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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 2/13/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 2/13/2023

Facility Name: Perimeter of the Ozarks

Facility Number: 237

Facility Type: Residential

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: Name: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Guardian: DHS (TX) -
Notified On 2/13/23 at approximately 0900, [REDACTED] became upset about having to move units and stole a staff member's walkie. She broke the clip and went down the hall and began attempting to self-harm her arms/legs. She was blocked by staff when she was attempting to self-harm and eventually placed the contraband in her pants. [REDACTED] willingly walked out of the unit to comfort room per direction of staff. While in the comfort room, [REDACTED] began attempting to use the contraband in her pocket to self-harm her legs. A physical hold was initiated to maintain safety per Dr. Froman. Contraband was retrieved by RN. Once safe behavior was exhibited, [REDACTED] was released from hold. She sat in the comfort room and talked with staff about her frustrations about moving units. While doing so, she became dysregulated again and took another walkie from the milieu and placed it in her pants. She refused to give the walkie back to the staff and again, attempted to use walkie to self-harm. She was placed in a second brief physical hold to retrieve contraband. Once safe behavior and calm demeanor was observed, resident was released. She walked over to her new unit willingly. A little while later while on her unit, she began trying to climb wall to get to the fire alarm on the ceiling but was unsuccessful due to staff intervention. This evening, she grabbed a staff's keys from around their neck stating she was going to attempt to escape the unit. The keys were retrieved by staff promptly. Resident was eventually able to regulate emotions by processing with staff. Resident assessed by RN and no injuries were sustained from any events listed above. Resident placed on self-harm precautions with constant line of sight, as well as assault and property destruction precautions as a result of these events.

Interim Action Narrative:

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: Discussed this series of incidents with Cassie Sowder CEO. She stated that resident became escalated due to a room change. She stole a walkie from a staff member to self-harm and later stole a key from around a staff member's neck by breaking the lanyard. The second time she obtained a walkie happened shortly after she was released from restraint after demonstrating calm behaviors. Staff had taken walkies off in order to complete the restraint. She grabbed one off of the milieu counter and it was quickly retrieved. She has been placed on a self-harm precaution plan and an assault and property destruction precaution plan. Staff reports that her behaviors have stabilized since incident, and she has expressed to CEO that she likes her new unit better than she thought that she would.