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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 5/10/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 5/11/2023

Facility Name: Perimeter of the Ozarks

Facility Number: 237

Facility Type:

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: Name: [REDACTED], DOB: 0 [REDACTED] Last night at approximately 5:27p, the CEO was notified by AOC, [REDACTED] Andrews via phone that while residents were in the gym which has 2 unlocked outside doors (leading to the fenced/locked area). While in there, 2 residents escalated and staff walkie for staff support. At this time, resident [REDACTED] exited the gym in attempts to leave the property. One staff member followed [REDACTED]. At this time, a staff member intercepted and was able to get to the gate opening before [REDACTED] exited. Staff stated the gate was ajar with no chain. As the staff attempted to keep her inside the fenced area, [REDACTED] saw a 2nd staff coming in for assistance and as result, escaped the staff. That was when the staff notified [REDACTED] and he notified the CEO. CEO informed [REDACTED] to have police called. At this time, Sarah ? DON also called CEO at 5:31p as she was driving home and noticed the resident. CEO informed Sarah police were notified and that her number would be provided to the police if she is able to keep vision on the resident and communicate with police ? resulting in a hopeful quick pick up. Regional CEO was notified at 5:35p. At approximately 6:20p CEO was notified the police had located [REDACTED] and DON Sarah was heading back to property and complete notification process of incident. At 6:27p DON was notified by police they were taking [REDACTED] to the hospital as she stated she would ?kill everyone in the building? and ?suffocate all of the kids.? CEO began communicating with Sargent Asher ? police about next steps for [REDACTED]. It was agreed we would take the resident back for stabilization if they could transport her back to us. It was agreed police would remain present until she was safely in a locked area and a person search was conducted. The plan to address her homicidal ideation was to keep her separate from the living areas/away from other residents, programming in our quiet area, until she can be assessed by our NP and therapist. Between 7:35p and 7:50p ? [REDACTED] arrived on property with police escort who remained on property with her in a locked area until her

search was completed. [REDACTED] arrived in the quiet area approximately 8:00p. Sargent Asher called the CEO and informed them they were on the property. No other issues noted with resident after this. CEO called and verbally notified NP Erin Duvall of the event. Plan of Correction: Kitchen staff who left the door outside gate door ajar after taking out garbage has immediately been placed on 90-day probation. There have been no other performance issues by this employee per her supervisor. Position will be posted. Twice per shift a designated person will walk inside/outside property for a safety inspection i.e., checking all magnetic doors are secure in and out of bldg., chains on fencing are in place. Will complete checkoff sheet and have in a log. Will be reviewed by EOC. 2 employees will walk to the dumpster when garbage is disposed to assist in the verification of all exits being securely locked/fastened. Speak with Ozark Guidance and if they are willing, the Fire Marshal, to determine if we can secure the gym exits to the outside when Perimeter utilized the gym. If not, the gym will not be utilized unless there are at least 3 staff members available to supervise in the gym ? resulting in outside door supervision and to assist in supervision/safety of residents in gym. Parties notified of event: Guardian: Markeisha Carter (DFPS Caseworker) Cassie Sowder, CEO Art Hickman, Regional CEO Rebecca Thomas, VP Clinical Training Jill Shrader, VP Risk Compliance/Quality Edison Sullivan ? Clinical Director Kris Stewart, Reagan Stanford, and Ashlyn Whelchel (Disability Rights of AR) Chelsea Vardell and Kendra Rice, and Felicia Harris (DHS) Texas DFPS ICPC Texas DFPS Online Portal (report ID # [REDACTED])

Interim Action Narrative: Staff followed resident. CEO was notified and the police were called. Resident was returned to the facility and searched by staff. She will be kept separate from other residents.

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: 5/11/2023- Licensing emailed the facility for further information. Facility visited 5/15/23 in response to self-report elopement of client [REDACTED]. Gate outside of gym doors observed to be chained/locked. Per staff report, this gate is to remain chained/locked at all times when not in use. Kitchen staff left gate unlocked when client [REDACTED] eloped. Facility cited 907.2.



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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: Clayton DeBoer

Person In Charge: Sarah Kroon

Record Visit Date: 5/15/2023

Home Visit Date: 5/15/2023

Purpose of Visit: Self Report Visit

Regulations Out of Compliance:

Regulation Number: 9. 907. 2

Regulation Description: Child caring staff shall be responsible for providing the level of supervision, care, and treatment necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of each child at the facility, taking into account the child's age, individual differences and abilities, surrounding circumstances, hazards and risks.

Findings Description: Gate outside of gym doors observed to be chained/locked. Per staff report, this gate is to remain chained/locked at all times when not in use. Kitchen staff left gate unlocked when client [REDACTED] eloped. Facility cited 907.2.

Action Due Date: 5/11/2023

Action Due Description: Kitchen staff retrained on importance of keeping gate locked while not in use.

Comply Date:

Sub Regulation Description:

Regulations Needing Technical Assistance:

Regulation Not Applicable:

Regulations Not Correctable:

Narrative:

Facility visited 5/15/23 in response to self-report elopement of client [REDACTED] on 5/10/23. No video footage of this incident is available. Gate outside of gym doors observed to be chained/locked. Per staff report, this gate is to remain chained/locked at all times when not in use. Kitchen staff left gate unlocked when client NSA eloped. Facility cited 907.2.

Provider Comments:

CCL Staff Signature :

Date: 6/6/2023



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