Department of Human Services
Office of Children, Youth and Families
Licensing Inspection Summary - Public
55 PA.CODE CHAPTER 3800

October 24, 2023

[redacted]
SOUTHWOOD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL LLC
2575 BOYCE PLAZA ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA, 15241

RE: SOUTHWOOD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL
342 LINDEN CREEK ROAD
CANNONSBURG, PA, 15317
LICENSE/COC#: 44541

Dear [redacted]

As a result of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families review on of the above facility, we have determined that your submitted plan of correction is fully implemented. Continued compliance must be maintained.

Please note that you are required to post this Licensing Inspection Summary at your facility in a conspicuous location.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

cc: Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Families

Agency/Facility Information

Name: *SOUTHWOOD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL*
Address: *342 LINDEN CREEK ROAD, CANNONSBURG, PA 15317*
County: *WASHINGTON*
License Number: *44541*
License Expiration: *02/28/2024*

Administrator

Name: [redacted] **Phone**: [redacted] **Email**: [redacted]

Legal Entity

Name: *SOUTHWOOD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL LLC*
Address: *2575 BOYCE PLAZA ROAD, PITTSBURGH, PA, 15241*
Phone: [redacted] **Email**: [redacted]

Inspection Information

Start Date: *06/14/2023* **End Date**: *06/14/2023* **Type**: *Complaint* **Notice**: *Announced Visit*
Inspector(s): [redacted]

Inspection Narrative

On 04/26/2023 the Department received a notice of a complaint alleging a staff person had kicked a child in the face/forehead. An investigation into the complaint occurred and a finding was made regarding a violation of child rights.

Inspections / Reviews

06/14/2023 - Complaint

Lead Inspector: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type**: *POC Submission* **Follow-Up Date**: *06/26/2023*

06/30/2023 - POC Submission

Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type**: *On-site Verification* **Follow-Up Date**: *07/28/2023*

06/30/2023 - On-site Verification

Submitted By: [redacted] **Date Submitted**: *06/26/2023*
Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type**: *Not Required*

3800.32 Specific Rights

1. Requirements

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

Description of Violation

A child may not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment. On 04/26/2023, staff person A was seen standing over child A, while child was sitting on the floor. Staff person A precedes to lift [redacted] foot and kick the child on the face/forehead area, causing the child to fall backwards.

Plan of Correction ***Accept ([redacted] - 06/30/2023)***

Southwood agrees with that a child may not be abused or mistreated and as a result of the reported action the staff member was immediately suspended and reported to Childline. At the conclusion of the investigation the staff member was terminated. Southwood continues to cooperate with all authorities (including Washington County, North Strabane PD and W. Region) regarding ongoing action steps. Next scheduled action is July 18th.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *07/18/2023*

On-site Verification ***Implemented ([redacted] - 10/24/2023)***

On October 24, 2023, a plan of correction verification meeting was held to measure implementation of steps identified by the facility. The Department confirmed the termination of the staff that engaged in the cited behavior. Additionally, a facility-wide training was held on July 18, 2023. The three hour training reviewed the principles of trauma-informed care and the expectations for interacting and intervening with residents. The plan has been implemented.

2. Requirements

3800.32.c. A child has the right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

Description of Violation

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Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *07/17/2023*

On-site Verification ***Implemented ([redacted] - 10/24/2023)***

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