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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Community Care Licensing Division – Statewide Children’s Residential Program
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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

November 19, 2012

Mr. Rick Losasso, President and CEO
George Junior Republic
P.O. Box 1058
Grove City, PA 16127

Capacity 549
Population served: Males 8-17

Dear Mr. Losasso:

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 George Junior Republic located at 233 George Junior Road, Grove City, Pennsylvania is valid through October 30, 2013.

Recertification precludes the Intensive Supervision Units I, II, or III. California children under the jurisdiction of a probation or social services agency cannot be placed or housed in these units.

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 appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 651-5380, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

MEI YUK KUNG
Program Chief

Enclosure

- c: Jeff Morris, Chief Operating Officer, George Junior Republic
- Andrea Donatucci, Director of Admissions, George Junior Republic
- Rosalind Hyde, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State Placement & Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

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| FACILITY NAME: | GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC | FACILITY NUMBER: | 602300028 |
| ADMINISTRATOR: | ANDREA DONATUCCI | FACILITY TYPE: | 731 |
| ADDRESS: | P.O. BOX 1058 | TELEPHONE: | (724) 458-9330 |
| CITY: | GROVE CITY | STATE: PA | ZIP CODE: 16127 |
| CAPACITY: | 470 <i>519</i> | CENSUS: 519 | DATE: 10/17/2012 |
| TYPE OF VISIT: | Case Management | UNANNOUNCED | TIME BEGAN: 10:00 AM |
| MET WITH: | Jeff Morris, Vice President of Treatment Services | TIME COMPLETED: | 05:00 PM |

NARRATIVE**1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:**

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3 As mandated by California law, this annual review was performed by the undersigned analyst for the purpose
4 of re-certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to verify 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/clients in care.
7 • remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as remaining
8 licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical location -- in this
9 case, the state of Pennsylvania..

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11 CALIFORNIA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:

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13 At the time of visit, the total campus census for California youth at George Junior Republic was 21. The total
14 campus census was 519. GJR is currently contracted with four California county Probation agencies ranging
15 from southern to northern California. These counties are as follows: Alameda, San Francisco, Sacramento,
16 and San Joaquin counties.

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18 LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINTS ISSUES:

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20 During the time of this visit, contact was made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public
21 Welfare Office of Children, Youth and Families. Spoke with licensing representative who reported that as of
22 July 1, 2012, all Residential Licensing services and duties have been redirected to serve under one
23 Department. As of July 1, 2012, GJR is now licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of
24 Public Welfare Bureau of Human Services Licensing Department.
25**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916)854-0118**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Olaniyan Akyeem**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5875**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 10/16/2012**I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.****FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 10/16/2012**This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.**

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)

CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 19-50
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME: GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300028

VISIT DATE: 10/17/2012

NARRATIVE

1 On the date of this visit, contact was made to the new Licensing Bureau representative, who reported that
2 since July 1, 2012, GJR has maintain in good standings with no issues of concern. She further reported that
3 all information regarding compliance could be found at: www.dpw.state.pa.us.
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5 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW CHANGES:

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7 A tour of sample living units on the GJR campus was conducted, which included a visit to the Intensive
8 Supervision Unit III (ISU). Since last year, ISU I, II, and III have been fully equipped with Security Door
9 Controls (SDC), delayed egress locking devices. At the time of this visit, there was one California youth
10 assigned to the ISU III. As for the services to California youth, GJR has requested a waiver for the use of
11 SDC devices. Although the program was still certified at the time of this placement, the waiver was in pending
12 status and not yet approved. Upon further review, under California Health and Safety Code 1531.1, it
13 specifically describes the criteria needed for use of these devices. Based on the this criteria, It was
14 determined that GJR ISU did not meet justification for this waiver. As a result, the waiver for the use of SDC,
15 and/or delayed egress devices. is denied as of this date of this visit. (10/17/2012). In addition, GJR will be
16 required to relocate both California youth to another approved certified unit. (See Plan of Correction POC).
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18 It is further noted, the ISU buildings were officially licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
19 Department of Public Welfare, and approved by the Pine Township Engine Company and Building Code
20 Official of Pennsylvania. However, as a result of this certification decision, the ISU's will not be eligible for
21 California certification for service to those youth who are placed through Social Services and/or Probation.
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23 FIRE CLEARANCE:

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25 The most recent fire inspection was conducted by the Pine Township Engine Company of Grove City on
26 10/18/2011, but a new inspection was just conducted on 10/2-10/12, 2012. At the time of this visit, the
27 results from the inspections were still in pending status and will be available for review by 10/19/2012.
28 Although the fire inspections were current at the time of this visit, GJR will follow up with the results of the new
29 fire inspections upon completion.
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VISIT DATE: 10/17/2012

NARRATIVEADMINISTRATIVE AND PLAN OF OPERATION:

Administrative review revealed no significant issues related to intake procedures, licensing capacity, or program services to youth.

SCOPE AND STATUS OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview with Shannon Wilson, Secretary. (*Jeff Morris and Andrea Donatucci in attendance off grounds meeting at time of this initial interview.*)
- Collection of updated and current licensing documents, organizational and program information material.
- Review and discussion of administrative changes, oversight and visit plan.
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.
- staff interviews.
- Exit interview with Jeff Morris, Vice President of Treatment Services

OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS:

1. Program Operation: As result of the new installation of the delayed egress devices on the ISU's, these units are now non-compatible for services to California youth, particularly those who are not deemed Developmentally Disabled as per California Health and Safety Code 1531.1. At the time of this visit, one California youth was assigned to the ISU III. The youth will be required to be relocated to another California certified approved unit by said due date. POC due on 10/29/2012.

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Certification Approved through October 2013

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