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Michelle Richard
ACTING DIRECTOR

4/3/2024

Amanda Baker
7531 Naomi Rd,
Eau Claire, MI, 49111

License Number: DG110383398
Special Investigation Number: SI-00118920

Dear Amanda Baker,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing bureau 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 400.1902(3)	All persons, including minors, residing in the child care home shall meet all of the following requirements:
R 400.1903(9)(b)	Adult household member.
R 400.1932(1)	The structure, premises, and furnishings of a child care home must be in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition.
R 400.1902(3)	All persons, including minors, residing in the child care home shall meet all of the following requirements:
R 400.1915(2)	Only space that has received prior approval for child use by the department may be used for child care.

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

- I interviewed: licensee, adult household members, child care staff member, parent, and others.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 2/22/2024 and 2/27/2024

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, Amy Steger at (269) 568-2915 or stegera@michigan.gov. In the event that Amy Steger is not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the child care licensing bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Amy Steger, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL
CHILD CARE LICENSING**

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 4/3/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00118920	2/14/2024
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
2/14/2024	4/14/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DG110383398	Amanda Baker
Capacity	Facility Name
12	Baker's Acres Daycare
Program Type	Mailing Address
Group Home	7531 Naomi Rd, Eau Claire, MI, 49111
Facility Address	Facility Email Address
7531 Naomi Rd, Eau Claire, MI, 49111	amandafox0022@yahoo.com
Facility Phone Number	License Status:
2693250022	Regular
Original License Issuance Date	License Expiration Date:
4/10/2017	10/9/2025
License Effective Date:	
10/10/2023	

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Adult household member 1 assaulted minor household member 1 during child care hours.	No
There is an adult man present at the home during child care hours.	No
The home is not maintained in a clean and safe manner including animal feces in the yard, an unkempt lawn, and broken down vehicles and trailers on the premises.	No
There is drug use occurring at the child care home.	No
Amanda Baker uses the main level of her home for child care and it is not approved by the department.	No

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
2/14/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00118920
2/14/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via Phone Call Telephone contact with licensee, Amanda Baker.
2/22/2024	Inspection Completed On-Site Attempted onsite inspection at licensee, Amanda Baker's home at approximately 11:10 AM.
2/27/2024	Inspection Completed On-Site Onsite from approximately 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM. Interviewed licensee, Amanda Baker.
3/20/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone contact with adult household member 1. Attempted telephone contact with minor household member (MHM) 1's Father.
3/27/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone contact with MHM 1's Father, child care staff member 1, and Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother. Attempted telephone contact with Child E's Mother and Child F's Mother.
3/27/2024	Contact – Text Message Sent Text exchange with licensee, Amanda Baker.
3/28/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Attempted telephone contact with Child E's Mother, Child F's Mother, and Child G's Mother.
4/1/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Attempted telephone contact with Child G's Mother.
4/1/2024	Exit Conference Telephone contact with licensee, Amanda Baker.

ALLEGATION: Adult household member 1 assaulted minor household member 1 during child care hours.

INVESTIGATION: On 2/14/2024, I called licensee, Amanda Baker, regarding the allegations. She stated that she feels like she is being targeted by individuals attempting to do harm to her business as there were recent allegations similar in nature. I conducted an interview over the telephone.

Amanda Baker denied that adult household member (AHM) 1 has ever assaulted any of her children. She denied any incidents of abuse or neglect in her home involving AHM 1. She denied that he has caused harm to any of her children. Minor household member (MHM) 1 is not generally even home during child care hours as she is at school. AHM 1 is generally not home during child care hours as he is working. If AHM 1 ever caused harm to MHM 1, MHM 1's Father would "have some words" with AHM 1.

She has no reason to think that AHM 1 would harm her children, his children, or any children in care. I requested MHM 1's Father's contact information.

I attempted an unannounced onsite inspection at the home on 2/22/2024. No one answered the door. I texted Amanda Baker. She was at an appointment and not available.

I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at the home on 2/27/2024. Amanda Baker was not home when I arrived at the house. I texted and she indicated that she was on her way home from picking her children up at school. Amanda Baker arrived at the home with her three children, one minor relative, and one of her children's friends who was over to visit. Amanda Baker again denied that AHM 1 has abused any children. He is appropriate and does not pose a threat to the welfare of children.

I spoke with AHM 1 over the telephone on 3/20/2024. He stated that he has never abused or neglected any children. He has never harmed any of Amanda Baker's children. He would never spank his child or her children. He does not use physical discipline on children, he talks to them. He does not discipline any child care children. He would never assault anyone, especially children. He is generally at work during child care operating hours and MHM 1 is generally at school unless it is summer.

I attempted telephone contact with MHM 1's Father on 3/20/2024. I spoke with him over the telephone on 3/27/2024. He stated that AHM 1 and MHM 1 have had an altercation, and MHM 1 talked to him about it. He stated that AHM 1 stopped MHM 1 from walking away from him. He does not believe that AHM 1 put his hands on MHM 1. He also does not think that this incident occurred during child care operating hours. To his knowledge, AHM 1 did not hit MHM 1, and he thinks that MHM 1 would tell him if something like that happened. He said that MHM 1 can be "mouthy" towards adults. AHM 1 and MHM 1 bicker back and forth and sometime MHM 1 likes AHM 1 and sometimes she doesn't. He does not think that he is abusive.

