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Marlon I. Brown, DPA
ACTING DIRECTOR

REDACTED REPORT

11/14/2023

Heidi Belcher
1296 Jeffery St,
Ypsilanti, MI, 48198

License Number: DG810401521
Special Investigation Number: SI-00023065

Dear Ms. Belcher,

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 |
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| R 400.1903(8)(a) | Ensure that smoking and vaping do not occur in child-use space, on the premises of a child care home while children are in care, and in a vehicle when used to transport children who are in care. |
| R 400.1902(2) | An applicant or licensee shall be of responsible character and shall be suitable and able to meet the needs of children and provide for their care, supervision, and protection. |
| R 400.1904a | Child care staff member; employment requirements. |

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

- I interviewed: Licensee, child care staff member, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 9/6/2023

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"/> |

You will be sent two copies of this report. One is **not for public disclosure** and one is a **redacted report**.

- The report marked **not for public disclosure** is for your records only. This copy may contain legally protected information. It must not be placed in your licensing notebook.

The report marked **redacted report** may have some legally protected information blacked out. The **redacted report** and any related corrective action plans must be placed in your licensing notebook. The **redacted 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, Karen Woodman at 517-285-9301 or woodmank1@michigan.gov. In the event that Karen Woodman is not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Karen Woodman, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU**

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 11/3/2023

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| Special Investigation Number | Complaint/Incident Receipt Date |
| SI-00023065 | 9/5/2023 |
| Investigation Initiation Date | Report Due Date |
| 9/22/2023 | 12/15/2023 |
| License Number | Licensee Name(s) |
| DG810401521 | Heidi Belcher |
| Capacity | Facility Name |
| 14 | Ms. Heidi's Little People |
| Program Type | Mailing Address |
| Group Home | 1296 Jeffery St, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198 |
| Facility Address | Facility Email Address |
| 1296 Jeffery St, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198 | msheidi509@gmail.com |
| Facility Phone Number | License Status: |
| 7343300636 | Regular |
| Original License Issuance Date | License Expiration Date: |
| 12/11/2019 | 6/10/2024 |
| License Effective Date: | |
| 6/11/2022 | |

ALLEGATION(S)

| | Violation Established? |
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| Ms. Belcher talks about smoking weed on her Facebook page. She talks about growing marijuana out of her garage. | No |
| Ms. Belcher tells people to pull up and fight her on her Facebook page. She provides the address where they can come and fight. This is the same address as your daycare children are. | No |
| Ms. Belcher's child care staff member is an alcoholic and is providing care for the daycare children. | No |

METHODOLOGY

| Date | Activity |
|-------------|--|
| 9/22/2023 | Special Investigation Case Created SI-00023065 |
| 9/6/2023 | Special Investigation Initiated via On-site |

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| | Arrival: 10:35 AM; Departure: 11:30 AM Completed an unannounced onsite inspection. Interviewed Ms. Belcher and Child Care Staff Member 1 (CCSM 1) |
| 10/31/2023 | Contact – Phone Call Made Interview with Child B's Mother |
| 11/1/2023 | Contact – Phone Call Made Interview with Child A's Mother |
| 11/2/2023 | Contact – Phone Call Made Interview with Child C's Mother and Child D's Mother |
| TBD | Exit Conference with Ms. Belcher |

ALLEGATION: Ms. Belcher talks about smoking weed on her Facebook page. She talks about growing marijuana out of her garage.

INVESTIGATION:

On 09/06/2022, I completed an unannounced onsite inspection. I interviewed licensee Heidi Belcher. Ms. Belcher has a business Facebook page and a personal Facebook page. Her personal Facebook page [REDACTED]. Ms. Belcher [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] At the age of 23, a man [REDACTED]. The Ms. Belcher's [REDACTED] child use space. The children do not have access [REDACTED] and there is a door with a screen door on it. She said that there is [REDACTED] in the house. Ms. Belcher [REDACTED] child care. She gets up between 4:00 AM and 5:00 AM in the morning [REDACTED] the first child arrives at 6:45 AM. Ms. Belcher said that many of the child care parents work at the medical marijuana dispensary down the street, so they are "marijuana friendly" at her home. Ms. Belcher said there is no marijuana being grown out of the garage. Ms. Belcher gave me a tour of her house and the garage. There were no indications that marijuana was being smoked in the house. She showed me [REDACTED]. There was a table and chairs set up. I did not see any marijuana being grown in the garage. There was no marijuana smell in the house or the entryway. Ms. Belcher does not have a regular doctor and gets her child care licensing medical clearance completed through Urgent Care. Ms. Belcher said that she tells the doctors at Urgent Care [REDACTED] Ms. Belcher goes once a year to a specialty doctor [REDACTED]. The most recent physician certification form [REDACTED] was dated 09/08/2023. Ms. Belcher shared her [REDACTED] with me. There is a gap between 06/01/2022 and 09/14/2023. Ms. Belcher thought the [REDACTED] expired every three years and didn't realize it expired every two years until I came to interview her. She did not have a [REDACTED] between 06/01/2022 and 09/14/2023 but does have a current one now.

