



Placement and Residential Licensing Unit

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Notice of Serious Incident

Case Number: 022976

Date of Incident: 8/4/2024

Date Received: 8/5/2024

Facility Name: Dacus RTC

Facility Number: 108

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: Client: [REDACTED] -Guardian

[REDACTED] -Caseworker- [REDACTED] Client state of residency: [REDACTED]

Insurance: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Staff present: [REDACTED] Staff present: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he Client ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) pushed passed staff ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) when she opened the door leading to the front office. Client ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) eloped out of the front office door. The client ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) was apprehended by Bono Police and taken to the Craighead County Juvenile Detention Center. BI staff members [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] followed protocol. A Corrective Action Plan would include a retraining with staff members on techniques to help prevent the risks of elopement.

Interim Action Narrative:

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: 8/6/2024- Licensing spoke to facility staff [REDACTED] and CEO [REDACTED] during a visit to the facility on 8/6/2024 and discussed this elopement. The facility reports that the ratio at the time of the elopement in the dayroom was 2:5. One staff went to exit the dayroom to the main office when a resident pushed past her and ran out of the front door to the building. The resident was found and returned the facility with no

issues or injuries. The staff involved was retrained on elopement precautions when opening the doors leading to the office. The resident has been placed on close observations and elopement precautions.



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521 Visit Compliance Report

Licensee: Dacus RTC

Facility Number: 108

Licensee Address: 211 CHURCH STREET
BONO AR 72146

Licensing Specialist: Chelsea Vardell

Person In Charge:

Record Visit Date: 8/6/2024

Home Visit Date: 8/6/2024

Purpose of Visit: Self Report Visit

Regulations Out of Compliance:

Regulations Needing Technical Assistance:

Regulation Not Applicable:

Regulations Not Correctable:

Narrative:

Licensing program manager visited the facility in response to case 022967. Licensing spoke with facility staff [REDACTED] and therapist [REDACTED] regarding the provider reported incident. The facility reports that the staff named in the case is currently on leave pending the internal investigation.

Licensing interviewed three residents at the facility including the child named on this incident report.

Resident 1: Reported that one staff (listed on this report) has been rude and disrespectful to him on several occasions. Reported that the named staff has threatened to punch him in the face after the resident bumped into his chair. The resident reports that no other staff or residents heard these exchanges as they were always alone when it occurred. The resident reports no other issues with any staff, reports that he really likes his therapist, his room is nice, and he feels that he is making a lot of improvement at the facility.

Resident 2: Reported that he has no concerns with any staff at the facility and has not witnessed any staff being physically or verbally aggressive with any residents. Reports that he enjoys the facility because they go on outings, have good food, and they can play basketball. Resident named two staff specifically that he really appreciates for being so kind.

Resident 3: Reported he has no concerns with any staff at the facility and has not witnessed any staff being physically or verbally aggressive with any residents. Does report concerns about his discharge plans and if he can get a set date to discharge on because his family is trying to move out of state.

Licensing spoke to CEO [REDACTED] and reviewed the information gathered today. Licensing informed [REDACTED] that licensing is not requiring the staff to be on suspension, and he can return to work once he has been retrained on topics related to appropriate communication and behavior management with the residents. The facility will provide a copy of the retraining prior to the staff returned to work.

Provider Comments:

CCL Staff Signature : *Chelsea Vardell*

Date: 8/8/2024

Provider Signature : *Wayne G. Banks*

Date: 8/8/2024