last nerve with him cutting down Bruce. One of these days [Resident A] gonna opening up his mouth and Bruce is gonna be around the corner to shut him up. [Resident A] is nosy and wants to know everything of what's going on here. 99% of it has nothing to do with him. Just so you are prepared for [Resident A] getting put in his place. I'm sorry about all of this crap to. I know you have your hands full with mom and [Relative A], and you certainly don't need problems from [Resident A]"*

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1412</b>	<b>Resident behavior management; prohibitions.</b>
	<p><b>(2) A licensee, responsible person, or any person living in the home shall not use any of the following methods of handling a resident for discipline purposes:</b></p> <p><b>(e) Mental or emotional cruelty, including subjecting a resident to verbal abuse, making derogatory remarks about the resident or members of his or her family or making malicious threats.</b></p>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Relative A provided a copy of a text message that contained threats from the licensee.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

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**ALLEGATION:**

**The licensee has been designated power of attorney for Resident A.**

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 4/2/24, Relative A was interviewed by phone. Relative A stated that she was removed and licensee Barbara Hartman supposedly was appointed as Resident A's power of attorney (POA). Relative A added that Ms. Hartman had moved Resident A from the nursing home back into her foster home. Relative A stated she was unsure if Ms. Hartman had POA or guardianship as she had not been provided with a copy of the paperwork.

On 5/8/24, licensee Barbara Hartman was interviewed in the home. Ms. Hartman stated that on 9/28/23 Resident A was picked up by Relative A and placed her father in a nursing home. She later received a call from Resident A notifying her that she was appointed POA and requested that she transfer him back to her adult foster care home. Ms. Hartman stated that she was never consulted on whether she was willing to be DPOA for Resident A and it was done without her knowledge.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1404</b>	<b>Licensee, responsible person, and member of the household; qualifications.</b>
	<b>(9) A licensee, responsible person, or member of the household shall not be the legal guardian of a resident living in the home, except where a person is a relative or where the guardianship relationship existed before the promulgation of these rules.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	The licensee is not the guardian of Resident A.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

On 5/21/24 licensee Barbara Hartman was called to discuss the findings of this report. Ms. Hartman understands that the text message could be viewed as differently than intended but stated that it was in no way meant to be a threat toward Resident A.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend the status of the license remain unchanged.

*Maria Debacker*

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Maria Debacker  
Licensing Consultant

5/20/24  
Date

Approved By:

*Russell Misiak*

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Russell B. Misiak  
Area Manager

6/3/24  
Date