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October 17, 2022

Melanie Shuler
69891 Franklin Rd
Sturgis, MI 49091

RE: License #: DG750402945
Little Shadows Daycare
69891 Franklin Rd
Sturgis, MI 49091

Dear Ms. Shuler:

Attached is the Addendum to the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility.

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 (616) 356-0183.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your licensing notebook.

Sincerely,

Carrie Harris

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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG750402945
Licensee Name:	Melanie Shuler
Licensee Address:	69891 Franklin Rd Sturgis, MI 49091
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 366-5283
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Little Shadows Daycare
Facility Address:	69891 Franklin Rd Sturgis, MI 49091
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 366-5283
Capacity:	14
Program Type:	CHILD CARE GROUP HOME (CAPACITY 7-12)

II. Purpose of Addendum

On October 14, 2022, the licensee requested to add the bedroom across from the bathroom to the approved child use space.

III. Methodology

10/14/2022 Modification Request Received

10/14/2022 Inspection Completed – Onsite

10/17/2022 Modify Other

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license have been modified on July 21, 2022, and October 17, 2022.

The group child care home is located in Sturgis. The residence is a one-story structure with a basement on three acres of land. The main floor living room, child care room (garage), kitchen/dining area, and full bathroom are approved for child care use. The licensee would like to add the bedroom across from the bathroom as approved child care space.

Two bedrooms on the main level of the home are not approved for child care use. The basement level of the home is not approved except in emergency weather situations.

The child care group home will serve children birth through 17 years. The licensee has a sufficient supply of developmentally appropriate and varied equipment to accommodate the requested capacity of 14 unrelated children. The child care home will be open Monday through Friday from 4:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Ms. Shuler has been licensed under DG750289463 from May 18, 2007 to January 17, 2008; DG750293805 from January 18, 2008 to August 17, 2010; DG750309413 from August 18, 2010 to July 7, 2014; DG750361046 from July 8, 2014 to April 12, 2016; and DG750390229 from December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2020. Ms. Shuler has not been licensed for children's foster care.

The main level of the home has four standard door exits. There is a front door, a garage door entrance, a back door, and a back sliding glass door off the main floor master bedroom.

The outdoor play area is located to the side of the home in the pasture that is partially fenced. The provider has outdoor play equipment that is less than 30" in height.

The group home has seven puppies, five dogs, and chickens. The provider has a hot tub located on the backside of the home. It has a hard-locked cover that is inaccessible to children. The provider understands the hot tub must be checked daily to ensure it remains locked at all times when children are in care. There are no swimming pools or other water hazards on the premises. There is wood-burning stove in the kitchen/dining area but it is not used by the licensee. She understands that if she plans to use it in the future, it will need to be inspected before use and a gate will need to be installed around it to protect children from burns.

A variance was approved on March 17, 2020, to R 400.1922(4), Nighttime care. The licensee will accept children beginning at 4:00 AM until 5:00 AM which is still considered nighttime care. If children go back to sleep, they can use mats, cots, porta-cribs, and couches to accommodate these children.

The provider also has a variance to R 400.1910(1), Ration of personnel to children. The provider has increased her capacity to provide care for up to 14 unrelated children.

V. Recommendation

I recommend approval of the modification to include the addition of the bedroom across from the bathroom as approved child use space.

Carrie Harris

October 17, 2022

Carrie Harris
Licensing Consultant

Date