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ELECTRONIC MAIL
SOD#WJ2711

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

Kai Trimble Lea
P.O. Box 244
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C/O Licensee: This House Is a Home CBRF, LLC

Re: This House Is a Home III AFH (0018388)
6130 W. Appleton Ave. 3
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Dear Kai Trimble Lea:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of This House Is a Home III AFH, located at 6130 W. Appleton Ave. 3, 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 December 2, 2024, a standard survey and one complaint investigation was concluded for This House Is a Home III AFH 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) #WJ2711 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #WJ2711 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 **This House Is a Home III AFH**:

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.e., the licensee shall ensure the home is safe, and easily accessible for all residents. The licensee shall develop and implement corrective measures to resolve each deficiency identified in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) WJ2711.

WITHIN 45 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee's corrective measures shall address:

Annual Training

- The licensee and each service provider shall complete 8 hours of training related to the health, safety, welfare, rights and treatment of residents every year beginning with the calendar year after the year in which the initial training is received; and
- Each service provider who may be exposed to blood, body fluids or other moist body substances, including mucous membranes, non-intact skin, secretions, and excretions except sweat, whether or not they contain visible blood shall successfully complete training in standard

precautions prior to assuming duties that may expose the service provider to such material, and annually.

Safe and Accessible Exits

- The first floor of the home shall have at least 2 means of exiting which provides unobstructed access to the outside, for all residents of the home.
- Ensure all residents shall be able to easily enter and exit the home, to easily get to their bedrooms, a bathroom, and all common living areas in the home.
- If a resident is not able to walk at all, or able to walk only with difficulty, or only with the assistance of crutches, a cane or walker, or is unable to easily negotiate stairs without assistance, then at least two exits from the home shall be ramped to grade with a hard surfaced pathway with handrails.
- Pending completion of the forgoing requirements, the licensee will implement all necessary measures to ensure the safety of residents.

The licensee will provide inservice training to all managers and service providers on the corrective actions taken to resolve each deficiency identified in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) WJ2711. 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.

A copy of the written procedure required by Order #1 will be made available to Department representatives upon request.

ADDITIONALLY,

WITHIN 45 DAYS of receipt of this notice, continuing education requirements must be met for the licensee and all service providers, as appropriate, for calendar year 2024.

Training will be provided by qualified instructors. Training records will include the date/duration of training, an outline of course content 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 the case manager (if any) for each current resident with a copy of Statement of Deficiency (SOD) WJ2711 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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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, reading "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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