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May 7, 2026

Tristan Schramke
The Lighthouse, Inc.
PO Box 289
Caro, MI 48723

RE: License #: AS790361653
Investigation #: 2026A0623023
Harbor Light

Dear Tristan Schramke:

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) 643-7960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Badour".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS790361653
Investigation #:	2026A0623023
Complaint Receipt Date:	03/16/2026
Investigation Initiation Date:	03/16/2026
Report Due Date:	05/15/2026
Licensee Name:	The Lighthouse, Inc.
Licensee Address:	1655 East Caro Road Caro, MI 48723
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 673-2500
Administrator:	Brant Wilson
Licensee Designee:	Tristan Schramke
Name of Facility:	Harbor Light
Facility Address:	1785 Hope Drive Caro, MI 48723
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 673-2500
Original Issuance Date:	02/04/2015
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	08/04/2025
Expiration Date:	08/03/2027
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL TRAUMATICALLY BRAIN INJURED

II. ALLEGATION

	Violation Established?
On 02/18/2026, Resident A reported Staff Derick Culver hit him.	Yes
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

03/16/2026	Special Investigation Intake 2026A0623023
03/16/2026	APS Referral An APS referral was completed.
03/16/2026	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone I contacted APS worker Gerald Edwards.
03/16/2026	Contact - Document Received I received APS documents.
03/17/2026	Contact – Document Received I received AFC documents
03/19/2026	Inspection Completed On-site Observation and interviews.
04/02/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I contacted APS worker Gerald Edwards.
04/17/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I contacted Deputy Ryan Woods.
04/17/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I contacted Staff Derick Culver.
04/17/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I contacted Staff Jeremy Burley.
04/17/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I contacted Guardian A.
04/17/2026	Contact - Document Received I received disciplinary report summary.

04/24/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I contacted Deputy Ryan Woods.
05/01/2026	Contact - Telephone call received I received a phone call from Staff Jeremy Burley.
05/04/2026	Contact - Document Received I received an email from APS Gerald Edwards.
05/04/2026	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
05/05/2026	Exit Conference I completed an exit conference with Licensee Designee Tristan Schramke.
05/06/2026	Contact – Telephone call received I received a phone call from Deputy Ryan Woods.

ALLEGATION:

On 02/18/2026, Resident A reported Staff Derick Culver hit him.

INVESTIGATION:

On 03/16/2026, I completed an Adult Protective Service (APS) referral. I shared information with APS.

On 03/16/2026, I contacted APS worker Gerald Edwards. APS Edwards stated that the Tuscola County Sheriff's office has assigned the case to Deputy Ryan Woods. APS Edwards stated that he will send the documents he received from the hospital.

On 03/16/2026, I received APS documents. I received an APS photograph of Resident A's face showing the laceration and bruising.

On 03/17/2026, I received AFC documents and hospital documents.

On 03/17/2026, I received and reviewed Resident A's AFC assessment plan, behavior plan and health care appraisal. Resident A was admitted to the Lighthouse on 01/11/2024. Resident A has a history of brain injury which occurred in 1993. Resident A was a farmer prior to his accident and will wake up early in the morning. Resident A becomes agitated easily and is a fall risk due to muscle weakness, instability, neck contractions and decreased awareness of his limitations. Resident A is unsteady and uses a wheelchair for mobility. Staff are instructed to verbally prompt, redirect and encourage compliance. The health care appraisal notes that Resident A's diagnosis is TBI (traumatic brain injury) and utilizes a wheelchair for mobility.

On 03/17/2026, I received and reviewed AFC Incident Report documents, AFC nursing and manager emails, hospital documents. Incident Report 2/18/2026 4:00 am. Staff Derick Culver was in Resident A's bedroom when Staff Jeremy Burley heard a commotion going on. Staff Burley walked in and witnessed Resident A on his bed with an open cut above his eye and Resident A shouted "That son of a bitch just hit me, and I'm gonna kick his ass". Staff Culver was moved out of the building and Resident A's wound was treated.

Incident Report 2/18/2026 7:00 am. It was reported during shift change at 7:00 am that Resident A had an open wound above his right eye and the surrounding area was bruised and swollen. Lighthouse nursing Staff were called and completed an assessment on Resident A. Nursing noted the open wound above right eye and observed a swollen left wrist. Nursing instructed Resident A to be taken to the hospital. Resident A was taken to Hills & Dales ER for further evaluation. Staff Brian Kocher completed the report.

Hospital summary 2/18/2026 Completed x-ray on left wrist, non-displaced fracture (bones crack but do not move out of place) on left wrist, Velcro wrist brace/splint administered. Cleaned cut on right eye, (dermabond) glue used on right eyebrow. Discharged out-patient.

On 03/19/2026, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection. I interviewed Staff Brian Kocher and Resident A.

