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October 21, 2016

Steve Young, Administrator
Yellowstone Group Home #2 Sunnybrook
560 West Sunnyside Lane
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Provider #13G064

Dear Mr. Young:

An unannounced on-site complaint investigation was conducted from October 3, 2016 to October 5, 2016 at Yellowstone Group Home #2 Sunnybrook. The complaint allegation, findings, and conclusion are as follows:

Complaint #ID00007381

Allegation: Employees are not screened for a prior history of client abuse.

Findings: During the complaint investigation, records were reviewed and interviews were conducted with the following results:

The facility's incident and accident reports and abuse investigations, dated 9/23/16 - 10/2/16, were reviewed. There were no allegations that an employee had abused, neglected, or mistreated any of the individuals residing in the facility.

During the complaint investigation, the administrator was interviewed and stated all employees were screened for potential abuse prior to employment. In addition, the administrator stated employees would be screened on an as needed basis, when deemed necessary.

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The facility's Abuse, Neglect, Mistreatment, and Suspicious Injuries of an Unknown Source, revised 10/12/15, included under the Screening section:

- "The following procedures have been established to minimize the risk of hiring individuals who may have tendencies for committing abuse (of any type) or assault or who have an existing declared record of abuse or assault."

- "All applicants for hire must pass a criminal background check through the Criminal History Unit. Employees are required to attend the fingerprinting appointment as scheduled. Applicants who have a declared and substantiated record of abuse (of any type) or assault will not be hired by the company."

The facility's As Worked Schedules, dated 5/1/16 - 10/3/16, were reviewed. Eleven employees' personnel records were reviewed and included:

- 2 employees hired in 2014;
- 1 employee hired in 8/2015;
- 1 employee hired in 7/2016;
- 1 employee no longer employed at the facility;
- 3 employees hired in 8/2016; and
- 3 on-call employees who worked on an as needed basis.

All of the 11 employees' personnel records included, but were not limited to, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Criminal History Unit, Notice of Clearance letters.

On 10/4/16 at 11:47 a.m., the facility's Human Resources professional and on 10/5/16 at 10:45 a.m., the facility's Human Resources' assistant were interviewed. Both stated the records of the 11 employees whose personnel records were reviewed did not include any substantiated allegations of abuse.

On 10/5/16 at 8:25 a.m., the Idaho Adult Protection Services office was contacted and asked about a record of substantiated abuse. The Adult Protection employee said he would check the adult protection system. On 10/5/16 at approximately 12:45 p.m., the Adult Protection employee stated there was no record of substantiated abuse.

It could not be determined that the facility did not screen employees for a history of abuse. Therefore, the allegation was unsubstantiated and no deficient practice cited.

Conclusion: Unsubstantiated. Lack of sufficient evidence.

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As the allegation was unsubstantiated, no response is necessary. Thank you for the courtesies and assistance extended to us during our visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Wisenor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

NICOLE WISENOR, Supervisor
Non-Long Term Care

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