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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 4/25/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 5/10/2023

Facility Name: Perimeter of the Ozarks

Facility Number: 237

Facility Type:

Incident Type: Dual

Report Description: A/V reported that she and the A/O were roommates, and that the A/O digitally penetrated her three times.

Interim Action Narrative: The A/O has already been discharged from the facility, so no safety plan is needed at this time.

Maltreatment Narrative: A/V reported that she and the A/O were roommates, and that the A/O digitally penetrated her three times.

Licensing Narrative: 5/10/2023- Licensing spoke to the assigned investigator who has already conducted the majority of her investigation into this report. The investigator reported that the facility notified CACD of this incident and were fully knowledgeable that there was an open maltreatment investigation. Furthermore, the facility had already discharged the alleged offender. 5/11/2023-Licensing spoke to CEO Cassie Sowder to inquire about why the facility failed to report this accepted maltreatment report to licensing. Ms. Sowder stated she will speak with the DON to determine what happened. 5/12/2023- CEO Cassie Sowder called the Program Coordinator and reported that their documentation

on the incident report shows that Licensing was notified of the incident, but they could not produce any email showing they attempted to notify licensing. Additionally, the online reporting system has no record of this maltreatment report. 5/15/2023- Licensing issued a 521 citing the facility for 110.12 and 109.1.f. 5/31/2023, Licensing Specialist contacted investigator for an update. 6/5/2023- Case has been closed as unsubstantiated



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521 Visit Compliance Report

Licensee: Perimeter of the Ozarks

Facility Number: 237

Licensee Address: 2466 SOUTH 48TH STREET
SPRINGDALE AR 72766

Licensing Specialist: Chelsea Vardell

Person In Charge: Cassondra Sowder

Record Visit Date: 5/15/2023

Home Visit Date: 5/15/2023

Purpose of Visit: Complaint Visit

Regulations Out of Compliance:

Regulation Number: 1. 109. 1 .f

Regulation Description: Unprofessional conduct in the practice of child welfare activities shall include, but not limited to the following:

Findings Description: The facility failed to report an accepted maltreatment report to the licensing unit by the next business day as required by the current Corrective Action Agreement between the facility and the CWARB.

Action Due Date:

Action Due Description:

Comply Date:

Sub Regulation Description:

Regulation Number: 1. 110. 12

Regulation Description: The agency shall notify the Licensing Unit by the next business day when a report of child maltreatment is accepted by the child abuse hotline against the owner/operator, employee, foster parent, volunteer, child, or other person in a child welfare agency.

Findings Description: The facility failed to report an accepted maltreatment report to the licensing unit. The report was made 4/25/2023 and the licensing unit was not made aware of it until 5/10/2023.

Action Due Date:

Action Due Description:

Comply Date:

Sub Regulation Description:

Regulations Needing Technical Assistance:

Regulation Not Applicable:

Regulations Not Correctable:

Narrative:

No site visit conducted on this day.

Licensing was made aware of an active investigation at the facility on 5/10/2023 that was reported to the [REDACTED] on 4/25/2023. The facility did not email or enter the notification of an accepted [REDACTED] into the Enterprise Licensing System (ELS) per licensing requirements. The Program Coordinator was made aware that the A/O was discharged from the facility, so no safety plan is needed to be implemented for the A/V at this time. The Program Coordinator spoke to CEO Cassie Sowder, who reported that the DON (responsible for submitting incident reports), has documentation on the incident report that Licensing was notified. However, no email could be produced to show that an attempt was made to notify licensing, nor was there an incident completed and submitted into ELS.

This is a direct violation of the current Corrective Action Agreement between the facility and the CWARB.

The facility will be cited for the following today:

109.1.f-Unprofessional conduct in the practice of child welfare activities shall include without limitation: (f) Failing to comply with any stipulation or agreement with the board involving probation or a settlement of any disciplinary matters.

110.12-The agency shall notify the Licensing Unit by the next business day when a report of child maltreatment is accepted by the child abuse hotline against the owner, operator, employee, foster parent, volunteer, child, or other person in a child welfare agency.

Provider Comments:

CCL Staff Signature :

Date: 6/6/2023

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