On 03/19/2026, I interviewed Staff Brian Kocher. Staff Kocher stated he came in on first shift and observed the injury on Resident A at shift change. Staff Kocher completed an incident report, and the nurse came out to assess Resident A's injuries. Staff Kocher stated that Resident A was then sent to the hospital for further evaluation.

On 03/19/2026, I interviewed Resident A. Resident A was unable to answer questions about the incident because he said he didn't remember, however he did say he felt safe and denied any other Staff were abusive toward him. Resident A appeared clean, groomed and I observed he did not have any visible bruising or laceration marks on his face. I observed Resident A was not wearing a wrist splint and did not appear in pain, or agitated.

On 04/02/2026, I contacted APS worker Gerald Edwards. APS Edwards stated that Staff Derick Culver's story of the events changed from himself being in the room to Staff Jeremy Burley being in Resident A's bedroom. APS Edwards stated that Staff Culver was Resident A's 1:1 Staff for the shift. APS Edwards stated that Staff Burley stated he walked into Resident A's room to see Staff Culver next to the bed and Resident A pointing at Staff Culver. APS Edwards stated that Staff Culver denied hitting Resident A and Staff Burley went and called management because it didn't look right.

On 04/17/2026, I contacted Deputy Ryan Woods. I left a voice mail message.

On 04/17/2026, I contacted Staff Derick Culver. Staff Culver stated he filled in 3rd shift on 02/17/2026 through the morning of 2/18/2026 as Resident A's 1:1 Staff. Staff Culver stated that he sat in a chair just outside the door, however he could see into the room and where Resident A was sleeping. Staff Culver stated that Staff Burley was sitting on a couch in the living room area. Staff Culver stated that Resident A started yelling about "Bob", his wife and that he had to go to work. Staff Culver stated that he got up at the same time as Staff Burley and entered the room with Staff Burley just behind him. Staff Culver stated that Resident A started swinging his arms, punching around himself and kicking his wheelchair which was next to his bed. Staff Culver stated he moved the wheelchair out of the room and went to get gloves leaving Staff Burley in the room alone with Resident A. Staff Culver stated that when he returned to the bedroom, about 2 minutes later, Resident A had some blood on his face by his eye. Staff Culver stated that Staff Burley told him that Resident A's thumb nail cut the corner of his eye and Resident A punched himself. Staff Culver stated that Resident A said that "he hit me" and the only person in the room was Staff Burley. Staff Culver stated that he calmed Resident A and cleaned him up, applied ointment and Band-Aid to cut above eye. Staff Culver stated that Staff Burley just stood there trying to talk to me while he calmed and cleaned Resident A. Staff Culver stated that he did not write the Incident Report, Staff Burley wrote the report as he left Resident A's room and had gone into another room in the home. Staff Culver stated that he has worked with Resident A before in a group setting, this was the first time 1:1 night Staffing as he was filling in. Staff Culver stated that he wrote a statement saying the same thing on 2/18/2026. Staff Culver stated that he is suspended from working for the Lighthouse at this time.

On 04/17/2026, I contacted Staff Jeremy Burley. I left a voice mail message.

On 04/17/2026, I contacted Resident A's guardian, Guardian A. Guardian A stated that she was notified by the Lighthouse Staff regarding the incident. Guardian A stated that if Resident A said something happened, she believes him. Guardian A stated that Resident A would fight back if someone hit him.

On 04/17/2026, I received a disciplinary report summary from Licensee Designee Tristan Schramke. Staff Derick Culver refused to work a mandated shift on 06/2024, the water got too hot showering a resident resulting in a burn on 02/2024, using vulgar language during a verbal exchange with a resident that he told the resident to "shut up" and called them a pervert on 10/2021, and during a physical management with a resident, after being hit in the face he balled his fist and threatened to hit the resident, he did not hit the resident on 12/2019. These are the ones related to resident care, or that resulted in a formal write-up.

On 04/24/2026, I contacted Deputy Ryan Woods. I left a voice mail message.

On 05/01/2026, I received a phone call from Staff Jeremy Burley. Staff Burley stated that he was in the office area which had been used as a nurse's station previously which was only 1 room down from Resident A's room. Staff Burley stated on 02/18/2026 that Staff Culver was sitting in a chair outside of Resident A's room where he could look

in and see Resident A as Staff Culver was the 1:1 Staff for Resident A. Staff Burley stated that he heard Resident A start yelling around 4:00 am. Staff Burley stated he got up and went into Resident A's room and saw Staff Culver in the room with Resident A yelling and swinging his arms, blood coming out of his left eyebrow area and Resident A said "that son of a bitch hit me". Staff Burley stated that Staff Culver told him the split above his eyebrow happened when Resident A was flailing his arms around and trying to hit him. Staff Burley stated that Staff Culver did not call for assistance from him, which left Resident A alone in the room with Staff Culver. Staff Burley stated that once Resident A was settled down and cleaned up, he went and reported the incident to the 3rd shift on call manager Tabitha "Tabby" Smith. Staff Burley stated that Resident A has punched, kicked and slapped him numerous times before and never has Resident A accused Staff of hitting him. Staff Burley reported to Tabby Smith that Resident A immediately accused Staff Derick Culver of hitting him. Staff Burley stated he was instructed to swap Staff Culver with another Staff from a nearby home which was done.

