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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 10/17/2022

Date Received by DCCECE: 10/17/2022

Facility Name: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers

Facility Number: 157

Facility Type: Residential

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: Email received showing concerns about the facility being asked to the facility staff "Kenleigh, I am following up with you after our phone conversation on 10/05/22. Please provide us with responses to our questions/concerns. ? : No Serious incident report was received for [REDACTED] swallowing rubber ball; she was taken to the ER. This was classified as a suicide attempt and should have been reported to DRA. Please provide the Incident report. ? I shared that said his back is still hurting from peer throwing a table at him and hitting him in the back with it. You clarified that it was a different piece of furniture that was thrown at him and agreed to check on what treatment or follow up he was receiving. ? Is he getting medication and being monitored? ? You confirmed that at least one resident was pepper sprayed by law enforcement at the facility. ? What medical treatment or decontamination process was provided for the pepper sprayed residents? ? I shared reports of staff barricading kids inside the units by pushing tables up against the doors. ? Have you investigated this? Are staff continuing to block doors with furniture? ? I shared that I received information from a resident that [REDACTED], a CFYF employee, is involved in a sexual relationship with a resident, . I also shared reports that [REDACTED] curses at the residents. ? What steps has the facility taken in response to this allegation? ? Has anything been reported to the child abuse hotline? ? Has staff been put on administrative leave? ? We discussed that is line of sight but has still been able to place items in her vagina and swallow them. ? Is this resident 1:1? ? Are there two staff placed on that unit if client is 1:1? ? We discussed the multiple injuries and fractures from punching walls that have occurred recently. I shared that all girls reported that staff let them punch the walls and will not intervene. ? Have you done a staff training on this issue and how to redirect the clients? ? What plan is being put in place to prevent these injuries? ? We discussed the use of a prone restraint on outside of nurse's station on 8/05/22. You stated that you observed the

restraint and believed they flipped her over and held her supine. Your confidence in the accuracy of your firsthand account led us to look at the restraint again to be sure we were correct. It was a prone restraint. ? Did you rewatch this video? ? How will this be addressed with staff?"

Interim Action Narrative:

Maltreatment Narrative:

Outcome:

Licensing Narrative: Licensing discussed this information and determined to initiate a complaint due to the nature of the information being discussed in the email on 10/21/2022. The complaint was input into ELS and assigned to Clayton DeBoer for follow up. Facility visited 10/25/2022 in response to complaint. Risk Mgmt. Eric Knowles and Program Director Kenleigh Bennett consulted. Facility visited 10/18/22 regarding incident with HC and cited 110.17. Client that was pepper-sprayed was immediately detained by police after being pepper-sprayed. Client was detained for around 2 hrs. then was returned to Destiny House. When client returned client had no complaints. Furniture is not at any time used to block a fire exit/exit. Staff have been instructed not to use furniture to block fire exits/exits. Staff are sometimes positioned in chairs outside of doors as barrier to elopement. All clients at EMAC including [REDACTED] and all staff who interact with clients [REDACTED] given client/safety interview. No staff nor clients reported that any staff/client interactions were inappropriate or unsafe. [REDACTED] continues to be on "line-of-site", meaning staff observe client at all times. Staff are trained to use bodies as barriers or strike block to prevent clients from punching walls.