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November 15, 2013

EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER- 602300013
15001 EAST OXFORD AVENUE
AURORA, CO 80014

SUBJECT: Re-Certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Facility Capacity : 204 female youth; ages 11-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for Excelsior Youth Center is continued through November 2014.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to the 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 health or safety of a child

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

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 838-5751

Sincerely,

CAROL LANCASTER, Certification Analyst
Out-of-State Certification Unit
Children's Residential Program
Community Care Licensing Division

STATE OF CALIFORNIA CHILD CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DIVISION
CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 3-3-54
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME: EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER
ADMINISTRATOR: JOAN GABRIELSON
ADDRESS: 15001 EAST OXFORD AVENUE
CITY: AURORA
CAPACITY: ~~170~~ 204
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management (Re-cert.)
MET WITH: Joan Gabrielson, Executive Director; Jim Uhernik, Admissions Director; Carol Beachamp-Hunter, Director of Treatment

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300013
FACILITY TYPE: 731
TELEPHONE: (303) 693-1550
ZIP CODE: 80014
DATE: 10/23/2013
TIME BEGAN: 09:15 AM
TIME COMPLETED: 04:31 PM

NARRATIVE

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2 As mandated by California law, an onsite visit was performed by the undersigned with the California
3 Department of Social Services (CDSS) on the date referenced above for the purpose of annual recertification.
4 Annual recertification is performed in order to verify that the facility continues to:
5 • have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision
6 and treatment services to youth in care.
7 • remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing
8 and other oversight agencies' laws and standards within the state the facility is located - in this case, the
9 state of Colorado.

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11 CERTIFICATION HISTORY:

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13 Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Excelsior Youth Center (EYC) was initially certified by
14 the CDSS in 1999 and has been re-certified annually since.

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16 *NOTE: For a complete description and overview of EYC's history, program information and treatment services,*
17 *reference the Initial certification report based on the visit dated June 7-11, 1999.*

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19 CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:

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21 EYC's capacity is 204. At the time of this year's visit, the census was 138. Of this number, 33 were California
22 foster youth placed by the following California placing agencies in the number indicated: Alameda County
23 Probation (6); Imperial County DHS (1); Kern County DHS (1); Kern County Probation (1); Los Angeles
24 County Probation (2); Marin County Probation (2); Sacramento County DHS (2); Sacramento County
25 Probation (1); San Diego County DHS (2); San Joaquin County DHS (3); Santa Clara County DHS (3);
Sonoma County Probation (2); Sonoma County DHS (2); Stanislaus County DHS (1); Stanislaus County
Probation (2); Ventura County DHS (1); Yolo County DHS (1).

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This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.

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32CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES: (Continued)

In addition to the CA foster youth in placement, there were 19 other CA youth placed at Excelsior (Adoption Assistance and Education/Mental Health.)

CDSS WAIVERS IN EFFECT:

- March 28, 2000: Time-delayed egress devices on emergency exits (dorms and school gym door)
- November 6, 2000: Use of a child's temporary room in the Treatment and Learning Center (TLC) for exclusion.
- August 18, 2005: More than two youth to a room

FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM INFORMATION AND CHANGES:

Excelsior continues to serve adolescent females, *ages 11-17 years, who generally present with emotional and behavioral disturbances. The most common diagnoses include mood/depressive disorders, conduct and oppositional defiant disorders, post traumatic stress, substance abuse, reactive attachment and attention deficits. A high percentage of the girls in the program have had multiple out of home placement including foster homes, group home and other less restrictive residential treatment programs. Many have experienced multiple psychiatric hospitalization as well.

Note: Excelsior may also accept and provide services to female youth age 18-21 contingent on placement by court order prior to her 18th birthday.

The adolescent females in care reside in one of nine living units on the 33 acre campus.

On July 1, 2013, Phoenix cottage was re-opened. Services provided on Phoenix cottage include:

- Short Term Residential Treatment: 1 - 7 days (sometimes referred to as Crisis Stabilization or Hospital Diversion.
- Residential Treatment (generally 30-90 days)
- Respite Care [1+ day(s)]

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32FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM INFORMATION AND CHANGES: (Continued)

Over the last year there have been the following personnel changes: New Director of Finance; new Director of Human Services; and a new school principal.

