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June 10, 2011

Mr. Mike McFarland, Executive Director
Clarinda Academy
1820 North 16th Street
Clarinda, Iowa 51632

Dear Mr. McFarland:

SUBJECT: RECERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that the Certification for Clarinda Academy located at 1820 North 16th Street, Clarinda, Iowa is continued through November 2011.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- a. Deaths
- b. Suicide attempts
- c. Suspected physical, sexual, or psychological abuse
- d. Epidemic outbreaks and catastrophes
- e. Injuries and illnesses that require hospitalization or medical treatment (beyond first-aid)
- f. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child)
- g. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of a child

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. We will be following our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without an appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this report further, please contact me at (916) 838-5875.

Sincerely,

OLANIYAN AKYEEM
Out-of State Program Analyst

Enclosure

C: Rosalind Hyde, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State Placement & Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORTCCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 19-50
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME: CLARINDA ACADEMY	FACILITY NUMBER: 602300055
ADMINISTRATOR: MIKE MCFARLAND	FACILITY TYPE: 731
ADDRESS: 1820 N. 16TH STREET	TELEPHONE: (712) 542-3103
CITY: CLARINDA	STATE: IA
CAPACITY: 242	ZIP CODE: 51632
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management	CENSUS: 248
MET WITH: Mike McFarland, Director	UNANNOUNCED
	DATE: 11/24/2010
	TIME BEGAN: 09:36 AM
	TIME COMPLETED: 03:00 PM

NARRATIVE

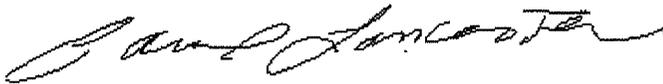
1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:
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3 Annual on-site re-certification pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al.
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5 CERTIFICATION HISTORY; FACILITY INFORMATION AND PROGRAM:
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7 Clarinda Academy has been certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care
8 Licensing Division since October 23, 2008.
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10 Clarinda Academy is a 250-bed residential treatment and educational program for at-risk and adjudicated
11 male and female youth, age 12 to 18. The program offered emphasizes behavioral change through the
12 establishment of a positive peer/normative culture, intensely scheduled programming, and skill-building
13 activities. Clarinda's behavioral thinking processes focus on the intervention and redirection of negative
14 behavior and recognition of desired/positive behavior. *(NOTE: Reference the initial certification report
15 of October 23, 2008 for a complete description and overview of Clarinda, its program, purpose,
16 methods and goals.)*
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18 No significant capacity or programmatic changes have occurred over the past year. There continues to be
19 nine residential living units (referred to as "Halls",) ranging in size from 26 to 33: Six for males; two for
20 females. An additional 8-bed Hall offers a transitional living program for males.
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22 CHILDREN IN CARE:
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24 At the time of the re-certification visit, the census was 248. Of this number, 22 were placements made by
25 California probation or social services representatives from the following agencies: Sacramento County
Probation; San Joaquin County Probation; Alameda County Probation, Santa Clara County Probation,
Stanislaus County Probation, Ventura County Social Services and Fresno County Social Services.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 12/31/2010**I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.****FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:****Original Signed by Mike McFarland****DATE:** 12/31/2010**This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.**

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)

FACILITY NAME: CLARINDA ACADEMY

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300055

VISIT DATE: 11/24/2010

NARRATIVEIOWA LICENSING INFORMATION

Each of the nine residential living halls at Clarinda Academy are licensed individually by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. The current licenses are good for three years. Under Iowa licensing standards, a three-year license (as opposed to a one or two year) is an indicator that the facility's compliance history has been good and deficiency rate low; thus, warranting a less frequent visiting cycle by licensing authorities. The names of the halls, capacity and the effective dates of the the current licenses are as follows:

- Washington Hall (Capacity 30): May 1, 2010 through May 1, 2013
- Jackson Hall (Capacity 32): May 1, 2010 through May 1, 2013
- Kennedy Hall (Capacity 31): May 1, 2010 through May 1, 2013
- Jefferson Hall (Capacity 30): May 1, 2010 through May 1, 2013
- Lincoln Hall (Capacity 33): January 1, 2009 through January 1, 2012
- Coolidge Hall (Capacity 26): November 1, 2008 through November 1, 2011
- Angelou Hall (Capacity 32): November 1, 2008 through November 1, 2011
- Parks Hall (Capacity 28): November 1, 2008 through November 1, 2011
- Independence Hall (Capacity 8): September 1, 2008 through September 1, 2011

Iowa Licensing has most recently conducted onsite licensing reviews of Washington, Jackson, Kennedy and Jefferson Halls. The reports based on the reviews which were conducted April 28-30, 2010, reflected very positive findings and comments.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS:

Since last year's CDSS' recertification visit on October 1, 2009, one complaint investigation has been conducted by Iowa Licensing; and one has been conducted by the CDSS.

The complaint investigation conducted by Iowa Licensing on April 19, 2010, stemmed from an incident on Jefferson Hall that was self-reported by Clarinda. The incident involved a dislocated shoulder injury suffered by a student which resulted from a cabinet falling on him while the cabinet was being moved on a dolly by another student and a staff. Although a general safety citation was issued, the incident was deemed an accident.

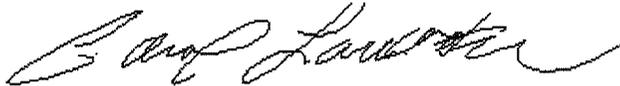
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The complaint investigated by the CDSS alleged personal rights violations. The allegations stemmed from a CA probation client being restrained three times in a short period of time. Investigated in July 2010, the finding reached was inconclusive. Although the restraints had occurred, they were determined to be justified and performed in a correct and acceptable method according to facility policy.

ACCREDITATIONS

Clarinda Academy is accredited by the Joint Commission for Behavioral Health (Residential / Group Homes, Child/Youth - - the last full survey conducted being February 29, 2008; the last on-site survey conducted being February 13, 2009. The accreditation is good for up to 39 months.

FIRE INSPECTION / FOOD SERVICE:

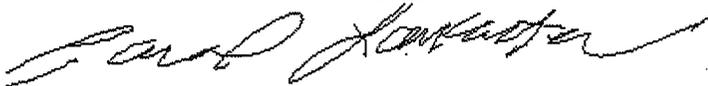
Clarinda was last inspected by a deputy with the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Fire Marshall's Inspection Division on April 14, 2010. The report and certificate of inspection issued in conjunction with that visit reflects the facility to be in compliance with state requirements.

The facility's large commercial style kitchen/cafeteria is where food is stored and meals are primarily prepared and served. This operation was last inspected by authorities with Western Iowa Regional Inspections on April 26, 2010. No areas of non-compliance were reflected on their inspection report.

SCOPE AND STATUS OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview with Executive Director Mike McFarland and other members of the administrative and management team.
- Collection of updated and current organizational and program information material.
- Review and discussion of administrative oversight related to physical staff interventions and restraints.
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.
- Four client interviews.

Re-Certification approved.

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