



GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
LANSING

MARLON I. BROWN, DPA  
DIRECTOR

January 17, 2025

Gwen Wiacek  
10038 Hagensville Rd.  
Posen, MI 49776

RE: License #: AF710290749  
Investigation #: 2025A0360006  
Wiacek Care Home

Dear Ms. Wiacek:

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. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616-356-0100).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Soderquist".

Matthew Soderquist, Licensing Consultant  
Bureau of Community and Health Systems  
350 Ottawa Ave NW Unit #13  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(989) 370-8320

enclosure

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	AF710290749
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2025A0360006
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	11/22/2024
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	11/22/2024
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	01/21/2025
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Gwen Wiacek
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	10038 Hagensville Rd. Posen, MI 49776
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(989) 766-9956
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Wiacek Care Home
<b>Facility Address:</b>	10038 Hagensville Rd. Posen, MI 49776
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(989) 766-9956
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	08/28/2007
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	04/01/2024
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	03/31/2026
<b>Capacity:</b>	4
<b>Program Type:</b>	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL AGED

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Resident A was bit by the licensee's dog.	No

## III. METHODOLOGY

11/22/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2025A0360006
11/22/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Ruth Hewitt
12/06/2024	Inspection Completed On-site DCS Anessa Wiacek, Resident A, Resident B.
12/10/2024	Contact - Telephone call made Gwen Wiacek
12/18/2024	Contact - Document Received Ruth Hewitt
12/27/2024	Contact - Telephone call received Gwen Wiacek
12/30/2024	Contact - Telephone call received Gwen Wiacek
12/30/2024	Inspection Completed On-site Resident C
01/17/2025	APS Referral online
01/17/2025	Exit Conference

## **ALLEGATION:**

**Resident A was bit by the licensee's dog.**

## **INVESTIGATION:**

On 11/22/24, I contacted Ruth Hewitt, rights officer with Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency by telephone. Ms. Hewitt stated she was opening an investigation regarding an injury to Resident A's foot that was suspected to be a dog bite. Ms. Hewitt stated that several staff have been "nipped" by the dogs at the home in the past and they had to put a safety plan in place where the dogs are put up before the staff come to the home for a visit.

On 12/6/24, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at the home. There was a collie breed dog outside that was growling at me when I approached the home. Direct care staff Anessa Wiacek stated the dog was named Bruiser. She stated Bruiser is kept outside during the day and all of the dogs are kept inside at night. Ms. Wiacek denied that anyone has been bit by any of the dogs. There were also five dogs inside the home when I arrived. Ms. Wiacek put two St. Bernard dogs outside. She stated they are named Bandit and Gus. Ms. Wiacek stated Gus is a "gentle giant" and Bandit has been known to be a "butt pincher." Ms. Wiacek stated by "butt pincher" she meant that he would pull at your pants but denied that he bites anyone. I also observed another dog, a lab mix, who Ms. Wiacek stated was named Milo. Ms. Wiacek stated the other two small dogs in the home were her grandmothers who is visiting, and they will be leaving today. Ms. Wiacek stated community mental health workers call before they make home visits so she can put Gus and Bandit outside. She denied that they have ever bit anyone, she stated they just do it as a courtesy because the dogs can get in your space. Ms. Wiacek stated Resident A is very close with all the dogs and has never been bit by any of them. She stated a couple weeks ago Resident A stepped on a couple of toys in the living room and hurt her foot. Ms. Wiacek stated she had a small scrape on her foot but was taken in for evaluation and ended up having a fractured foot. Ms. Wiacek stated they had the foot evaluated and received a letter from the nurse practitioner that the injury was not consistent with a dog bite.

On 12/6/24, while at the home I attempted an interview with Resident A. Resident A was wearing a boot on her left foot. Resident A has very limited verbal communication and was not able to answer questions clearly. I also observed Resident B in the home who also has limited verbal communication and was not able to be interviewed.

On 12/10/24, I contacted Gwen Wiacek by telephone. Ms. Wiacek stated Resident A stepped on a toy and hurt her ankle. She stated she had medical documentation that the injury was not from a dog bite. She stated none of the dogs have ever bitten anyone.

On 12/18/24, I received an email from Ms. Hewitt that included medical documentation for Resident A from the Thunder Bay Community Health Services dated 11/22/24 and stated Resident A was evaluated and had a superficial laceration on her left ankle without puncture wounds which would be present if a dog bite occurred. The letter was signed by family nurse practitioner Amy Nowak.

On 12/27/24, I received a telephone call from Gwen Wiacek and scheduled an interview with Resident C for 12/30/24.

On 12/30/24, I received a telephone call from Gwen Wiacek indicating that several residents and family in the home were sick.

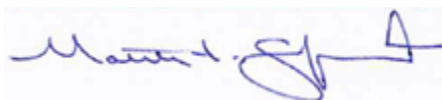
On 12/30/24, I interviewed Resident C in private, outside on the porch area of the home. Resident C stated she was not home when Resident A's injury occurred. She stated the dogs have never bit anyone. She stated all the dogs are very gentle. Resident C stated Resident A has never told her that any of the dogs have ever bit her and she can't communicate very well.

<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>	Interviews with Anessa Wiacek, Gwen Wiacek, Ms. Hewitt, and Resident C, including documentation from Ms. Nowak revealed that Resident A was not injured due to a dog bite.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

On 1/17/25 I conducted an exit conference with the licensee Gwen Wiacek. Ms. Wiacek concurred with the findings of the investigation.

#### **IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend no change in the status of the license.

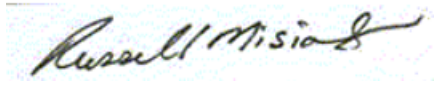


1/17/25

Matthew Soderquist  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Misiak", written over a light blue horizontal line.

1/17/25

---

Russell B. Misiak  
Area Manager

Date