I spoke with child care staff member (CCSM) 1 over the telephone on 3/27/2024. She did not have concerns regarding AHM 1's interactions with the children. She has only observed him at the home during child care operating hours a couple times and has never had a concern.

I spoke over the telephone to Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother on 3/27/2024. She did not have any concerns about AHM 1.

I attempted telephone contact with Child E's Mother and Child F's Mother on 3/27/2024 and 3/28/2024. I have not spoken to them as of the writing of this report.

On 3/27/2024, I sent Amanda Baker a text requesting additional child information cards. Amanda Baker replied sending two additional child information cards. One of them was a duplicate from previous cards.

I attempted telephone contact with Child G's Mother on 3/28/2024 and 4/1/2024. I have not spoken to her as of the writing of this report.

I conducted an exit conference with Amanda Baker over the telephone on 4/1/2024.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1902(3)	All persons, including minors, residing in the child care home shall meet all of the following requirements:
ANALYSIS:	Adult household member 1 did not abuse or neglect a minor household member 1 and does not pose a threat to the safety or welfare of children in care.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: There is an adult man present at the home during child care hours.

INVESTIGATION: I interviewed Amanda Baker over the telephone regarding the allegations on 2/14/2024 and in person at the onsite inspection on 2/27/2024. She advised that AHM 1 carpools to work. A co-worker/friend comes to the home to pick up and drop off AHM 1 for work, they generally work 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. He does not come into the home, and if he does, it would be on the main level when child care generally occurs in the basement. She denied that there are any additional individuals present at the home during child care hours. They do have friends and family over outside of child care hours.

Amanda Baker advised that she was going to have the co-worker/friend fingerprinted so that no one could report her for that again. I asked if he has contact with children in care. She stated that he does not but that she wants to be as cautious as possible. I advised she could fingerprint him as an unsupervised volunteer. I also advised if he is to have contact with children, she should have an abuse and neglect statement on file for him. She said that he would not have contact with children in care but that this will be just in case.

I interviewed AHM 1 on 3/20/2024 over the telephone. He used to get picked up and dropped off by a co-worker/friend that was helping him with transportation. Amanda Baker got him fingerprinted but now they do not work together anymore. There are still occasions that he gets picked up or dropped off for work. There are not occasions when these individuals would be present or unsupervised with children. Amanda Baker is always with the children and supervising them.

I interviewed MHM 1's Father on 3/27/2024 over the telephone. He is not there during operating hours. Every now and again he will see people there or a couple cars in the driveway. He is not sure if they are there picking up children or if they are there for another reason.

I interviewed CCSM 1 on 3/27/2024 over the telephone. She denied seeing any individuals present at the home during child care hours. Amanda Baker does have people over after child care hours and on weekends. There are also people who access the barn behind the house during child care hours. They never have contact with anyone in the house and only access the barn and its contents.

I interviewed Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother over the telephone on 3/27/2024. She denied seeing people at the home during child care hours.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1903(9)(b)	Adult household member.
ANALYSIS:	Amanda Baker does not have individuals present at the home during child care hours that have contact with children without the appropriate supervision or background checks.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: The home is not maintained in a clean and safe manner including animal feces in the yard, an unkempt lawn, and broken down vehicles and trailers on the premises.

INVESTIGATION: During interviews with Amanda Baker on 2/14/2024 and 2/27/2024, she stated that her basement is under renovation due to a fire in the laundry room. Amanda Baker had texted me on 12/21/2023 advising she had a fire in her basement and would not be providing care down there or to unrelated children. The insurance company has sent a crew that is currently working on the basement. They did find asbestos when they were tearing it apart, but it is not accessible and is being addressed. She did not know about any black mold. None of the issues were found in the child care area of the basement and were in the laundry room. She denied that any of the individuals working on the basement have access to child care children.

Amanda Baker advised she does have dogs so there is likely dog feces in the yard. The children in care play in a fenced in area in the back yard. The animals are not allowed in the fenced area. She advised that her vehicle and AHM 1's vehicles have had some issues and were getting fixed. There is also one trailer stored on the side of

the house. None of this is accessible to child care children. I encouraged Amanda Baker to maintain the inside and outside of the home appropriately.

During the onsite inspection on 2/27/2024, I did not enter the basement as it was under construction. The yard did not appear unkempt. I observed the fenced in play area where child care children play while outdoors. There were two trucks and a trailer that were parked out by the barn at the back of the property. I did not observe anything hazardous to children during the onsite.

