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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 12/24/2022

Date Received by DCCECE: 12/25/2022

Facility Name: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers

Facility Number: 157

Facility Type: Residential

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: I wanted to inform you of an incident that occurred at The Centers (EMCC) on 12/24/2022. On 12/24/2022, the sprinkler system at EMCC incurred a major leak, causing water damage to parts of the building. The clients were moved to an area of the building that did not sustain any damage. There were no clients or staff injured as a result of this incident. The clients will continue to receive all their normal services. There are ten (10) DCFS placements at EMCC. The guardians of all the EMCC clients were notified about this incident. A restoration company specializing in water damage was contacted and responded to the facility on 12/24/2022. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Interim Action Narrative: Residents and staff were moved to a safe location. A restoration company came out to clean the water damage. Facility is waiting on an insurance adjuster to assess the damages.

Maltreatment Narrative:

Outcome:

Licensing Narrative: Licensing Specialist will follow-up with facility regarding this incident. Licensing Specialist completed a building walkthrough of EMCC from the major leak in the sprinkler system causing water damage to parts of the building. Licensing Specialist observed blowers, contact workers, baseboards, open ceilings, cords to the different blowers and other machines being used. There were no residents in the area that Licensing Specialist observed. Licensing Specialist observed where residents are sleeping as an alternative due to the water damage. The facility is utilizing the reward room, group room, and a conference room for residents to sleep. Licensing Specialist was informed of some alternatives until repairs are made. Kenleigh Bennett (Director of Residential and Clinical Services) inquired about utilizing the facility's new dorm and an unused classroom for the residents. Licensing Specialist informed Ms. Bennett to submit their alternative plans via email for approval. Licensing Specialist and Ms. Bennett discussed how residents have been moved to different locations for safety. Residents were able to process their concerns with staff.