



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: Janus Youth Programs - Residential

Executive Director: Dennis Morrow

Program Director(s): Trina Strand, John Weigel, Lori Torres

Date of Unannounced: Buckman House 5/5/21, Cordero House 5/7/21, Rivera House 5/11/21,

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: DHS Treatment Services & Oregon Youth Authority (OYA)

Purpose: Per OAR 413-215-0101 (1) (b) Children's Care Licensing is required to perform at least one unannounced site visit a year where children in care reside.

Previous Findings: Unannounced Site Visit 11-17-2020 <i>No New Findings or Repeat Findings</i>	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
	Yes ☐ No ☐	

New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
413-215-0511 (c) Physical Plant Requirements	• Cordero House: Broken handrail bracket first bracket as heading upstairs. Handrail is loose and needs a new bracket to secure handrail. • Rivera House: Showers are dirty in need of cleaning and new caulking needed from transition from tile wall to shower drain basin. (Note Rivera provided a copy of workorder that was completed during my time of visit to have this immediately addressed.) • Rivera House: Yard is overgrown and not kept up with the surrounding neighborhood. (Note Rivera reports there is a plan for this upcoming Sunday to address the yard.) • Imani House: Basement handrail bracket not attached to handrail towards bottom of handrail. • Imani House: Upstairs bathroom ceiling near shower / front door mold is starting on ceiling.

Interview Summary

Buckman House: I interviewed two youth from Buckman House on the side of the front porch individually. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program, 10=best program), the youths reported Buckman House to be a 7.5, and 8 on that scale. When asked regarding safety, one youth reported feeling “mostly safe”. Through further questions this youth reported “peers get into arguments almost to the point of physical”. They denied any abuse at program and reported program is addressing with strict no horse play rules that are being enforced. The other youth reported they feel safe. This youth reported they wish the program was not so strict regarding horse play rules. One youth reported, “staff is diverse, supportive, and open minded”. Food was reported to be “alright” and “pretty good”. Both youths reported focusing on school and then looking for work. Both reported that treatment is good and they get along with their counselors. Both youths were able to describe the independent living skills they are learning at Buckman House.

Cordero House: I interviewed two youth from Cordero House on the front porch individually to ensure privacy. The Cordero House has two teams, Journey and Mission. I interviewed one youth from each team to get a perspective from each team. Both youths reported feeling safe at Cordero House, and if they did not, they could talk to staff. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program, 10=best program) youth reported Cordero to be a 7.5, and 9.5 on that scale. Regarding food at Cordero House one youth reported food is “good” and favorite meal is the “jambalaya”. This youth reported that Monday through Friday breakfast, lunch, and snack are USDA standard meals. The other youth reported food to be “good”. He wished there was more protein in the meals. Regarding treatment at Cordero House, both youths spoke highly of services they are receiving. One youth indicated “very helpful”. Both youths reported treatment groups occur daily. Here is a list of reported groups that youth currently attend: PRISM group (offense specific), self-evaluation goals, trust group, living skills, moral reasoning group, feedback group, and ART group (Anger Replacement Therapy). For fun youth reported playing video games, basketball on site, fire pit, park tennis, playing magic cards and jogs. Due to Covid-19, no more going to the movies and bowling.

Rivera House: I interviewed one youth from Rivera house on the back patio to ensure privacy. I had met with this same youth in July of 2020 during the licensing renewal. This youth is set to now graduate the program soon by their report. They reported they have saved \$4,000.00 and are eager to move out and have a roommate in the Portland area. Youth reported Rivera to be a 9 on a scale from 0-10 where 0=worst program and 10=best program. They reported Rivera staff are easy to get along with and are supportive. Skills learned since being in program include how to rent and how to do their own taxes. Skills groups attended include support group, rent well and 30 days on the job. This youth reports they feel safe at Rivera and that they enjoy going on walks, going to the park and hikes with the program.

Imani House: I interviewed two youth from Imani House at a picnic table between the main building and the newly created school and recreation room to ensure privacy. The Imani House has two teams: Polaris and Nova. I interviewed one youth from each team to get a perspective from each team. Both youths reported feeling safe at Imani House, and if they did not, they could talk to staff. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program, 10=best program) youth reported Imani to be a 9.5, and 10 on that scale. One youth reported they like Imani because, “Staff are nice. Staff take good care of you. Positive peer culture is very helpful.” The other youth reported Imani to be “like a family” and “staff are nonjudgmental and always there”. Regarding food one youth reported it is “good” and “lunches are much improved.” This youth reported dinners are great and favorite dinner is beef soft tacos. The other youth reported food is “really good” and favorite meals are pot stickers and chicken alfredo dinners. Regarding treatment one youth reported, “it is tough and helpful and changes you.” This youth reported, “being at Imani saved my life.” The other youth reported he has learned that how he was living his life before was not ok. He no longer acts out physically by his report. Both youths have had on-site visits with family. Youths indicated that there are many fun things at Imani such as playing horseshoe outside, ping pong, going to park (baseball, soccer), board games, video games and watching movies. Youth reported that they have gone on hikes.

Observations

Buckman House: When I arrived, I completed a Covid-19 questionnaire and temperature check. I observed the new Guinea pig pen on table in the front foyer of Buckman House. The Guinea pigs have been a great addition for the youth, especially during the Covid Pandemic. Program has developed a safety plan and rules regarding handling and care for “Neo and John Wick”. The youth named the two Guinea pigs – Neo and John Wick. I observed youth getting ready for school and staff having positive interactions with youth as they were getting ready for the day.

Cordero House: When I arrived at Cordero House, I completed a Covid-19 questionnaire and temperature check. I observed the Cordero House to be clean and well organized. Youth bedrooms were well kept with made beds and clean bathroom. During my tour of the grounds Cordero House has added new outdoor patio furniture for the large covered porch. I observed the youth having snack after school and getting ready for their groups. While touring the on-site school I noted the new 3-D printer the school has purchased.

Rivera House: I completed a Covid-19 questionnaire and temperature check upon arrival to Rivera House. I observed youth getting ready for school and or work during my visit. One youth refused to interview due to me working for DHS. Staff reported this youth has a negative viewpoint regarding law enforcement and those working for DHS. I was able to speak with one youth who is currently looking for work.

Imani House: Upon arrival to Imani I completed a Covid-19 questionnaire and temperature check. The house was well organized, and all spaces were well decorated. I toured the building while youth were at school. When youth returned, I observed positive interactions and redirection from staff to youth. When youth returned from school, they began lunch time.

Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

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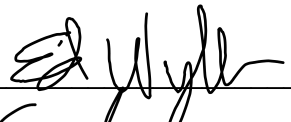
Within 45 days of receipt of this report **Janus Youth Programs** must submit a letter of verification indicating the agency is in compliance with the specific rules cited above and describing how compliance will be maintained going forward. Along with the letter of verification, the agency must submit any and all specific documentation requested in the body of this report. The letter of verification and any additional requested documents can be emailed directly to **Edward.Wyller@dhsola.state.or.us** or sent by regular mail to the following address:

Due to Covid-19 pandemic and working remotely the preferred method is to send directly to Ed Wyller at his email address.

Department of Human Services
Children's Care Licensing Program

Attn: **Ed Wyller**

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Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 5-25-2021

Manager Review:  Date: 5-25-2020