Excelsior has its own non-public, non-sectarian school on grounds serving grade levels 6th-12th. Vocational training in Cosmetology is also offered.

COLORADO LICENSING INFORMATION:

Excelsior is licensed in the state of Colorado as a Residential Child Care Facility by the Colorado Department of Human Services. Their licensed capacity is 204. They are on a two-year licensing cycle. The last inspection for licensing renewal was performed September 17-19; and September 27, 2012. The license issued in conjunction with this visit is good through March 2014.

Contact made with CO Licensing representatives confirmed that the facility is in good standing with that agency.

FIRE CLEARANCE:

Most recent fire inspection conducted by the Aurora Fire Department on October 3, 2013 reflected that the facility was in compliance with all applicable standards related to fire and life safety.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE:

Meal preparation and service (three a day plus snacks) primarily occurs in a centralized commercial type kitchen and dining room. The Tri-County Health Department (Aurora Office) last conducted a food service inspection on June 25, 2013. Their report noted, "No critical violations were noted during the inspection." The facility was deemed compliant.

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32OTHER MISC. INSPECTIONS: CERTIFICATIONS: ACCREDITATIONS:

Excelsior's school is accredited by the North Central Association (NCA) Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and certified by the California Department of Education (CDE.) Current NCA accreditation is good through June 30, 2015; CDE certification is good through December 31, 2013.

The Residential Treatment Services and Day Treatment Services provided at Excelsior are COA accredited. Current COA is good through September 30, 2015.

Excelsior staff who provide direct care to the youth are certified in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention. Several in-house staff are certified as trainers.

SCOPE OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance and exit interview with Joan Gabriel, Executive Director; Jim Uhernik, Admissions Director; Carol Beachamp-Hunter, Director of Treatment
- Collection of updated and current licensing documents, organizational and program informational material.
- Review and discussion of program, resources and operations. .
- Facility tour - Living Unit interiors and grounds.
- (3) Staff files reviewed.
- (3) Client files reviewed

FINDINGS

The physical plant tour reflected the facility being clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair.

The staff and client files reviewed reflected some missing information/documentation. [Reference attached Confidential Names form (LIC 811) for identity of clients and staff and what documents were missing.]

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32PLAN OF CORRECTION:

A plan of correction is required with respect to the missing documents. To correct this matter, please provide documentation that serves to verify that the corrections have been made:

- Completed and signed LIC 613B forms (Personal Rights - Children's Residential Facilities) for the three clients referenced on the LIC 811 form (Confidential Names.)
- Current/valid First Aid/CPR cards for staff CC and SJ (referenced as #4 & 6 on LIC 811 form.)
- Evidence that staff CC's CPI certification is up to date.

Evidence of correction is due by December 15, 2013.

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Re-Certify for one year. Recertification good through November 2014.

OTHER COMMENTS:

Currently, Excelsior's CDSS certification allows for the facility to care for female youth ages 11 to 17.

On January 1, 2012, new interim California licensing regulations went into effect as a result of the passage of California Assembly Bill (AB) 12 (known federally as the "Fostering Connections to Success Act.")

In short, AB 12 extends benefits in a variety and number of ways when foster youth turn 18. Such youth (termed non-minor dependents or NMDs for short) may now remain in group home care until they complete high school or its equivalent (up to age 19 maximum.) However, in order to continue to provide care for them, the facility must comply with new AB 12 regulations.

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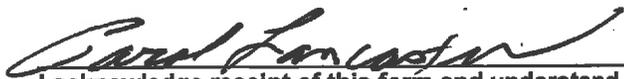
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OTHER COMMENTS:

In July of 2012, CCLD Information Release 2013-02 was mailed to all out-of-state group home providers explaining the new law and instructing that if an out-of-state group home facility was desirous of retaining and providing services to NMDs, a program statement addendum was in order. Excelsior submitted a NMD program statement addendum to the CDSS (received July 30, 2013); however, the program statement has not been approved to date. Under separate cover from this report, Excelsior's NMD program statement addendum is being returned for further development along with a checklist/outline identifying the areas that are incomplete and/or need further development.

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