pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
MAILING DATE: October 6, 2014

Ms. TiAnda Blount, Executive Vice President
Mel Blount Youth Home of Pennsylvania, Inc.
6 Mel Blount Drive
Claysville, Pennsylvania 15323

RE: Mel Blount Youth Home of PA
Cabin 1
License # 420831

Dear Ms. Blount:

As a result of the Department of Public Welfare's licensing inspection on July 3, 2014 and August 5, 2014, of the above facility, the violations with 55 Pa.Code Ch. 3800 (relating to Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities) specified on the enclosed License Inspection Summary were found.

All violations specified on the enclosed License Inspection Summary must be corrected by the dates specified on the License Inspection Summary and continued compliance with 55 Pa.Code Ch. 3800 must be maintained.

Sincerely,

Brent Sutherland
Child Residential Licensing Manager

Enclosure
Licensing Inspection Summary

VIOLATION REPORT
CHILD RESIDENTIAL LICENSING - 55 Pa.Code Chapter 3800

Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1	**License Number:** 42083
Address: 6 MEL BLOUNT DRIVE, CLAYSVILLE, PA 15323	**County:** Washington
Director: Philip Bledsoe	**Region:** WEST
Legal Entity Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PENNSYLVANIA INC	
Legal Entity Address: 6 MEL BLOUNT DRIVE, CLAYSVILLE, PA 15323	

Certificate(s) of Occupancy

Program Type:	Licensed Capacity:	Number of Children Served:
Residential Services	8	0

Type of Inspection: Partial	**BHA Docket Number:**	**Notice:** Unannounced

Reason(s) for Inspection(s)
Complaint, Incident

On-Site Inspections Dates and Department Representatives On-Site
07/03/2014: Mundy, Olivia; Pugh, Bridget
08/05/2014: Mundy, Olivia

Off-Site Inspection Dates and Inspectors, if Applicable
07/08/2014: Mundy, Olivia; Dinardo, Anna; Sutherland, Brent
07/24/2014: Mundy, Olivia

Other Details

Partial or Full Triggers:	**Random Indicators:**

Child Demographic Data as of Inspection Dates

Age of Children:	Number of Children who:
0 to 5 years: 0	Are Adjudicated Delinquent: 0
6 to 13 years: 0	Are Dependent: 0
14 to 17 years: 0	Have Mental Illness: 0
18 to 21 years: 0	Have an Intellectual Disability: 0
	Have a Physical Disability: 0

RECEIVED
SEP 26 2014
WEST REGION
Human Services License

Licensing Inspection Summary: 42083 - 07/03/2014 - Mundy, Olivia
Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800
3800.32(b) - A child may not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION
Shortly prior to discharge on 2/18/14 Child # 2 was picked up and slammed by Staff Member A onto the floor of his/her bedroom resulting in the child's lip bleeding.

On or around 6/22/14 Child # 3 was restrained by Staff Member A for failure to hold books in his/her hands while keeping his/her arms extended at his/her sides. The child had a fifty cent piece sized rug burn on his/her right temple as a result of the child's face coming into contact with the floor during the restraint.

On or around 6/20/14 Staff Member A threatened to make Child # 4 complete a balance exercise everyday at the facility's obstacle course until the child's discharge and also threatened to restrain the child if he/she told anyone about it.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)
Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

Regulation 3800.32(b)

2a. Plan of Correction

- Staff person A has been dismissed from our services and is not eligible for future rehire by our agency. This is effective 7/4/14.
- Youth have transferred to another facility. This is effective 7/2/14. Mel Blount Youth Home requested all youth be transferred to other facilities on 7/1/14, and was in effect by 7/2/14 in an effort for the agency to have an opportunity to restructure programming, review and implement new policies and procedures along with hiring of new staff that are familiar with and willing to implement best practice policies.
- Before children are brought in to the agency future staff will be properly and adequately trained according to DPW Policy and procedure and also best practices along with policy and procedure set in place by the agency.
- Future staff will be adequately trained on proper restraint policies, along with updated monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual trainings.

Continued on Next Page 2A

Repeat Violation: No	Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):			

Signature of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount - Exec. V.P.

Date 9/25/14

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY - FACILITIES MAY NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

The above plan of correction is approved as of 10/3/14 (Date)

The above plan of correction was approved by BS (Initials)

Plan of correction implementation status as of 10/3/14 (Date)

- ☐ Fully Implemented
- ☒ Partially Implemented - Adequate Progress
- ☐ Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- ☐ Not Implemented

RECEIVED
SEP 26 2014
WEST Region Field Office
Human Services Licensing

Licensing Inspection Summary: 42083 - 07/03/2014 - Mundy, Olivia
Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800

3800.32(b) - A child may not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION

Shortly prior to discharge on 2/18/14 Child # 2 was picked up and slammed by Staff Member A onto the floor of his/her bedroom resulting in the child's lip bleeding.

