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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 your renewal inspection report. You can find a copy of this renewal inspection report and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when renewal inspection reports are completed can be found under [Overview of Licensing Reports](#).

During the renewal inspection on October 14, I found seven violation(s) listed below and explained in the attached report:

R 400.1906(1)(c)(i) Records of a licensee; child care staff member; child care assistant.
R 400.1907(1)(a) Child's records.
R 400.1907(1)(b) Child's records.
R 400.1907(3) Child's records.
R 400.1916(5) Bedding and sleeping equipment.
R 400.1918(5) Medication; administration; procedures.
R 400.1944(3) Smoke detectors; fire extinguishers.

You gave us an acceptable written corrective action plan. We will send you a regular license in the mail.

During calendar year 2021:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

Please 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.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Harris".

Carrie Harris, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG750402945
Licensee Name:	Melanie Shuler
Licensee Address:	69891 Franklin Rd Sturgis, MI 49091
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 366-5283
Licensee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Little Shadows Daycare
Facility Address:	69891 Franklin Rd Sturgis, MI 49091
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 366-5283
Original Issuance Date:	03/05/2020
Capacity:	14
Age Range:	Ages Birth Thru 17 years

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection(s):

10/14/2022

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	12	12
No. of assistant caregivers employed	1	1
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	10	
No. of other children present at time of inspection	0	
No. of assistant caregivers present at time of inspection	1	
Licensee present at time of inspection?	Yes	
Persons Interviewed:	Licensee	☒
	Assistant Caregivers	☒

Approved child use space: The main floor living room, child care room (old garage), kitchen/dining room, the bedroom across from the bathroom, and the bathroom are approved for child care use.

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): 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 door off the main floor master bedroom.

Approved variances - ☐ No ☒ Yes Description: 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), Ratio of personnel to children. The provider has increased her capacity to provide care for up to 14 unrelated children.

Key Indicator Inspection: No.

Additional information:

- Pets? No ☐ Yes ☒ If yes, describe.
The group home has seven puppies, five dogs, and chickens.
- Hot tubs or spa pool? No ☐ Yes ☒ If yes, are there appropriate barriers?
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.
- Swimming pool? No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, describe pool and barriers.

- Other water hazards? No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, describe.
- Fireplace or wood burning stove? No ☐ Yes ☒ If yes, describe.
There is a wood burning stove in the kitchen/dining room but it is not used by the licensee. She understands if she plans to use it again 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.
- Fireplace/wood burner in use during child care hours? No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, describe barriers to protect children from burns.

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

This renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care home administrative rules and statutes. Verification of compliance included direct observations of the physical environment and the program, discussions with staff, and a review of the home's records, including staff records and children's records. Staff records include background checks, medical clearance information, and training information. Children's records include child information cards and child in care statements/receipts.

During the inspection, the child care home was found to be in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes except for the following violations:

R 400.1906

Records of a licensee; child care staff member; child care assistant.

(1) A licensee shall maintain a file for each child care staff member and each child care assistant that includes all of the following:

(c) A statement signed by a licensed physician or his or her designee that attests to the individual's mental and physical health., and which must be updated as follows:

(i) For an applicant or licensee, within 1 year before issuance of the initial license and at the time of subsequent renewals.

The licensee did not have a statement signed by a licensed physician to attest to her mental and physical health at the time of renewal.

R 400.1907

Child's records.

(1) Prior to a child's initial attendance, a licensee shall obtain the following documents:

(a) A completed child information card on a form provided by the department or a comparable substitute approved by the department.

I reviewed 12 child information cards, and five cards were missing required information such as employment names and phone numbers and allergies/special needs.

R 400.1907

Child's records.

(1) Prior to a child's initial attendance, a licensee shall obtain the following documents:

(b) A child in care statement or receipt using a form provided by the department and signed by the parent certifying all of the following:

(i) Receipt of a written disciplinary policy.

(ii) Condition of the child's health.

(iii) Acknowledgement that the parent has been offered either a copy of the licensing rules for a child care home or has been given the website for an electronic copy of these rules.

(iv) Agreement as to who will provide food for the child.

(v) Acknowledgement that firearms are on the premises, if applicable.

(vi) If the child care home was built prior to 1978, then the licensee shall inform the parents of each child in care and all personnel of the potential presence of lead-based paint or lead dust hazards, unless the licensee maintains documentation from a lead testing professional that the home is lead safe.

I reviewed 12 child files, and three children did not have a child-in-care statement signed by the parent prior to the child's initial attendance.

R 400.1907

Child's records.

(3) Dated daily attendance records of children in care must be maintained and include the child's first and last name and the time of arrival and departure. Electronic records may be used. If electronic records are used, they must be available to the department at the time of the inspection. If electronic attendance records are not available during an on-site inspection, the child care home is in violation of this rule.

The dated daily attendance records did not include the last names of children in care.

R 400.1916 Bedding and sleeping equipment.

(5) Play yard mattresses must be purchased from the manufacturer of the play yard and be manufactured after February 19, 2014. Play yards must meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission safety standards for play yards, 16 CFR part 1221 (2019). Licensees shall comply with this subrule by December 31, 2019. These standards are available at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. They are also available for inspection and distribution at the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems, Child Care Licensing Division, 611 W Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933-1070.

Two play yards did not meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission standards and did not have a manufacture date after February 19, 2014. The licensee stated that she recently bought one but of the play yards, but it was from a foreign company on Amazon and no date was on the play yard. A second play yard had a manufacture date of November 2006.

R 400.1918 Medication; administration; procedures.

(5) All medication must be kept out of the reach of children and returned to the child's parent when he or she determines it is no longer needed or when it has expired.

At least nine prescription and over-the-counter medications were stored in a basket on the kitchen counter. Medication stored at counter height is not considered to be out of reach of children.

R 400.1944 Smoke detectors; fire extinguishers.

(3) A home shall have at least 1 functioning multipurpose fire extinguisher, with a rating of 2A-10BC or larger, properly mounted not higher than 5 feet from the floor to the top of the fire extinguisher, on each floor level approved for child use.

The 2A-10BC fire extinguisher was not mounted. A 1A-10BC was mounted by the back exit door on the main level of the home.

A corrective action plan was requested and approved on 10/14/2022. It is expected that the corrective action plan be implemented within the specified time frames as

outlined in the approved plan. A follow-up evaluation may be made to verify compliance. Should the corrections not be implemented in the specified time, it may be necessary to reevaluate the status of your license.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care group home (capacity 7-12).

Carrie Harris

October 17, 2022

Carrie Harris
Licensing Consultant

Date