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DIRECTOR

August 29, 2024

Christine Nash  
2801 S 29 Road  
Cadillac, MI 49601

RE: License #: AF830390262  
Investigation #: 2024A0870036  
Hidden Acres

Dear Christine Nash:

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 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 (231) 922-5309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce A. Messer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being the most prominent.

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enclosure

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	AF830390262
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2024A0870036
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	08/16/2024
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	08/20/2024
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	10/15/2024
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Christine Nash
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	2801 S 29 Road Cadillac, MI 49601
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(231) 920-9222
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Hidden Acres
<b>Facility Address:</b>	2801 S 29 Road Cadillac, MI 49601
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(231) 920-9222
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	01/09/2018
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	07/09/2024
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	07/08/2026
<b>Capacity:</b>	6
<b>Program Type:</b>	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED MENTALLY ILL AGED

**II. ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
Two facility residents had sex. The home may not be providing appropriate supervision.	No
Resident A must purchase food and cleaning supplies for the home using his Humana card.	No
The home does not have trash pickup and piles of garbage are being stored in a shed behind the home.	Yes
There is mold growing under the kitchen sink.	Yes

**III. METHODOLOGY**

08/16/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A0870036
08/20/2024	APS Referral This referral came from MDHHS APS worker Michelle Frakes.
08/20/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Case discussion with MDHHS APS worker Michelle Frakes.
08/21/2024	Inspection Completed On-site Interviews conducted with facility staff and residents.
08/21/2024	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
08/21/2024	Exit Conference Completed with Licensee Christine Nash

**ALLEGATION: Two facility residents had sex. The home may not be providing appropriate supervision.**

**INVESTIGATION:** On August 20, 2024, I spoke by telephone with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Wexford County, Adult Protective Services worker Michelle Frakes. Ms. Frakes informed me that she had received an adult protective services referral concerning the above stated allegations. She provided the names of both residents involved, Resident A and Resident B, noting that both have the same court appointed guardian. Ms. Frakes stated she has already spoken with Resident A, who admitted to having sexual relationships with

Resident B, while on the property of the AFC home, and noted that Resident A stated this “was consensual.” Ms. Frakes states she had not conducted an interview with Resident B yet but plans to do so in the coming days.

On August 21, 2024, I conducted an unannounced on-site special investigation at the Hidden Acres AFC home. I met with Licensee Christine Nash and informed her of the above stated allegations. Ms. Nash stated that both Resident A and Resident B have the same guardian, Lee Storch. She stated that Ms. Storch had told Resident A not to have sex with Resident B and she told Resident B not to have sex with any of the facility residents. Ms. Nash stated that “a couple weeks ago” both Resident A and Resident B informed her, and Ms. Storch, that they had sex, on that particular day. Ms. Nash noted that she was unaware of this and “apparently they went on the back of the property” and had sex. She further noted that both residents are allowed to walk on the property unsupervised, and the property is several acres, mostly wooded. Ms. Nash noted that a Wexford County Sheriff deputy had interviewed Resident B “yesterday” and Resident B told the deputy that at first she wanted to have sex with Resident A but then didn’t, as she thought she might get in trouble with Christina Nash and Lee Storch. Ms. Nash, who was present during the deputies’ interview with Resident B, stated that the deputy asked Resident B “if you were living alone, in your own home, would you consider this to be rape?” Ms. Nash stated that Resident B responded to that question by stating “no.”

On August 21, 2024, Ms. Nash provided, for my review, Resident A and Resident B’s *Assessment Plan for AFC Residents (BCAL-3265)*. I observed that both Resident A and Resident B have the box “yes” checked for the question of “moves independently in the community” and “yes” for the question of “controls sexual behavior.” Neither assessment, for either resident, notes that they are not allowed to have sex with others, or each other. No special instructions are noted for Ms. Nash concerning sexual behaviors for either resident.

On August 21, 2024, I conducted an interview with Resident B at the facility. Ms. Nash was present during this interview. Resident B stated that she did have sex with Resident A, that this was consensual, and she did not feel that she had been assaulted or raped.

