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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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January 6, 2015

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

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

CAPACITY : 510 Male Youth, Ages 8 - 17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that certification for George Junior Republic located at 233 George Junior Road, Grove City, Pa is continued through January 2016.

Certification will be re-reviewed annually or more often should non-compliance with California Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to California Group homes become questionable or at issue. Additionally, serious incidents must be reported to the CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he 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

While certified, 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) 651-5380; or Certification Analyst Ron Leslie at (916) 654-0956

Sincerely,

MARISA SANCHEZ, MANAGER
Children's Residential Program
Community Care Licensing

C: Monica Jackson, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, Out-of-State Placement and Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

CCLD 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>Recertification</i>	CENSUS:	UNANNOUNCED
MET WITH:	Jeff Morris, Sandy Melvin	DATE:	01/12/2015
		TIME BEGAN:	08:00 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	05:00 PM

NARRATIVE

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2 PURPOSE OF VISIT:
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4 As mandated by California law, this visit was performed on October 14, 2014 by analyst Carol Lancaster with
5 the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the purpose of annual recertification and to assure
6 that the facility continues to:
7 • have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24 hour residential care, supervision
8 and treatment services to youth in care.
9 • remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing
10 laws and standards of the state the facility is located - in this case, the state Pennsylvania.
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12 CERTIFICATION HISTORY:
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14 Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., George Junior Republic (GJR) was initially certified by
15 the CDSS in October of 2001; and has been re-certified annually since.
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17 CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:
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19 At the time of this year's visit, the facility census was 510. Of this number, 21 were California foster youth in
20 care placed by the following California placing agencies in the number indicated:
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22 1. Alameda County Probation (4)
23 2. Sacramento County Probation (3)
24 3. San Diego County (1)
25 4. San Francisco County (8)
5. San Joaquin County Probation (5)

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Marisa Sanchez

TELEPHONE: (916) 651-0631

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Ronald Leslie

TELEPHONE: 916-654-0956

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE: 01/12/2015

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

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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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32**FACILITY 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 57 individually licensed living structures on campus of type and number below.

- 32 Cottages/Homes
- 16 Special Needs Units
- 3 Intensive Supervision Units*
- 2 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 three 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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32**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.dhs.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 last re-licensing visit was conducted December 17, 2014. Facility was determined to be in good standing and the licenses were extended 12 months.

FIRE CLEARANCE:

The most recent fire inspection, conducted by the Pine Township Engine Company of Grove City, PA was conducted on November 4, 2014. 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 April 30, 2014 and is good through April 30, 2015. (Facility #437008)

GJR has on on-grounds school under the Grove City School District (elementary & secondary - grades 5-12)
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; organizational and program information material.
- Tour around campus.
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.
- Sample of client medical files reviewed.
- Interviewed two California clients; Steve Schobert (17) and Woodrow Riley (17)

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.

CERTIFICATION DECISION

Re-certification approved

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