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Dorothy Williams
11113 West Florist Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53225

C/O Licensee: Saving Ourselves LLC

Re: SOS Safe House (0018088)
2550 North 10th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53206

Dear Dorothy Williams:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of SOS Safe House, located at 2550 North 10th St., Milwaukee, and sets forth appeal rights, if any. This regulatory action is taken by the Department of Health Services (Department) pursuant to Wis. Stat § 50.033(2), and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On July 2, 2025, a verification visit was concluded for SOS Safe House by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the above-referenced facility was in substantial compliance with Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, or both, which set forth requirements for the administration and operation of an adult family home (AFH). The Department is issuing Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #HOYO12 for violations of

Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #HOYO12 is enclosed.

ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.b., effective immediately, the licensee shall comply with the requirements specified by Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88 that establishes the standards for the operation of the Adult Family Home in order to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND WITHOUT DELAY, within 45 days of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall achieve and maintain substantial compliance with all requirements. All operational and resident records required as evidence of compliance with applicable rules will be available to department representatives upon request.

The Department may, without notice, conduct an inspection to verify the licensee's corrective action at any time after the date of compliance. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.033(3), the department may impose a \$200 inspection fee for an on-site inspection to review compliance of violations resulting in enforcement action.

ADDITIONALLY:

WITHIN 10 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee may request an extension for the date of compliance. The request for an extension must be submitted to the Assisted Living Regional Director, Southeastern Regional Office, at DHSDQABALSERO@dhs.wisconsin.gov. The Regional Director will communicate to the licensee a decision on the date of compliance extension.

ORDER NOT TO ADMIT NEW OR ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS – EXTENDED

Based on the results of the Department's investigation, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.02(2)(am)2., and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.f., **EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE and ORDER**, the Department of Health Services hereby extends the order issued on April 18, 2025 with Statement of Deficiency (SOD) HOYO11 that **SOS Safe House Not Admit any New or Additional Residents** until all violations in SOD HOYO12 are corrected, compliance is verified by the Department, and this Order is rescinded in writing.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Based on the results of the Department's investigation, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.02(2)(am)2., **EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE and ORDER**, the Department of Health Services **HEREBY ORDERS** that **SOS Safe House:**

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code §§ DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.b. and 2.e., effective immediately, the licensee shall comply with the requirements specified by Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.04(2)(a) and ensure that the home and its operation comply with this chapter and with all other laws governing the home and its operation. That is, the licensee shall comply with department orders issued with Statement of Deficiency (SOD) HOYO11 on April 18, 2025, and shall develop and implement corrective measures in consultation with a registered nurse (RN) not currently affiliated with the licensee. The RN will have knowledge of assisted living regulations (e.g., Wis. Admin. Code ch. 88, Wis. Stat. ch. 50) and knowledge of the client groups served by SOS Safe House. The licensee will provide the consultant with a copy of the SOD HOYO12, along with this Notice and Order letter prior to providing consultation services.

Consultation will include, at a minimum, the development (or review) of written procedures and training for all service providers to address:

Individual Service Plan/Assessment

- A comprehensive written assessment and individual service plan (ISP) are completed and on file for each resident within 30 days after placement.
- Resident assessments and ISPs will identify services, approaches and interventions appropriate to meet the needs of the resident.
- Each resident's ISP will be reviewed at least once every 6 months by the licensee, the resident, the resident's legal representative, and the placing agency, if applicable. The resident will be participating in a manner appropriate for the resident's level of understanding and method of communication. This review is to determine continued appropriateness of the plan and to update the plan as necessary. A statement of agreement with the plan, dated and signed by all persons involved in developing the plan will be obtained.
- All staff responsible for providing services to a resident will review the ISP and provide services in accordance with the plan.

Medication Management, to include how the licensee will:

- document medication orders, medication administration, and missed/refused doses;
- administer medications to ensure residents receive medications at the intervals and dosages prescribed;
- prevent medication errors and respond to medication errors if they occur;
- securely store and manage medications; and
- dispose of discontinued and outdated medications. Resources are available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/assisted-living/mmi.htm>

Consultation activities, including dates of consultation, will be documented, signed and dated by the consultant.

Copies of all written procedures required by Order #1 will be made available to department representatives upon request.

All training records will be maintained in personnel files and include the date/duration of training, the signature/qualifications of the instructor, and documentation of successful completion of the training requirements.

2. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.e., WITHIN 7 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall provide the legal representative and case manager (if any) for each current resident with a copy of Statement of Deficiency HOYO12 and a copy of this Notice and Order letter. The licensee shall retain evidence, acceptable to the department, to verify compliance with Order #2. Acceptable documentation will be a signed, certified mail receipt or a verification letter or email from the legal representative and case manager. Required evidence will be made available to the department representatives upon request.

NOTICE OF REVISIT FEE

According to Wis. Stat. § 50.033(3), if the Department takes enforcement action against an adult family home for violation of this subchapter or rules promulgated under it, and the Department subsequently conducts an onsite inspection to review the facility's action to correct the violation(s), the Department may impose a \$200 inspection fee on the adult family home.

On July 2, 2025, a verification visit was concluded at SOS Safe House by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the violation(s) contained in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #HOYO11 were corrected. **Therefore, an inspection fee of \$200 is being assessed.**

Please send a check or money order in the amount of \$200 made payable to "Division of Quality Assurance" and send it to:

Division of Quality Assurance
Bureau of Assisted Living
Southeastern Regional Office
819 North 6th St., Room 609B
Milwaukee, WI 53203-1606

The revisit fee is due within ten (10) days of receipt of this Notice. Failure to submit this revisit fee will result in additional department action against SOS Safe House. There are no appeal rights for revisit fees.

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If you have questions about this letter, please contact MaryBeth Hoffman Assisted Living Regional Director, at (414)227-2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Brotheridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kenneth Brotheridge, Assisted Living Director
Bureau of Assisted Living
Division of Quality Assurance

Enclosure
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cc: Ombudsman, Milwaukee County
Aging/Disability Resource Center, Milwaukee County
Milwaukee County Human Services
Waiver Agencies
Division of Medicaid Services
Disability Rights Wisconsin
Department of Corrections