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 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
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December 3, 2021

Kelli Webb
 County of Genesee
 Suite 1B
 601 N. Saginaw Street
 Flint, MI 48502

RE: License #: DC250314344
 Investigation #: 2022D0195001
 Mt Morris Head Start - Pinehurst

Dear Ms. Webb:

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division received information regarding your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The information was related to the following:

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| R 400.8140 | Discipline. |
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The details of the information are in the attached report. To investigate:

- I interviewed the person who made the complaint, program director, licensee, licensee designee, child care staff member, witnesses, parents, or others with relevant information.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 10/20/2021 & 10/21/2021.

As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

| During this special investigation: | Yes | No |
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| A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



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| A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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This report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. This report and any related corrective action plans will be online for parents to review under the [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#).

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

Shelly Naples, Licensing Consultant
Child Care Licensing Bureau
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(586) 256-1962

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

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| License #: | DC250314344 |
| Investigation #: | 2022D0195001 |
| Complaint Receipt Date: | 10/15/2021 |
| Investigation Initiation Date: | 10/19/2021 |
| Report Due Date: | 12/14/2021 |
| Licensee Name: | County of Genesee |
| Licensee Address: | Suite 1B 601 N. Saginaw Street Flint, MI 48502 |
| Licensee Telephone #: | (810) 235-5613 |
| Administrator: | Kelli Webb |
| Licensee Designee: | Kelli Webb |
| Name of Facility: | Mt Morris Head Start - Pinehurst |
| Facility Address: | Pinehurst Elem. 1013 Pinehurst St Mt Morris, MI 48458 |
| Facility Telephone #: | (810) 235-5613 |
| Original Issuance Date: | 09/01/2011 |
| License Status: | REGULAR |
| Effective Date: | 03/01/2020 |
| Expiration Date: | 02/28/2022 |
| Capacity: | 26 |
| Program Type: | CHILD CARE CENTER |

II. ALLEGATION(S)

| | Violation Established? |
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| On 10/11/2021, Ms. Katie Looman, lead caregiver, grabbed Child A (3-year-old, male) with one hand on his lower arm and physically picked him up off the ground. Ms. Looman was also seen mishandling other (unknown) children. | No |

III. METHODOLOGY

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| 10/15/2021 | Special Investigation Intake 2022D0195001 |
| 10/19/2021 | Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone to complainant |
| 10/20/2021 | Inspection Completed On-site interview with Ms. Carpenter (lead caregiver, Unit #2 Head Start) Ms. Breedlove- Vaughn (assistant caregiver, Unit #2 Head Start) Ms. Abram (assistant caregiver, Unit # 1 Head Start) Ms. Looman (lead caregiver, Unit # 1 Head Start) Ms. Fagan (Education Coordinator, Head Start) from 9:40 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. |
| 10/20/2021 | Contact -Telephone call to complainant 2 and complainant 3 |
| 10/21/2021 | Inspection Completed On-site met with Ms. Lintz, principal from 10:40 to 11:20 a.m. reviewing video footage from 10/11/2021 of Head Start outdoor play area. |
| 11/15/2021 | Contact-Telephone call made to Child A's Mother |
| 11/15/2021 | Contact-Telephone call made to Child B's Mother |
| 11/15/2021 | Contact-Telephone call made to Child C's Mother |
| 11/18/2021 | Exit Conference with Kelli Webb |

ALLEGATION:

On 10/11/2021, Ms. Katie Looman, lead caregiver, grabbed Child A (3-year-old, male) with one hand on his lower arm and physically picked him up off the ground. Ms. Looman was also seen mishandling other (unknown) children.

INVESTIGATION:

On 10/15/2021, I spoke with Complainant 1 who indicated that on 10/11/2021 Ms. Looman grabbed Child A with one hand by the lower arm and physically picked Child A up off the ground. This also occurred with two other children, however, the identity of each of the children is unknown. Moments later while transitioning inside, Ms. Looman was hold Child B by the arm and Child B threw her own body onto the ground. Ms. Looman let go of Child B as she fell to the ground. Ms. Looman then reached down to Child B's arm and pulled her body up onto her feet. On 10/12/2021 the Head Start 1 classroom was outside by the shed. A toddler walked up to another child (children unknown) that was playing in a cozy coupe car. Ms. Looman ran over to the toddler and grabbed the child with one hand by the child's wrist. Ms. Looman picked the child up approximately one to two inches off the ground turned the child's body and swung the child around landing onto the child's feet. The child continued on his way and did not appear to be upset by the incident.