On or around 6/22/14 Child # 3 was restrained by Staff Member A for failure to hold books in his/her hands while keeping his/her arms extended at his/her sides. The child had a fifty cent piece sized rug burn on his/her right temple as a result of the child's face coming into contact with the floor during the restraint.

On or around 6/20/14 Staff Member A threatened to make Child # 4 complete a balance exercise everyday at the facility's obstacle course until the child's discharge and also threatened to restrain the child if he/she told anyone about it.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)
Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

- Management will conduct weekly meetings with youth to discuss issues without any retaliation, fear or repercussions, in an effort to monitor all activity and reporting procedures and grievances. Management will review all activities and reporting procedures by staff. We will review by interviewing youth, interviewing any pertinent witnesses and other staff that were on duty at the time an incident may occur.
- Agency has considered in the past and will reconsider visual monitor devices in all common areas that would serve as additional evidence if any issues arise in the future.

Repeat Violation: No	Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):			

Signature of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) T. Linda Blount

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount - Exec. V.P.

Date 9/25/14

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY - FACILITIES MAY NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

The above plan of correction is approved as of 10/3/14 (Date)

The above plan of correction was approved by BB (Initials)

Plan of correction implementation status as of 10/3/14 (Date)

- ☐ Fully Implemented
- ☒ Partially Implemented - Adequate Progress
- ☐ Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- ☐ Not Implemented

RECEIVED
SEP 26 2014
WEST REGION OFFICE
Human Services Building

Licensing Inspection Summary: 42083 - 07/03/2014 - Mundy, Olivia
Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800
3800.141(a) - A child shall have a written health and safety assessment within 24 hours of admission.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION
Child # 1, admitted to the facility on 5/28/14 and discharged from the facility on 7/2/14, did not have a health and safety assessment completed.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)
Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

Regulation 3800.141 (a)

2a. Plan of Correction

- All future staff will be adequately trained by licensed personnel or by a certified train the trainer staff personnel on proper health and safety reporting guidelines.
- All future staff will be monitored by management to assure all assessments are conducted and submitted in a timely manner. All future staff will be required to insure all health and safety assessments are conducted and submitted within 24 hours of admission of residents.
- Management will monitor, as well as sign off of any and all health and safety assessments within the same 24 hours of admissions and discharges.

Repeat Violation: No	Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):			

Signature of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) T.Anda Blount - Exec. V.P.

Date 9/25/14

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY - FACILITIES MAY NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

The above plan of correction is approved as of 10/3/14 (Date)

The above plan of correction was approved by BS (Initials)

Plan of correction implementation status as of 10/3/14 (Date)

- ☐ Fully Implemented
- ☒ Partially Implemented - Adequate Progress
- ☐ Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- ☐ Not Implemented

RECEIVED
SEP 26 2014
WEST REGIONAL OFFICE
Human Services Licensing

Licensing Inspection Summary: 42083 - 07/03/2014 - Mundy, Olivia
Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800

3800.141(b) - The assessment shall be completed or coordinated, signed and dated by medical personnel or staff persons trained by medical personnel.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION

Child # 3's health and safety assessment dated 5/11/14 was not completed by medical personnel or by a staff person trained by medical personnel.

Child # 4's health and safety assessment dated 1/31/14 was not completed by medical personnel or by a staff person trained by medical personnel.

Child # 5's health and safety assessment dated 4/4/14 was not completed by medical personnel or by a staff person trained by medical personnel.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)

Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

Regulation 3800.141 (b)

2a. Plan of Correction

- Advertisements were placed in various newspapers and interviews are being conducted by the agency to hire medical personnel. A licensed staff person will be hired to specifically do health and safety assessments, or a staff person who has been trained by a train the trainer certified class.
- Children will not be admitted until agency management and/or staff will be required to attend medical train the trainer sessions offered by DPW.
- All future staff persons will be adequately trained on completing assessments within the 24 hour timeframe.
- All assessments will be signed, dated and filed into resident files within 24 hours.
- Management or supervisors will also be required to sign all health and safety assessments.
- Management will monitor, as well as sign off of any and all health and safety assessments within the same 24 hours of admissions and discharges.
- Assessments will include all information regarding health and safety risks identified and be put in writing and implemented within 24 hours upon completion.

