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September 11, 2024

ELECTRONIC MAIL
SOD #J78H13

NOTICE and ORDER
NOTICE OF VIOLATION
ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDERS
NOTICE OF REVISIT FEE

Tia Smith
9400 North 107th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53224

C/O Licensee: A Better Living Enterprise, Tia Smith

Re: A Better Living Family Services Site 3, 0014371
9104 W Custer Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53225

Dear Tia Smith:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of A Better Living Family Services Site 3, located at 9104 W Custer Avenue, 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 30, 2024, a complaint investigation and two verification visits were concluded for A Better Living Family Services Site 3 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) #J78H13 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #J78H13 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.

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 **A Better Living Family Services Site 3:**

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.e., the licensee shall develop and implement corrective measures to ensure all service providers protect and promote each resident's right to live in a home that is safe, clean, and well-maintained.

WITHIN 45 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee will provide training to all service providers on the corrective actions taken to resolve each environmental deficiency identified in Statement of Deficiency J78H13. Training will be documented in personnel records and will include the date/duration of training, the signature/qualifications of the instructor, and evidence of successful completion of the training.

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 Resident 5's legal representative with a copy of Statement of

Deficiency J78H13 and a copy of this Notice and Order letter. The licensee shall retain documentation, 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. The documentation required by Order #2 will be available to 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 30, 2024, a verification visit was concluded at A Better Living Family Services Site 3 by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the violation(s) contained in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #J78H12 and (SOD) #YGBY11 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 A Better Living Family Services Site 3. 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.

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Sincerely,

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

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

Enclosure
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