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April 03, 2014

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 April 2015.

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) 654-0118, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

FERNANDO SANDOVAL
Staff Services Manager II
Children's Residential Program

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

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:	MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300071
ADMINISTRATOR:	JOHN HINDMAN	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	S. 4511 GLENROSE ROAD	TELEPHONE:	(509) 448-1202
CITY:	SPOKANE	STATE:	WA
CAPACITY:	24	CENSUS:	16
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management - <i>Re-Cert.</i>	ANNOUNCED	
MET WITH:	John Hindman, Executive Director	DATE:	02/20/2014
		TIME BEGAN:	09:23 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	04:39 PM

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25**PURPOSE OF VISIT:**

Annual on-site re-certification visit pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al.

CERTIFICATION HISTORY

Morning Star Boys Ranch has been certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (CDSS-CCLD) as an out-of-state group home provider since September 28, 2011.

CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:

The facility is licensed/certified for 24 beds. At the time of visit, client census was 16. There were no California foster youth in placement - - all were Washington State placements. The director of the facility expressed a continuing interest and willingness to accept youth from California, provided they are a good fit for their program offered.

POPULATION SERVED: FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Population served is males age 8-17 with a median age is 12.

Morning Star, Inc. was founded in 1956; Morning Star Boys Ranch (the facility) was built in 1976. Located on 214 acres at the foot of Browne's Mountain in Southeast Spokane, the setting allows boys in care to experience both rural and urban living. The home is tri-level: The lower level includes resident rooms, a spacious living room, recreation room, chapel, laundry, storage and other service facilities. The middle level includes resident rooms, staff offices, kitchen, a library and dining hall. The upper level is dedicated to resident rooms and offices. All resident rooms are single bedrooms. The campus includes an art room, equine education classroom, horse barn and stalls, a playfield, and a regulation-sized gymnasium equipped with a weight room. Horses, goats, chickens and other fowl, as well as dogs and cats are also a part of the boys' lives at Morning Star.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: *Ma Yuk-Kung Fernando Sandoval***TELEPHONE:** (916) 927-5765 *651-5380***LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 04/03/2014*Carol Lancaster*
I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.**FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 04/03/2014*[Signature]*
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 2-3-64
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Clients attend school off site; educational needs being met through local public schools. Client medical and dental care needs are also met through local community providers.

There have not been any significant programming changes over the last year.

WASHINGTON LICENSING INFORMATION:

Morning Star is licensed in the State of Washington by the Department of Social and Health Services as a Group Care Facility (with Day Treatment Services.) Their current license issued December 1, 2013 is good through November 2016 and is in good standing.

The agency is also a licensed child placing agency ; however, are not currently offering those services.

As the facility's Washington Licensing evaluator happened to be at the facility performing an annual review the same date the undersigned was at the facility conducting this annual recertification, I was able to meet her and conduct our visits jointly. She reported that she has been the facility's licensing evaluator for the past twelve years; however, will be leaving her position at the end of the month and starting a new job in the private sector. She indicated the facility's compliance level has been good and that there are no outstanding issues, plans of correction or administrative actions pending.

FIRE SAFETY:

The facility is inspected yearly by the Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau. A report based on an inspection conducted October 24, 2013 noted several violations, most being minor in nature -- e.g., electrical power connections not meeting standards/electrical appliances being plugged into power strips instead of being plugged directly into an approved electrical outlet, etc. A follow-up inspection was subsequently performed on November 15, 2013, and all violations noted previously were corrected.

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

HEALTH RELATED SAFETY

Washington State Department of a Health also performs periodic surveys, their primary focus being the physical plant, living conditions and food service meeting safety standards. A report by that agency reflects the facility was last surveyed on October 3, 2013. Corrections to a few minor deficiencies were subsequently made and cleared on October 14, 2013.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: ~~Michael Kung~~ *Fernando Sandoval*

TELEPHONE: (916) 997-9768

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SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview with executive director John Hindman.
- Verification of license status and compliance with Washington licensing and other oversight authorities.
- Physical tour/inspection of facility and amenities.
- Five staff files reviewed.

As no California foster youth were in care, no client records were reviewed.

FINDINGS:

The following licensing standards were not met:

- Not all of the bathroom stalls used by clients had toilet paper.
- Client bedding must consist of a waterproof mattress (or a mattress with a mattress pad); a bottom sheet, a top sheet, pillow case on pillow, and adequate blankets. Numerous beds lacked top sheets.

Other than the above, the facility appears to meet and/or exceed California group home licensing standards.

Re-certification is approved contingent on the facility providing an explanation how the deficiencies cited will be corrected and prevented from reoccurring in the future. The facility's chosen plan of correction should be placed in writing and received by the undersigned within 30 days. If a plan of correction is not received within 30 days and deemed acceptable, continued certification may be subject to change.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Suk-Kung *Fernando Sandoval*

TELEPHONE: (916) 327-8788 *675380*

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Carol Lancaster

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