



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report Residential Care

Licensee: St. Mary's Home for Boys
Executive Director: Francis Maher
Assistant Director: Jeff Pinelli

Date of Unannounced: November 14, 2022
Licensing Coordinator: Robin DuVal

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Child Welfare Treatment Services and 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 12/08/2021	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed?	Comments
413-215-0551(10) Written record of the administration of medication: The agency shall ensure the written record of the medication administration are filled out accurately without blanks. The medication administration records (MARs) in each cottage had varying levels of blanks. Staff were asked about the blanks, and some were unaware of the legend noted on the MAR for proper documentation.	Yes✓ No□	The medication administration records in Meyer cottage had several blanks. Despite the blanks, staff who were asked about the documentation process reported there should always be an entry. This is a repeat finding. <i>This requirement is unmet and further corrective action is needed.</i>

New Findings from Site Visit
None

Interview Summary

Two youth were individually interviewed, ages 16 and 15, and have been in the program approximately 2 months and 1 year, respectively. Both report feeling safe and that staff are trusting, and they shared how the program is benefiting them. The youth said school is going well, and they meet regularly with their counselor and case manager. They said the food is good, they get seconds, but sometimes the food is not fully heated or is burnt. They said they have regular unrestricted contact with family, they receive medications as prescribed, and the agency does well at being supportive, building relationships, teaching skills, and making sure youth have what they need. They like that most everyone is welcoming and the variety of physical activity that is offered. One youth desires to learn some life skills like doing laundry, car repair, ordering at restaurants, etc. Both report peer relationships are going ok except for one peer who has been making racial remarks. It's reported that staff and management are aware, and steps are being taken to mitigate the issue. This coordinator verified this with management. It's also reported that a kitchen staff person is rude to staff and youth and has a strict and rigid nature about them. This coordinator discussed with management and they're aware and taking appropriate steps to mitigate the issue. Both report that they see minimal use of peers using the seclusion and isolation rooms, and the one longer-term youth has observed that there are fewer instances than when they first came to this program. Their understanding of the purpose of the isolation room is to provide an opportunity to calm down and refocus in an unlocked room without peer or environmental distractions.

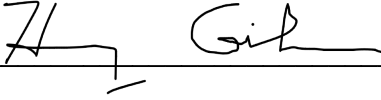
Observations

The four living units were observed and were clean, welcoming, and in good repair. One youth's bedding was off for laundering, and the mattress cover was observed to be ripped. The agency has some in stock and will replace the ripped cover. I observed staff interacting with a few youth, and it appeared calm and respectful.

Corrective Actions and Timeframes: Please submit the following to verify compliance.

Within 45 days of receipt of this report St. Mary's Home for Boys 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 are to be emailed directly to ROBIN.M.DuVal@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Licensing Coordinator's Signature: Robin DuVal Date: 11/30/2022

Manager Review:  Date: 11-30-2022