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SOD#RWL611

NOTICE and ORDER
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Keaira Stephenson
6845 W. Linda Dr.
West Bend, WI 53090

C/O Licensee: Gentle Hearts and Loud Love Adult Family Home

Re: Gentle Hearts and Loud Love Adult Family Home (0019902)
6845 W. Linda Dr.
West Bend, WI 53090

Dear Keaira Stephenson:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of Gentle Hearts and Loud Love Adult Family Home, located at 6845 W. Linda Dr., West Bend, WI 53090, 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 June 9, 2026, a standard survey and complaint investigation were concluded for Gentle Hearts and Loud Love Adult Family Home 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) # RWL611 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD # RWL611 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, Northeastern Regional Office, at DHSDQABALNERO@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 **Gentle Hearts and Loud Love Adult Family Home**:

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.e., effective immediately, the licensee shall ensure each resident has the opportunity to make decisions relating to care, activities, and other aspects of life in the adult family home.

WITHIN 7 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall provide the legal representative and the case manager (if any) for each resident with a copy of Statement of Deficiency RWL611 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.

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WITHIN 45 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall provide Resident Rights training for all service providers. Training will be provided by a qualified professional (e.g., certified social worker, ombudsman, resident rights specialist). Before providing the training, the instructor will be provided with copies of Statement of Deficiency RWL611, and this notice and order letter. Documentation of training will be maintained in employee files and will include the date/duration of training, the signature/qualifications of the instructor, and an outline of course content.

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If you have questions about this letter, please contact Vicky Wittman, Assisted Living Regional Director, at (920) 448-4800.

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 of the name.

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

Enclosure

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