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Notice of Incident

Date of Incident: 8/20/2021

Date Reported to DCCECE: 8/20/2021

Agency Name: Little Creek Behavioral

Agency Number: 255

Type of Facility: PRTF

Facility License Type: Regular

Type of Incident: [REDACTED]

Incident Description: Resident [REDACTED] became upset during recreational therapy and began to attempt to fight a peer. The therapist blocked the resident in a corner and was standing in front of him. BHA staff asked the recreational therapist to release the resident from the corner. Resident then began to push the recreational therapist in the back so the BHA staff took the resident to the ground. BHA staff then attempted to put his hand around the residents neck. Recreational therapist intervened and removed the BHA staff away from the resident. When asked later the resident denies the BHA staff squeezed his hands around his neck.

Agency's Interim Corrective Action: Staff placed on administrative leave as of 8/20/2021 and returned to work on 8/24/21 to receive de-escalation training. After specialist reviewed camera footage a new [REDACTED] e was made and accepted so the staff was placed on office duties with no direct or unsupervised contact with residents until the maltreatment investigation is completed.

Licensing Specialist Assigned: C. Vardell

Licensing Supervisor Assigned: S. Singleton-Litzsey

Child Abuse Hotline (Only applies to maltreatment incidents)

Was the Hotline Called: Yes **Was it accepted?** Yes **Outcome:** Unsubstantiated

Assigned Investigator: DCFS

Date of DCCECE's Follow-up: 8/20/2021 **Type of Follow-up:** Email

Details from Follow-up: 8/18/2021-Licensing Specialist emailed Jlynn Perkins to request that the video footage of this incident be saved for review next week as the video footage automatically

deletes after 72 hours.

8/23/2021-Licensing Specialist called Jlynn Perkins and confirmed that the video footage of this incident was saved and will be available for review by the Specialist tomorrow 8/24/2021. Specialist then emailed again requesting information on the working status of the staff who allegedly performed an inappropriate restraint hold. 8/24/21-Licensing Specialist visited the facility and viewed the camera footage. Specialist hotlined the incident as it was not accepted the first time it was hotlined by the facility. Video footage shows the A/O holding the A/V to the ground then shift his weight, but you can not see the placement of the A/O's hands. Additional staff in the room then can be seen forcibly trying to remove the A/O off the top of the A/V and eventually succeeds and escorts him to the other side of the room away from the A/V. Witnesses reported to Little Creek management that the A/O had his hands around the A/V's neck. A/V states the A/O did not squeeze his hands. No bruises or marks noted on the A/V by nursing staff after the incident.