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6/11/2024

Margaret Vink
5425 Hilltop Dr.,
Bay City, MI, 48706

License Number: DG090413885
Special Investigation Number: SI-00124047/2024D0615278

Dear Margaret Vink,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division received a complaint against your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The allegations were related to the following:

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.1911(1)	A licensee shall ensure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

The details of the allegations are in the attached report. To investigate the allegations:

- I interviewed: licensee, child care staff members, Bay County Central Dispatch..
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 4/10/2024

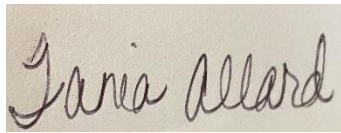
As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

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

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 this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Tania Allard at (231) 340-2138 or allardt@michigan.gov. In the event that Tania Allard is not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tania Allard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Tania Allard, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
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CHILD CARE LICENSING**

THIS REPORT CONTAINS QUOTED PROFANITY AND/OR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT LANGUAGE.

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 6/11/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00124047/2024DO615278	04/09/2024
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
4/10/2024	06/09/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DG090413885	Margaret Vink
Capacity	Facility Name
14	Margaret Vink
Program Type	Mailing Address
Group Home	5425 Hilltop Dr., Bay City, MI, 48706
Facility Address	Facility Email Address
5425 Hilltop Dr., Bay City, MI, 48706	margievink@yahoo.com
Facility Phone Number	License Status:
989-414-0057	Regular
Original License Issuance Date	License Expiration Date:
8/23/2022	2/22/2025
License Effective Date:	
2/23/2023	

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child A (male/4 years old) had Child B (male/2 years old) touch his penis with his index finger.	No

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
6/7/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00124047
4/10/2024	Contact – Phone Call Received Deputy Mlujeak of the Bay County Sheriffs Department called back, left message.
4/10/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Bay County Central Dispatch
4/10/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site

	12 noon arrival; 3:45 PM departure. Licensee and two child care staff members, reviewed child information cards for enrolled children and attendance records from 4/3/24 through 4/10/24, observed approved child care space.
4/17/2024	Contact – Document Sent Freedom of Information Act request sent to central office seeking a copy of the associated police report.
5/9/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Supervision with area manager.
6/7/2024	Exit Conference Completed by telephone with licensee.

ALLEGATION: Child A (male/4 years old) had Child B (male/2 years old) touch his penis with his index finger.

INVESTIGATION:

On 4/10/2024 I initiated the investigation with an onsite visit. There were two child care staff members (CCSM) present with eight children. The licensee was not present initially but was expected back. I reviewed the attendance records from 4/3/24 through 4/10/24. I observed child information cards for all enrolled children. I observed the approved child care space for blind spots and located two, one in the far corner behind a bookshelf and another behind a partial bump out in the wall. Using attendance records I determined which CCSMs were there during the reported incident and how many children were being supervised. Attendance records reflect that there were three staff and twelve children present.

I interviewed the licensee who shared that on 4/9/24 she was there with a CCSM, and they were having a normal day. The children were engaged in free play in the center of the room. Child A was behind a shelving unit calling Child B over. The licensee noted that it was odd for Child A to be so hypervigilant about the whereabouts of the adults. She and another staff noted that Child A and Child B stayed standing up while being watched by the adults, but when the adults purposely turned their heads away but still monitored out of the corner of their eyes, the children would kneel behind the bookcase. The licensee quietly approached and observed Child A to have his shirt pulled up over his belly and his pants and his underpants down around his knees. The licensee walked around the bookcase and caught the children within seconds of Child B starting to touch Child A. Child B was touching Child A’s penis with his index finger. Child B was fully clothed. The licensee walked around the bookcase and pulled up Child A’s pants and told Child A and Child B that this was not good, that no one should ever touch them there and if anyone does touch them there, they should immediately tell an adult, a parent, or a teacher. She asked Child A if anyone was touching him there to which Child A said no. She asked if he had ever seen anything like that to which he said, “on my sister’s remote.” The older sister has a television in her bedroom. The licensee

asked Child A where his mom is when he is seeing things on his sister's remote to which he responded that he did not know.

The licensee called Child A's mother right away and shared what had happened. She shared with Child A's mother that there are parental controls on the television. Child B's parents were informed at pick up. Child A was terminated from care and will not be returning. The licensee had reported the incident to her licensing consultant and was advised at that time to make a report to the Centralized Intake unit at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The licensee received a message from Child B's mother that she had also called Centralized Intake. The licensee then informed her licensing consultant that DHHS had also been called by Child B's parents. The licensee states she has been keeping an extra close eye on Child A since a similar incident a week prior on 4/3/24.

The licensee produced an accident/incident report dated 4/3/24 signed by Child A's parent acknowledging the description of what happened. "Child A and another child were poking and touching each other's private parts. Child A proceeded to try to unzip the other child's clothes." The licensee reports that the treatment provided is children were separated and individually talked to about not touching others in that area; if someone does that to them, they tell an adult.

A second accident/injury report dated 4/8/24 was signed by Child A's parent, the licensee and one child care staff member. The incident is documented as reported above. The licensee informed Child A's parent at the early pick up the day of the incident that Child A could not return to child care with her. Child A's parent became upset and said she had called the pediatrician who said that behavior is normal. The licensee contradicted her on the spot telling her that touching yourself is normal, coaxing others is not normal. I observed date/time stamped text messages exchanged between the licensee and Child A's parent confirming that she was informed immediately of the behavioral problems.

The licensee noted that a Great Start to Quality Consultant had been out earlier this year and advised her to create stations and rearranged some of her furniture which is what resulted in creation of a blind spot. Since prior to the first incident with Child A, the licensee had installed Ring cameras in the approved child use space. I asked the licensee if she thought the situation could have been prevented if there was closer supervision. The licensee responded "probably." At that time, I provided consultation including moving the bookshelves back against the walls which resolves the line-of-sight issues.

I interviewed child care staff member (CCSM) 1 regarding the events of 4/3/24 and 4/8/24. She recounted the events just as the licensee had reported them. She acknowledged her signature on the incident/accident report dated 4/8/24.

I interviewed child care staff member (CCSM) 2 regarding her knowledge of Child A and Child B and if she was present for either incident. She has not known either child to

engage in that type of behavior before. She was not present for nor involved with either incident.

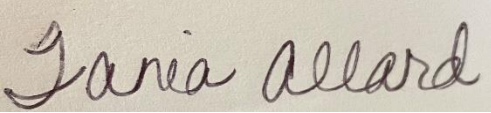

I called the Bay County Sheriff's Central Dispatch Department and left a message for the Deputy who had responded to the licensee's initial call. The central dispatch operator confirmed that the incident had been reported by the licensee the day of the incident. I sent a freedom of information act request for the associated police report. The report has not been received to date.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1911(1)	A licensee shall ensure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	The licensee did provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times. When she observed Child A and Child B behaving suspiciously she immediately walked over and found Child A with his pants down and Child B reaching out to touch Child A's penis.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

Bureau Recommendation
I recommend no change in the status of the license.

Approved By:	
 Tania Allard Consultant 06/11/2024 Date	 Rose A. Rafferty Area Manager 06/11/2024 Date