Repeat Violation: No	Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):			

Signature of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) T. Anda Blount

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) T. Anda Blount - Exec. V.P.

Date 9/25/14

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY - FACILITIES MAY NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

The above plan of correction is approved as of 10/3/14 (Date)

The above plan of correction was approved by BB (Initials)

Plan of correction implementation status as of 10/3/14 (Date)

- ☐ Fully Implemented
- ☒ Partially Implemented - Adequate Progress
- ☐ Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- ☐ Not Implemented

RECEIVED
SEP 26 2014
WEST OFFICE
Human Services Licensing

Licensing Inspection Summary: 42083 - 07/03/2014 - Mundy, Olivia
Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800
3800.202(b) - With the exception of exclusion as specified in § 3800.212 (relating to exclusion), a restrictive procedure may be used only to prevent a child from injuring himself or others.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION
On or around 6/22/14 Child # 3 was manually restrained by Staff Member A for failure to hold books in his/her hands while keeping his/her arms extended at his/her sides.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)
Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

Regulation 3800.202 (b)

2a. Plan of Correction

- Staff person A is no longer employed by our agency. This is effective 7/4/14.
- All future staff persons to receive adequate training on proper procedures relating to exclusion.
- All future staff persons will be adequately trained and informed that seclusion is strictly prohibited.
- All restraints to be reviewed by supervisors and management with all staff to ensure proper procedures are followed and adhered to according to DPW regulations. Review procedures would include reviewing incident reports, interviewing all staff, residents and witnesses.
- A designated area such as a child's bedroom, which currently has no doors, would be used as the exclusion area for a resident to have the opportunity for de-escalation.

Repeat Violation: No	Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):			

Signature of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) Tianda Blount

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount - Exec. V.P.

Date 9/25/14

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY - FACILITIES MAY NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

The above plan of correction is approved as of 10/3/14 (Date)

The above plan of correction was approved by BB (Initials)

Plan of correction implementation status as of 10/3/14 (Date)

- ☐ Fully Implemented
- ☒ Partially Implemented - Adequate Progress
- ☐ Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- ☐ Not Implemented

RECEIVED
SEP 26 2014
WEST I
Hume

Licensing Inspection Summary: 42083 - 07/03/2014 - Mundy, Olivia
Facility Name: MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800

3800.206 - Seclusion, defined as placing a child in a locked room, is prohibited. A locked room includes a room with any type of door-locking device, such as a key lock, spring lock, bolt lock, foot pressure lock or physically holding the door shut.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION

Child # 3 was admitted to the facility on 5/10/14 and discharged from the facility on 7/3/14. While residing at the facility, Staff Member A secluded Child # 1 in multiple places including the following: the staff office in cabin 1, the laundry room in cabin 1, a downstairs closet in cabin 3, and a downstairs bathroom in the weight room of cabin 3.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)

Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

Regulation 3800.206

2a. Plan of Correction

- Staff person A is no longer employed by our agency. This is effective 7/4/14.
- All staff persons to receive updated trainings in bi-weekly or monthly staff meetings and they will be informed that seclusion is strictly prohibited.

Repeat Violation: No	Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):			

Signature of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative (Required on EVERY Page) TiAnda Blount - Exec. V.P. **Date** 9/25/14

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY - FACILITIES MAY NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

The above plan of correction is approved as of 10/3/14 (Date)

The above plan of correction was approved by _____ (Initials)

Plan of correction implementation status as of 10/3/14 (Date)

- ☐ Fully Implemented
- ☒ Partially Implemented - Adequate Progress
- ☐ Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- ☐ Not Implemented

CHILD PRIVACY CODING DOCUMENT
CHILD RESIDENTIAL LICENSING - 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800

Facility Name:MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1	License Number:420830

Designation	Child's Name
Resident 1	[redacted]
Resident 2	
Resident 3	
Resident 4	
Resident 5	

RECEIVED
SEP 04 2014
WEST REGION OFFICE
Human Services Licensing

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative

Signature of Legal Entity Representative

Date

Date of Inspection: 07/03/2014

STAFF PRIVACY CODING DOCUMENT
CHILD RESIDENTIAL LICENSING - 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800

Facility Name:MEL BLOUNT YOUTH HOME OF PA CABIN 1	License Number:420830

Designation	Staff Member's Name
A	[redacted]

RECEIVED
SEP 04 2014
WEST REGION OFFICE
Human Services Licensing

Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative

Signature of Legal Entity Representative

Date

Date of Inspection: 07/03/2014