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April 28, 2026

Shannon Patterson  
Advocates for Self Determination, LLC  
Suite 102  
28237 Orchard Lake Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

RE: License #: AS630309605  
Investigation #: 2026A0465018  
Philip AFC

Dear Ms. Patterson:

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 (248) 972-9136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Gonzalez".

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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>	AS630309605
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2026A0465018
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	03/02/2026
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	03/02/2026
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	05/01/2026
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Advocates for Self Determination, LLC
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	Suite 102 28237 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(248) 723-7152
<b>Administrator:</b>	Shannon Patterson
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	Shannon Patterson
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Philip AFC
<b>Facility Address:</b>	23823 Philip Dr. Southfield, MI 48075
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(248) 353-9702
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	11/03/2011
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	12/25/2024
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	12/24/2026
<b>Capacity:</b>	6
<b>Program Type:</b>	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

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## II. ALLEGATION(S)

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
On 2/18/2026, Resident A was physically assaulted by direct care staff, Brittany Edwards and Malcom Barret.	Yes

## III. METHODOLOGY

03/02/2026	Special Investigation Intake 2026A0465018
03/02/2026	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone I spoke to AFC Licensing Consultant, Sara Shaughnessy via telephone
03/02/2026	Contact - Telephone call made AFC Licensing Consultant, Sara Shaughnessy spoke to Recipient Rights Office and confirmed that this has been assigned for investigation to Greg Szopo
03/02/2026	APS Referral Adult Protective Services Referral assigned to Angelique Evans for investigation
03/04/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I spoke to Recipient rights Worker, Greg Szopo via telephone
03/05/2026	Contact - Document Received Facility documents received via email
03/05/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I spoke to licensee designee/administrator, Janet Patterson, via telephone
03/05/2026	Inspection Completed On-site I conducted an onsite investigation. I completed a walk-through of the facility, reviewed resident files, observed residents, and interviewed Resident A, Resident B, and direct care staff, Shanessa Box and Marcell Cheatham
03/09/2026	Contact - Document Received Facility documents received via email
03/09/2026	Contact - Telephone call made

	Called ex-direct care staff, Brittany Adams; Left voice mail and requested return call
03/09/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I called ex-direct care staff, Malcom Barret via telephone. Left a voice mail, requested return call
03/26/2026	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted to call Ms. Adams; Phone number is no longer in service
04/02/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I left a second voice mail for Mr. Barrett; Requested return call
04/14/2026	Contact - Document Sent Email exchange with APS Worker, Angelique Evans, via email
04/20/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I spoke to Guardian A1 and case manager, Myneshia Zambrana, via telephone
04/24/2026	Exit Conference I conducted an Exit Conference with Ms. Patterson via telephone

**ALLEGATION:**

**On 2/18/2026, Resident A was physically assaulted by direct care staff, Brittany Edwards and Malcom Barret.**

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 3/2/2026, an *Incident/Accident Report* was received from the facility, alleging that on 2/18/2026, Resident A was physically assaulted by direct care staff, Brittany Edwards and Malcom Barret. The incident report stated the following:

2/18/2026 at 8:15am; Completed by Marcel Cheatham: Resident A complained of staff members hitting him and dragging him. Staff assisted him into the shower and noticed bruises. Contacted the home manager and human resources.

On 3/2/2026 and 4/14/2026, I spoke to Adult Protective Services Worker, Angelique Evans, via email exchange. Ms. Evans stated that she completed an investigation of this complaint. Ms. Evans stated that Resident A acknowledged this complaint to be true and was able to provide consistent information related to the incident. Ms. Evans stated that she is substantiating against Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret for

physical abuse. Ms. Evans stated that her investigation is in the process of being closed.

On 3/4/2026, I spoke to Recipient Rights Officer, Greg Szopo, via telephone. Mr. Szopo stated, "I spoke to Resident A, and he told me that the two staff yelled at him and that Mr. Barret dragged him across the floor. Resident A was able to provide specific details on the incident. I also observed a 9-inch cut down the center of his back, which I believe supports his story." Mr. Szopo stated that he has completed an investigation of this complaint and will be citing resident rights violations against Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret.