On August 21, 2024, I conducted a private interview with Resident A at the facility. Resident A stated that “a couple weeks ago” he had sex with Resident B. He noted this occurred away from the house on the back side of the property. Resident A noted that Resident B “wanted to do it with him too.” He stated, “she never said no and did not tell him to stop.” Resident A stated this was consensual.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1407</b>	<b>Resident admission and discharge criteria; resident assessment plan; resident care agreement; house</b>

	<b>guidelines; fee schedule; physician's instructions; health care appraisal.</b>
	<b>(5) At the time of a resident's admission, a licensee shall complete a written resident care agreement which shall be established between the resident or the resident's designated representative, the responsible agency, and the licensee. A department form shall be used unless prior authorization for a substitute form has been granted in writing by the department. A resident shall be provided the care and services as stated in the written resident care agreement.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>Both Resident A and Resident B state they had sexual relations with each other while on the property of the AFC home. Both Resident A and Resident B state the sexual relations were consensual.</p> <p>Both residents <i>Assessment Plan for AFC Residents (BCAL-3265)</i> state they can “move independently in the community” and “control sexual behaviors.” Neither plan provide special instructions for the Licensee concerning sexual relations or behaviors.</p> <p>The Licensee is providing Resident A and Resident B with the care and services as stated in their written resident care agreements.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

**ALLEGATION:** Resident A must purchase food and cleaning supplies for the home using his Humana card.

**INVESTIGATION:** Resident A stated that he is not told to use his Humana card to purchase food for the AFC home. He stated he has purchased food from this benefit for other residents of the AFC home, but it was “of my own will.” Resident A noted that he is “behind in rent” (cost of care), so he does chores around the house, such as cleaning. He noted that he has been given “credit” on his cost of care balance for doing chores. Resident A noted he purchased his own cleaning supplies using his Humana card but was not told to do so by Ms. Nash. Resident A stated he is “not forced” to do it (clean, or purchase cleaning supplies), but does it on his own, to get credit on his cost of care balance. Resident A stated that his guardian said this was “ok.”

Ms. Nash denied that she has told Resident A that he must clean, purchase cleaning supplies, or purchase food for the facility. She noted that most of the residents have a Humana card, which has a food and hygiene cash allowance, and they buy food for themselves with this benefit. Ms. Nash noted that “no one uses this benefit for the house, its for themselves.”

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1421</b>	<b>Handling of resident funds and valuables.</b>
	<b>(8) A licensee, responsible person, and members of the licensee's or responsible person's family shall not borrow money or valuables from a resident, with or without the consent of the resident. A licensee shall further take reasonable precautions to assure the prohibition of financial transactions between a resident and other occupants of the home.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Resident A denied that he is told or forced to purchase food or cleaning supplies for the home. He notes he does this, but of his own will.  The Licensee is not borrowing money from, or having Resident A use his money or valuables, on behalf of the licensee, her family members, or the facility.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

**ALLEGATION:** The home does not have trash pickup and piles of garbage are being stored in a shed behind the home.

**INVESTIGATION:** Ms. Nash informed me that she “got behind” in paying for her garbage pickup and the garbage company came and took away her dumpster. She noted that she has been storing the household trash in a storage building in the back yard of the AFC home. Ms. Nash noted that she has now recently contracted with another garbage company who has supplied her with several “bins” for roadside weekly pickup. She noted that the first pickup is scheduled for tomorrow, August 22, 2024, and has a “large item” pickup scheduled in the coming days. Ms. Nash stated that “in three weeks all of the garbage will be removed.”

Ms. Nash accompanied me to the storage building located behind the AFC home. I observed a large pile of garbage bags, many which have been torn open by what I suspect is wildlife from the surrounding woods. The garbage appeared to be rotting and had a foul odor.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1424</b>	<b>Environmental health.</b>
	<b>(3) All garbage and rubbish containing food wastes shall be kept in leakproof, nonabsorbent containers which shall be kept covered with tight-fitting lids and removed from the premises at least weekly.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	The Licensee is not keeping the garbage in a leakproof, nonabsorbent container, which has a tight-fitting lid.  The Licensee is not having the garbage removed from the premises at least weekly.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

**ALLEGATION:** There is mold growing under the kitchen sink.

**INVESTIGATION:** Ms. Nash accompanied me as I walked through the facility. I observed a board in the kitchen sink cabinet which has become waterlogged and is dark with what is suspected to be mold. A bathroom sink cabinet has become waterlogged and is in the initial stages of growing, what is suspected to be, mold. The secondary basement area, below the Licensee's living space, has standing water on the floor and potentially will grow mold if not cleaned and dried.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1426</b>	<b>Maintenance of premises.</b>
	<b>(1) The premises shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Mold was suspected to be found under the kitchen and bathroom sink.  Standing water was observed in the facility basement.  The facility is not being maintained in a clean and safe condition due to suspected mold growing in resident areas of the facility.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

On August 21, 2024, I provided Licensee Christine Nash with an exit conference. I explained to her my findings as noted above. Ms. Nash stated she understood that she had no further information to provide concerning this special investigation and

she had no further questions at this time. She noted she would submit a written corrective action plan which addresses the above cited rules.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend, contingent upon the submission of an acceptable corrective action plan, that the status of the license remain unchanged.



August 27, 2024

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Bruce A. Messer  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



August 29, 2024

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Jerry Hendrick  
Area Manager

Date