I interviewed AHM 1 on 3/202/2024 over the telephone. He said that the child care children have a fenced area that they play in that the dogs are not allowed into and therefore is free of feces. The children are not allowed to play anywhere near animal feces. They haven't been out much with the weather recently. AHM 1 advised the basement is being redone because of a fire. There is not black mold to his knowledge. There are two vehicles in the back that they are working on. Children do not have access to those vehicles. He stated that they have a weekly lawn service that comes out and does a pretty decent job, but it is currently winter. The children also leave toys and such around the yard which might also make it look unkempt, but they try to make them pick up. He denied that there were any hazards or safety concerns on the property.

I spoke with MHM 1's Father over the telephone on 3/27/2024. He said they are redoing the basement, and he thinks there is black mold, but everything is being replaced. The house used to be his grandparents but is now Amanda Baker's. He used to live there and since he moved out there has been a time when he has gotten on her about the yard. He said it looked like a junk yard. She has cleaned it up. He picked up his children yesterday and said it was cleaned up and pretty decent. He said that there is a fenced in play area in the back but if the children play outside of it, then there is a chance they could step in dog feces. He generally does not see other children there or playing in the yard.

I spoke with CCSM 1 on 3/27/2024 over the telephone. She advised they are doing work on the basement because of a dryer fire recently. She is not aware of any black mold. The insurance company has been there doing the work. She said there are a few things out by the barn like vehicles and trailers stored. They are not accessible to children. The children play in a fenced in area right behind the house used. There are some things stored out by the barn, but she has not seen anything hazardous accessible to children.

I spoke with Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother on 3/27/2024. She denied having concerns about the maintenance of the premises or anything hazardous being accessible to children.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES

R 400.1932(1)	The structure, premises, and furnishings of a child care home must be in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition.
ANALYSIS:	The children play in a fenced in area outdoors at the home that does not allow access to the yard or any hazards including animal feces, unkempt yard, or disabled vehicles or trailers.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: There is drug use occurring at the child care home.

INVESTIGATION: While interviewing Amanda Baker on 2/14/2024 and 2/27/2024, she denied that there was any drug use at her home. She said that AHM 1 occasionally uses marijuana but not much lately because he is trying to get a new job. Sometimes he uses his vape. He does not do this on the premises during child care hours. He is generally at work during that time.

I interviewed AHM 1 over the telephone on 3/20/2024. He denied drug use at the home. He smokes marijuana. He smokes rarely and never around the children or in the house. He goes outside or sometimes in the garage. He does not smoke at all on the premises while children are in care.

I interviewed MHM 1's Father over the telephone on 3/27/2024. He thinks that AHM 1 smokes marijuana. He is not sure where this occurs.

I interviewed CCSM 1 over the telephone on 3/27/2024. She has never observed any drug use at the house.

I interviewed Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother over the telephone on 3/27/2024. She has no concerns of drug use at the home.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1902(3)	All persons, including minors, residing in the child care home shall meet all of the following requirements:
ANALYSIS:	There is no known drug use at the home by the licensee or adult household members.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: Amanda Baker uses the main level of her home for child care and it is not approved by the department.

INVESTIGATION: I spoke with Amanda Baker on 2/14/2024 and 2/27/2024 regarding the allegations. She usually uses the basement for child care. There was a dryer fire in December 2023, so she has not been able to use the basement, and everyone has been upstairs. Amanda Baker advised that she does not have unrelated children in care on the main level but wants to add the main level as child use space since the basement is being redone and she is not sure when it will be completed. She will request a modification for the main level to be used. She currently only has her children, AHM 1's child, a niece, and her CCSMs children when she is present at the home with them.

Amanda Baker and I discussed the modification during the onsite on 2/27/2024. She advised which rooms she would like to approve, and I observed each area. I advised that the fire extinguisher needed to be up upgraded as it was too small, she needed a 2A-10BC. I requested she send photos of the mounted fire extinguisher.

I spoke with AHM 1 over the telephone on 3/20/2024. He said the basement is being redone so everyone is upstairs right now. He is not sure who is related to Amanda Baker.

I spoke to MHM 1's Father over the telephone on 3/27/2024. He said Amanda Baker provides child care in the basement. He is unsure if she is providing care in other areas of the home.

I interviewed CCSM 1 on 3/27/2024 over the telephone. She advised the basement is under renovations, so they use the main level right now. She does not think there are unrelated children on the main floor.

I interviewed Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother on 3/27/2024 over the telephone. The basement is being renovated. She does not know if the children are relatives. She advised that her children are on the main level, but she is generally present.

Amanda Baker texted the modification request to use the main level of the home on 4/1/2024 during her exit conference. The form is dated 3/14/2024. I requested she send the photo of a new fire extinguisher.


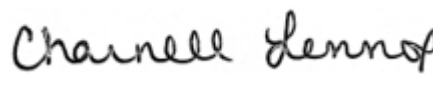
RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1915(2)	Only space that has received prior approval for child use by the department may be used for child care.

ANALYSIS:	Amanda Baker has provided care to related children on the main level of her home. She has submitted a modification request to care for unrelated children on the main level of the home due to the basement being under construction.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

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

Approved By:			
 Amy Steger Consultant	04/02/2024 Date	 Charnell Lennox Area Manager	04/03/2024 Date