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February 28, 2013

**MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH- 602300071  
S. 4511 GLENROSE ROAD  
SPOKANE, WA 99223**

ATTN: John Hindman, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: RE-CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)**  
Group Home Capacity: 24  
Population Served: Male youth ages 6-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for Morning Star Boys Ranch is continued through October 2013.

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) 651-5380, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

**MEI YUK KUNG**  
Program Chief

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

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT**

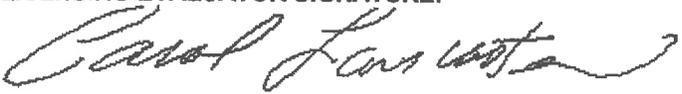
<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b> 602300071
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b> JOHN HINDMAN	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b> 731
<b>ADDRESS:</b> S. 4511 GLENROSE ROAD	<b>TELEPHONE:</b> (509) 448-1202
<b>CITY:</b> SPOKANE	<b>STATE:</b> WA
<b>CAPACITY:</b> 24	<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 99223
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b> Case Management (Re-cert.)	<b>CENSUS:</b> 17
<b>MET WITH:</b> John Hindman; Mary Derby; Darlene Pessein	<b>UNANNOUNCED</b>
	<b>DATE:</b> 01/17/2013
	<b>TIME BEGAN:</b> 09:15 AM
	<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b> 02:45 PM

**NARRATIVE**

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:  
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 3 Annual on-site re-certification visit pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al.  
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 6 CERTIFICATION HISTORY; PURPOSE/STATEMENT OF NEED AND POPULATION SERVED:  
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 8 Morning Star Boys Ranch has been certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community  
 9 Care Licensing Division (CDSS-CCLD) as an out-of-state group home provider since September 28, 2011. At  
 10 the time of this visit, the facility's census was 17 and there were no California foster youth in placement.  
 11 Population served is males age 6-17 with a median age is 12. The youth currently in the facility are  
 12 predominantly social services clients who are Washington residents.  
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 14 Morning Star was founded in 1956. Murphy House was built in 1976 and is located on 214 acres at the foot of  
 15 Browne's Mountain in Southeast Spokane which is a setting allowing the boys in care to experience both rural  
 16 and urban living. The home is tri-level: The lower level includes resident rooms, a spacious living room,  
 17 recreation room, chapel, laundry, storage and other service facilities. The middle level includes resident  
 18 rooms, staff offices, kitchen, a library and dining hall. The upper level is dedicated to resident rooms and  
 19 offices. All resident rooms are single bedrooms. The campus includes an art room, equine education  
 20 classroom, horse barn and stalls, a playfield, and a regulation-sized gymnasium equipped with a weight room.  
 21 Horses, goats, chickens and other fowl, as well as dogs and cats are also a part of the boys' lives at Morning  
 22 Star.  
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 24 The facility employs 29 staff: 19 of whom work 40 hours a week, and 10 who work 10 to 36 hours per week.  
 25 All residents attend public or private schools in the area. Medical and dental services are tended to by local  
 community providers which includes emergency care, health maintenance and disease prevention services.

**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** Mei Yuk Kung **TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763

**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster **TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751

**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:**  
  
**DATE:** 02/28/2013

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

**FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:**  
  
**DATE:** 02/28/2013

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

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

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Psychiatric care and psychotropic medication management is provided by a board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist who meets with residents and their social worker monthly to ensure that medications and dosages are appropriate. A local pharmacist works closely with the psychiatrist and facility case management and therapeutic staff to complete the clinical team.

WASHINGTON LICENSING INFORMATION:

Morning Star is licensed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services as a Group Care Facility. The agency is also licensed in Washington for day treatment services and as a child placing agency; however, are not currently offering those services.

On February 8, 2013, contact was made with the facility's licensing evaluator. Through this contact, it was confirmed that the facility is in good standing with no administrative actions pending. Washington Licensing visits quarterly which is the protocol for those facilities who have contracts with the State of Washington. Otherwise, facilities are visited annually.

FIRE SAFETY/CLEARANCE:

The facility is inspected yearly by the Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau. A certificate of fire clearance was provided based on an inspection on 6/10/11. The certificate indicated it was good through August 8, 2011.

A review of the facility's fire drill log reflected fire drills being done on a regular basis.

HEALTH RELATED SAFETY

No hazards, uncleanliness or other conditions that could compromise client health were noticed throughout this analyst's tour of the facility. The menus appeared balanced and nutritious and the food supply in both quantity and quality supported that the clients are eating well.

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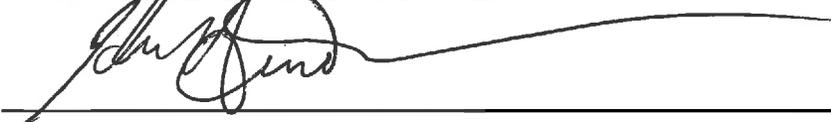
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The facility reported that the Health Department does routine visits and provided a copy of a reports dated December 15, 2010. The report provided was based on a survey by the Washington State Department of Health completed December 13, 2010. A couple of deficiencies were noted in their report (not food related and were minor) which required a plan of correction within ten days. It is unclear whether the deficiencies were cleared and whether any subsequent inspections have been conducted since that time. For this reason, the facility will be asked to provide a more recent report from the Health Department which demonstrates they are in compliance with that entity.

WATER: The facility utilizes public water.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview and introductions with administrative staff.
- Verification of license status with Washington licensing authorities.
- Physical tour/inspection of facility and amenities.
- Exit interview

FINDINGS:

Facility appears to meet and/or exceed California licensing standards for in-state group homes. As this facility is new to this analyst's caseload however, program material submitted initially or at the time of visit will continue to be reviewed further and may be determined to require further clarification or updating. As no California foster youth were in care, no client records were reviewed.

Fire and health department inspection reports that are current are needed.

Re-certification is approved contingent on the facility providing the aforementioned records within 30 days. If this request is not or cannot be met, continued certification may be subject to change.

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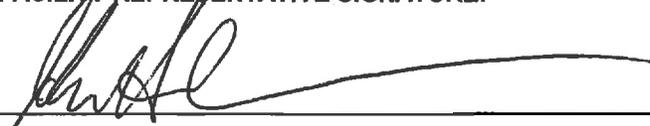
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