On 3/5/2026, I conducted an onsite investigation. At the time of my onsite investigation, there were four residents residing at the facility. I observed the home to be clean and well-maintained. I observed all residents to be properly dressed and with adequate hygiene. I completed a walk-through of the facility, reviewed resident files, observed residents, and interviewed Resident A, Resident B, and direct care staff, Shanessa Box and Marcell Cheatham.

I reviewed Resident A's record. The *Face Sheet* stated that Resident A moved into the facility on 1/31/2022 and has a legal guardian, Guardian A1. The *Health Care Appraisal* listed Resident A's medical diagnosis as Mood Disorder. The *Assessment Plan for AFC Residents* stated that Resident A requires supervision in the community, has a history of aggressive behavior, a history of alcohol use, can independently complete self-care tasks with staff prompting, and does not require use of assistive devices.

I spoke to Resident A, who stated, "Brittany (Edwards) rushed me and knocked me to the floor. And Malcom (Barret) dragged me across the floor and yelled at me that I had to eat the food that she cooked. Malcolm (Barret) dragged me to my room. They were yelling and screaming at me. I was scared. They don't work here anymore, and things are good here now. I feel safe." Resident A acknowledged that this complaint is true.

I spoke to Resident B, who stated, "I was home and saw it happen. Malcom (Barret) said a couple of words and was yelling at Resident A. I saw Malcom (Barret) rush Resident A and Resident A tried to defend himself. Malcom (Barret) grabbed Resident A's shoulder and shook him, and it looked like he punched him. I went into my room because I was scared. I heard Resident A fall to the ground. I didn't want to see it happen because Resident A is my friend. I didn't see what happened after that." Resident B acknowledged that this complaint is accurate.

I spoke to direct care staff, Marcell Cheatham, who stated that he has worked at the facility for 15 years. Mr. Cheatham stated, "I was working the day that Resident A told us about the incident. I had just gotten to work and had been there for maybe 5 – 10 minutes when Resident A came to me and told me what happened the day prior. He told me that Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret beat him up. Resident A stated

Mr. Barret dragged him across the floor and that Ms. Edwards had pushed him down and rushed him. He said that Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret yelled at him to eat his food. I looked at Resident A's body and only saw a long scratch down the center of his back, but it was more like a tear. I worked with Ms. Edwards before. She was very stern, but I never seen her hurt anyone. Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret are no longer working here."

I spoke to direct care staff, Shanessa Box, who stated, "I was not working the day of the incident, but I heard about it. Mr. Cheatham called me and told me what Resident A told him. I had never worked with Mr. Barret, but I did work with Ms. Edwards. I never observed her mistreating anyone when I worked with her. She and Mr. Barret are no longer working here."

On 4/20/2026, I spoke to I spoke to Guardian A1 and case manager, Myneshia Zambrana, via telephone. Guardian A1 stated, "I do not have any concerns regarding the care that Resident A is receiving at the facility. He is being well-cared for. I see Resident A at the facility once every two months and he appears to be good.

As of the date of this report, I have not received a return call from Ms. Edwards or Mr. Barret.

On 3/5/2026 and 4/24/2026, I spoke to licensee designee and administrator, Shannon Patterson, via telephone. I conducted an Exit Conference with Ms. Patterson during the 4/24/2026 telephone call. Ms. Patterson stated, "I am unsure if this allegation is true, but Resident A has not changed his story. I removed Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret from the schedule because of the pending investigations and to ensure the safety of the residents. I am not aware of any prior concerns related to Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret, but their employment has been terminated."

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.641</b>	<b>Resident behavior interventions.</b>
	<b>(5) Staff, volunteers, visitors, or other occupants of the facility shall not mistreat a resident. Mistreatment includes any intentional action or omission that exposes a resident to a serious risk, physical or emotional harm, or the deliberate infliction of pain by any means.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>According to Resident A and Resident B, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret yelled at Resident A and physically hit and dragged him across the floor.</p> <p>According to Mr. Szopo and Mr. Cheatham, they observed Resident A with a long scratch down the center of his back that Resident A stated he sustained from the incident.</p>

	Based on the information above, there is sufficient information to confirm that Ms. Edwards and Mr. Barret caused both physical and emotional harm to Resident A on 2/18/2026.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend the status of the license remains unchanged.

*Stephanie Gonzalez*

4/27/2026

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Stephanie Gonzalez  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

*Jay Caluwart*

For

04/28/2026

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Denise Y. Nunn  
Area Manager

Date