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October 21, 2013

GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC- 602300028
P.O. BOX 1058
GROVE CITY, PA 16127

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

Capacity : 549 male youth; ages 8-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for George Junior Republic located at 233 George Junior Road, Grove City, PA 16127 is continued through October 2014.

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 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

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

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORTCCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

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
CAPACITY: 549	ZIP CODE: 16127
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management <i>Re-Cert.</i>	CENSUS: 519
MET WITH: Jeff Morris, Sandy Melvin, Andrea Donatucci	ANNOUNCED
	DATE: 09/24/2013
	TIME BEGAN: 09:19 AM
	TIME COMPLETED: 04:35 PM

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25PURPOSE OF VISIT:

As mandated by California law, today's visit was performed by the undersigned analyst with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the purpose of annual recertification and to assure that the facility continues to:

- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision and treatment services to youth in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing laws and standards of the state the facility is located - in this case, the state Pennsylvania.

CERTIFICATION HISTORY:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., George Junior Republic (GJR) was initially certified by the CDSS in October of 2001; and has been re-certified annually since.

CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:

At the time of this year's visit, the facility census was 519. Of this number, 26 were California foster youth in care placed by the following California placing agencies in the number indicated:

1. Alameda County Probation (9)
2. Sacramento County Probation (5)
3. San Diego County (1)
4. San Francisco County (6)
5. San Joaquin County Probation (5)

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 10/21/2013


I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:**DATE:** 10/21/2013

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

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32FACILITY INFORMATION, BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM:

GJR, founded in 1909, is one of the largest private non-profit residential treatment communities in the United States. It is a campus-like environment located on 400 acres in Grove City, a western Pennsylvania town. There are 53 individually licensed living structures on campus of type and number below.

- 32 Cottages/Homes
- 16 Special Needs Units
- *3 Intensive Supervision Units
- 1 Crisis Intervention Unit
- 1 Diagnostic Unit

The cottages and special needs units were where CA youth reside. They range in size from eight to twelve beds.

*CDSS certification precludes the three ISU units. Placement of California children under the jurisdiction of a probation or social services agency cannot be made in these units due them being semi-secure (having doors with delayed egress for which a waiver from CA Licensing was denied.

Also located throughout the campus are: Administrative offices; family visitation center; resource center; maintenance warehouse; medical /nursing office and infirmary; dental office; mental health offices; school/academic center; auto shop (vocational training; chapel; gymnasium; outdoor and indoor pools; fitness center; outdoor track; movie theater; horseback riding arena and ropes course; baseball field; and basketball court.

There are additionally five off campus community group homes which offer youth the opportunity to transition to a home in the community. These homes vary in capacity size from 6 to 8.

There have been no capacity or significant programming changes over the last year.

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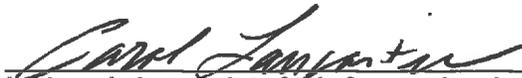
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32CDSS COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS:

There have been no complaints made to the CDSS over the last year.

PA LICENSING INFORMATION

Each home, cottage and living unit at GJR is licensed individually – 58 total. 53 are on the Grove City Campus; 5 are off campus community group homes. Licenses and inspection/violation reports are available on-line at:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/searchforprovider/humanservicesproviderdirectory/index.htm>Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Human Licensing (Western Regional Division)
11 Stanwix St., Room 230
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Licenses are typically renewed/re-issued on an annual basis. Licenses issued for less than a year are termed "provisional" and are usually for a 3 or 6 month period. Provisional licenses are indicative of compliance issues. Up to a maximum of four provisional licenses can be issued. None of GJR's licenses are provisional.

PA Licensing's last re-licensing visit was conducted Jan 7-11, 2013.

Contact made with PA Licensing also confirmed that the facility is in good standing.

FIRE CLEARANCE:

The most recent fire inspection, conducted by the Pine Township Engine Company of Grove City, PA was conducted on November 6, 2012. Fire procedures, building layouts and disaster plans were of focus. No violations were noted.

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COLLATERAL SERVICES/OTHER OVERSIGHT AGENCIES:

GJR is also a licensed provider for drug treatment (30 beds) under the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. This license was most recently re-issued May 1, 2013 and is good through April 30, 2014. (Facility #437008)

GJR has on on-grounds school under the Grove City Schol District (elementary & secondary - grades 5-12)

EMERGENCY INTERVENTION TRAINING:

GJR utilizes Safe Crisis Management. Five staff members are SCM trainers. These staff provide SCM training to other facility staff. Their training certificates were verified as being valid and up-to-date (last re-certified September 5-6, 2013.)

SCOPE AND STATUS OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance and exit interviews with Jeff Morris, Chief Operating Officer; Andrea Donatucci, Admissions Director; and Sandy Melvin, Director of Quality Assurance.
- Collection of updated and current PA licensing documents; fire clearance; organizational and program information material.
- Tour around campus and inside three randomly chosen cottages/units conducted (Cottage S; Special Needs VII; Benton)
- Interview with CA Probation Officer
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.

FINDINGS AND COMMENTS:

Facility appears, clean, safe, sanitary, nicely maintained and in good repair. Services provided are extensive and comprehensive and appear to meet the needs of the clients served well. The undersigned continues to hear CA placement representatives speak very highly of the facility. No violations noted.

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FINDINGS AND COMMENTS:

Currently, GJR's CDSS certification allows for the facility to care for male youth ages 8 to 17. Effective January 1, 2012, California Assembly Bill 12 went into effect. (Reference: <http://cclid.ca.gov/res/pdf/AB12-COSGH.pdf> -- CCLD Information Release 2013-02 dated June 11, 2013.)

With the passage of AB 12, both CA licensed and certified out-of-state group homes must comply with AB 12 in order to provide group home care to CA probation and social services youth who are 18 and have not completed high school (or successfully passed the GED.)

To come into compliance with this legislation and the "AB 12 Interim Licensing Standards for Nonminor Dependents in Foster Care" (posted on the Community Care Licensing Division website at: <http://cclid.ca.gov/>) GJR must respond to the CDSS by December 1, 2013. If GJR elects to serve NMDs, the material described in requirements #1 and #2 as outlined in the Information Release must be submitted by December 31, 2013.

GJR currently has six NMDs in their care.

Re-Certification is approved through October 2014. Approval to provide care to NMDs is pending.

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