On 10/20/2021, during an unannounced onsite inspection I spoke with Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Breedlove-Vaughn with the Head Start Program in Unit # 2, regarding the allegation. Both Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Breedlove-Vaughn indicated that they are never outside on the playground when the other Head Start (Unit #1) classroom is outdoors and they have never witnessed either Ms. Katie Looman or Ms. Raquel Abram mistreating any of the children as they are transitioning from indoors to the outdoors. (The Head Start classrooms are both located in mobile units outside of the school. They are set up so that the windows face another mobile unit and the outside play area is not visible from the Head Start mobile units).

On 10/20/2021, during the onsite inspection I spoke with Ms. Katie Looman and she denied that she has ever used any physical discipline or inappropriately handled any children in the classroom. She denied that she has ever witnessed Ms. Abram use any inappropriate discipline or mishandled any children in the classroom.

On 10/20/2021, during the onsite inspection I spoke with Ms. Raquel Abram and she denied that she has ever used physical discipline with the children or inappropriately handled any children. She denied that she has ever witnessed Ms. Looman use inappropriate discipline or mishandled any children either.

On 10/20/2021, during the onsite inspection I spoke with Debi Fagan, Education Coordinator for Head Start, regarding the allegation and she denied that she has ever witnessed with Ms. Looman or Ms. Abram use any physical discipline on the children or mishandle any children. She did indicate that the classroom has many

active children, who attempt to run away, bite, hit and/or fall to the ground for attention. They are currently searching for an additional aide for the classroom.

On 10/20/2021, I spoke with Complainant 2 who indicated that on 10/11/2021 Ms. Looman grabbed a child (unknown) by one arm and lifted the child off the ground. She did not report any other incidents with Ms. Looman or Ms. Abram.

On 10/20/2021, I spoke with Complainant 3 who indicated that on 10/11/2021 Ms. Looman grabbed a child (unknown) by his shirt and lifted him off the ground (he was laying on the ground on his stomach) "like she was lifting a sack of potatoes" and set him back on the ground on his feet. Ms. Looman has also tugged and pulled on the children's arms.

On 10/21/2021, I spoke with Ms. Kathy Lintz, principal of Pinehurst Elementary School regarding the allegation and requested to view the video from the playground area where the Head Start classrooms have their outdoor play time. Ms. Lintz allowed me to view the video recording of the Head Start playground area during their recess on the morning of 10/11/2021. Ms. Lintz viewed the video with me and we both agreed that there were no incidents of inappropriate care and supervision or discipline by either Ms. Looman or Ms. Fagan. Unfortunately, the video system does not cover the area near the outside shed because it is located toward the back of the playground area and therefore, I was unable to view the outdoor play time on 10/12/2021.

On 11/15/2021, I spoke with Child A's Mother regarding the allegation. She has no concerns with the care and supervision that Child A receives while Child A (2-year-old male) receives while he is in care at the center.

On 11/15/2021, I spoke with Child B's Mother regarding the allegation. She has no concerns with the care and supervision that Child B receives while Child B (2-year-old male) receives while he is in care at the center. She added that Child B loves Ms. Looman and Ms. Fagan and has learned a great deal while attending care at the center.

On 11/15/2021, I spoke with Child C's Mother regarding the allegation. She has no concerns with the care and supervision that Child C receives while Child C (2-year-old, female) is in care at the center. She added that she absolutely loves Ms. Looman and Ms. Abram.

| APPLICABLE RULE | |
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| R 400.8140 | Discipline. |
| | (2) All of the following means of punishment are prohibited: |

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| | (a) Hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, pinching, or inflicting other forms of corporal punishment. |
| ANALYSIS: | Ms. Looman and Ms. Abram do not engage in any corporal punishment such as hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, or pinching the children in care at the center. |
| CONCLUSION: | VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED |

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the license status.

Shelly Naples

12/03/2021

Shelly Naples
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Crecendra Brown

December 3, 2021

Crecendra Brown
Area Manager

Date