I interviewed CCSM 1 who has worked at the child care home for approximately two years. CCSM 1 said that marijuana is not being smoked in the home and is not being grown in the garage. CCSM 1 does not smoke marijuana and does not know why anyone would say these things about Ms. Belcher.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

| APPLICABLE RULES | |
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| R 400.1903(8)(a) | Ensure that smoking and vaping do not occur in child-use space, on the premises of a child care home while children are in care, and in a vehicle when used to transport children who are in care. |
| ANALYSIS: | Ms. Belcher has [REDACTED] in the garage outside of child care use space. There is no evidence to support that she is impaired during child care hours. |
| CONCLUSION: | VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED |

ALLEGATION: Ms. Belcher tells people to pull up and fight her on her Facebook page. She provides the address where they can come and fight. This is the same address as your daycare children are.

INVESTIGATION:

Ms. Belcher said that her personal Facebook page is very controversial. She was on her personal Facebook page and was on a site that talked about boys having babies. Ms. Belcher said that “in her world, boys are born with penises and girls are born with vaginas”. Someone on the site “came at her” about her opinion, meaning they were disagreeing with her viewpoint. Ms. Belcher put her phone number in the comments and asked that person to call her and educate her on the topic. Ms. Belcher also sent a personal message to the person disagreeing with her and said, “1296 Jeffery Ypsilanti, MI come educate me anytime”. Ms. Belcher showed me the personal message and it showed her address and phone number and Ms. Belcher asking them to call her to educate her.

CCSM 1 said that Ms. Belcher had a conversation with a person online who had a different viewpoint than Ms. Belcher. Ms. Belcher asked that person to come and educate her on the issue, not fight her. Ms. Belcher put her phone number in the comments and then privately messaged the person who had the different viewpoint and gave her address and phone number and asked them to educate her.

I interviewed Child A's Mother, Child B's Mother, Child C's Mother, and Child D's Mother and there were no concerns regarding care and supervision at the child care home.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

| APPLICABLE RULES | |
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| R 400.1902(2) | An applicant or licensee shall be of responsible character and shall be suitable and able to meet the needs of children and provide for their care, supervision, and protection. |
| ANALYSIS: | Ms. Belcher provides appropriate care and supervision to the children in her child care home. She does not incite fights or violence in the child care home. |
| CONCLUSION: | VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED |

ALLEGATION: Ms. Belcher's child care staff member is an alcoholic and is providing care for the daycare children.

INVESTIGATION:

Ms. Belcher said that CCSM 1 has worked for her for approximately two years. CCSM 1 has completed all the requirements for a child care staff member. Ms. Belcher has never observed CCSM 1 drink alcohol or appear under the influence of alcohol during child care hours.

I interviewed CCSM 1 who has been a child care staff member since Ms. Belcher opened the child care approximately 2 years ago. CCSM 1 never drinks alcohol and is never under the influence of alcohol during child care hours.

I interviewed Child A's Mother, Child B's Mother, Child C's Mother, and Child D's Mother and there were no concerns regarding care and supervision at the child care home.



RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

| APPLICABLE RULES | |
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| R 400.1904a | Child care staff member; employment requirements. |
| ANALYSIS: | CCSM 1 provides appropriate care and supervision to the children in the home. There is no evidence to support that CCSM 1 is under the influence during child care hours. |

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| CONCLUSION: | VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED |
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BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

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

| Approved By: | | | |
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|  <div style="text-align: right;">11/14/2023</div> |  <div style="text-align: right;">11/15/2023</div> | | |
| Karen Woodman Consultant | Darlese McConnell Area Manager | | |
| Date | Date | | |