On 05/04/2026, I received an email from APS worker Gerald Edwards. APS substantiated physical abuse of Resident A by Staff Derick Culver. APS stated that he has not heard from law enforcement about their findings. APS Edwards stated that Staff Culver initially reported that Resident A's laceration above his eye was caused by the resident's own fingernail while flailing his arms. APS Edwards stated that Staff Culver later reported to APS that he was not in the same room as Resident A when the laceration occurred and did not know how it occurred. APS Edwards stated he interviewed Staff Jeremy Burley who was present during the incident but was in another room when he heard a commotion coming from Resident A's bedroom. APS Edwards stated that Staff Jeremy Burley stated that when he arrived at the bedroom, he saw Staff Culver in the bedroom near Resident A and saw the bleeding from the laceration above his eye. Staff Burley stated that Resident A said "that son of a bitch, hit me" referring to Staff Culver. APS Edwards interviewed Resident A who advised he was hit on the face with a closed fist by AFC Staff, identified as Staff Culver and not Staff Burley. APS Edwards interviewed medical personnel who advised that the laceration was not consistent with the explanation of being caused by a fingernail and more likely caused by a blunt object. APS Edwards stated that Staff Culver was suspended from employment and there are no safety concerns regarding Resident A, he closed the APS case.

On 05/06/2026, I received a phone call from Deputy Ryan Woods. Deputy Woods stated that he has concluded his investigation and forwarded the report and documents including a warrant request for Staff Derick Culver to be reviewed by the prosecutor's office. Deputy Woods stated that it is up to the prosecutor's office to determine if there is enough evidence to move forward with criminal prosecution.

On 05/05/2026, I conducted an exit conference with Licensee Designee (LD) Tristan Schramke. I explained my investigation and findings. LD Schramke stated that they have cooperated with APS and law enforcement. LD Schramke stated that he is waiting on paperwork to show the outcome of the investigation and Staff Derick Culver's

employment will be terminated the same day. LD Schramke stated that he did not have any questions at this time.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.641	Resident behavior interventions.
	(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.
ANALYSIS:	The allegation stated that on 02/18/2026, Staff Derick Culver hit Resident A. Staff Derick Culver was providing 1:1 supervision for Resident A. Staff Culver stated that he left the room and came back to Staff Jeremy Burley in the room and Resident A was bleeding. Staff Burley stated that he came into the room after Staff Culver and witnessed the bleeding and Resident A stating that “son of a bitch hit me”, pointing to Staff Culver. Staff Jeremy Burley contacted the 3rd shift manager and completed an Incident Report. Staff Derick Culver was moved out of the home. On 2/18/2026, Staff Derick Culver’s employment was suspended from Lighthouse, Inc. during the investigation. I interviewed Resident A. Resident A was unable to answer questions about the incident because he said he didn’t remember, however he did say he felt safe and denied any other Staff were abusive toward him. Resident A’s guardian, Guardian A, stated that she was notified by the Lighthouse Staff regarding the incident. Guardian A stated that if Resident A said something happened, she believes him. Guardian A stated that Resident A would fight back if someone hit him. APS worker Gerald Edwards interviewed Resident A who disclosed to him that he was hit in the face with a closed fist by AFC Staff. APS worker Gerald Edwards stated that Resident A did not know the Staff member’s name that hit him however he provided a description which was consistent with Staff Derick

	Culver and not Staff Jeremy Burley. APS Gerald Edwards interviewed hospital personnel who advised that the laceration was not consistent with an explanation of being caused by a fingernail and more likely caused by a blunt object. APS Gerald Edwards substantiated physical abuse of Resident A by Staff Derick Culver. Resident A was assessed by the AFC home nurse and sent to the hospital for further evaluation. Hospital summary 2/18/2026 Completed x-ray on left wrist, non-displaced fracture on wrist, Velcro wrist brace/splint administered. Cleaned cut on right eye, (dermabond) glue used on right eyebrow. Discharged out-patient. Deputy Woods stated that he has concluded his investigation and forwarded the report and documents including a warrant request for Staff Derick Culver to be reviewed by the prosecutor's office. I conclude there is sufficient evidence to substantiate this rule violation.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the status of this license.

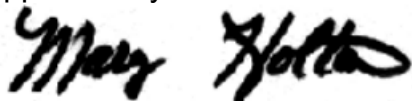


Cynthia Badour
Licensing Consultant

05/07/2026

Date

Approved By:



Mary E. Holton
Area Manager

05/07/2026

Date