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January 26, 2016

LAKESIDE ACADEMY- 602300066
3921 OAKLAND DRIVE
KALAMAZOO, MI 49008

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

Capacity : **124** Population served: **Male and Female youth ages 11-17**

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is notification that certification for Lakeside Academy in Kalamazoo, Michigan is continued through December 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 Carol Lancaster at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

MaryJo Tobola, Manager I
Children's Residential Program
Community Care Licensing

C: CDSS CFSD/Deputy Compact Administrator/Out-of-State Placement and
Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:	LAKESIDE ACADEMY	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300066
ADMINISTRATOR:	KELLY STONE	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	3921 OAKLAND DRIVE	TELEPHONE:	(269) 381-4760
CITY:	KALAMAZOO	STATE: MI	ZIP CODE: 49008
CAPACITY:	120	CENSUS: 118	DATE: 12/15/2015
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management	UNANNOUNCED	TIME BEGAN: 10:00 AM
MET WITH:	Steve Laidacker, Executive Director; Brad Hodges, Group Living Director		TIME COMPLETED: 05:00 PM

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25PURPOSE OF VISIT:

As mandated by California law, today's visit was performed by the undersigned with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the purpose of annual recertification. Annual recertification is performed in order to verify 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 and other oversight agencies' laws and standards within the state the facility is located - in this case, the state of Michigan.

CERTIFICATION HISTORY:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Lakeside Academy was initially certified by the CDSS in October of 2009, and has been re-certified annually since.

NOTE: For a complete description and overview of Lakeside's history, client's served, program information and treatment services, reference the initial certification report of March 23, 2010.

CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:

Lakeside's capacity is 124. At the time of this year's visit, the census was 118. Of this number, 40 were California foster youth placed by the following California placing agencies in the number indicated:

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

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

Original Signed by Carol Lancaster

DATE: 01/26/2016

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

Original Signed by Steve Laidacker

DATE: 01/26/2016

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

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32CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES: (Continued)

- San Bernardino County Probation: 14
- Yuba County Probation: 1
- Riverside County Probation: 7
- Imperial County Probation: 2
- Marin County Probation: 1
- Merced County Probation: 4
- San Diego County Probation: 3
- Alameda County Probation: 8

FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION AND CHANGES:

Lakeside Academy continues to serve predominantly youth who are adjudicated delinquent or at-risk of same, male and female, ages 11 - 17. Youth in care at the facility reside on one of seven living units which are adequate in size, space and furnishings to comfortably accommodate them:

During the last year, the living units were renamed and two had capacity increases of two beds each (Poseidon and Helios.)

1. Zeus 1 (formerly Mackinac 1); Male Sex Offender Program; Capacity 10
2. Zeus 2 (formerly Mackinac 2); Male Sex Offender Program; Capacity 10
3. Poseidon (formerly Pictured Rocks); Capacity 24; Males
4. Helios (formerly Sleeping Bear); Capacity 24; Males
5. Apollo (formerly Great Lakes); Capacity 22; Males
6. Heracles (formerly Porcupine Mountains); Capacity 19; Males
7. Athena (formerly Tahquamenon Falls); Capacity 15; Females

The following physical plant improvements were completed during the last certification period:

- Old gym converted into a weight room.
- A dome was built over outside basketball court(s.)

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A new gym/multipurpose building is currently being constructed and is slated to be completed in late 2016. The new building will accommodate a standard size high school basketball court; four classrooms; and seating for 300-400.

Over the last year or so, Lakeside has additionally continued to expand various evidence based treatment services to now include :

- "GriefWork for Teens" - A nine week grief and loss program designed to help grieving teens heal from their losses.
- "Phoenix Curriculum" - Gang intervention program.
- "InsideOut Dad" - A National Fatherhood Initiative's program for working with incarcerated fathers. It connects inmate fathers to their families and helps break the cycle of recidivism by helping men reflect on their own family histories, build fathering, communication, and relationship skills, and find practical ways to connect with their children.
- "Juvenile Fire setting Curriculum" - A psycho-educational and group oriented program focused on educating and understanding their "interest in fire" and how it relates to cognitive and motivational components. Group focuses primarily on orientation, psychoeducation, victim empathy and cognitive behavioral therapy.

Apollo (Living Unit) is now being operated as a Mental Health and Behavioral Stabilization Unit for abused/neglected students (children under child protective welfare jurisdiction as opposed to being adjudicated delinquents under the jurisdiction of probation agencies.)

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32**FIRE INSPECTION AND REPORTS BY OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY AGENCIES WITH OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY:**

The facility last underwent a fire inspection August 28, 2015 and was cleared.

An Environmental Health Inspection Report was last conducted on August 3, 2015.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SERVICES:

Students of Lakeside Academy attend on-campus school through Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency (KRESA). Focus is on the four core disciplines of education: English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

OTHER MISC. ACCREDITATIONS:

The facility utilizes Safe Crisis Management (SCM) - A comprehensive training curriculum focused on preventing and managing crisis events. SCM has a trauma-sensitive approach with emphasis on building positive relationships with individuals.

On July 13-17, 2015, eleven facility staff participated in 35 hours of SCM Training for Trainers. These staff, in turn, provide training and certification to other facility staff. Executive Director Steve Laidaker

Facility is accredited (Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program) by The Joint Commission. The most recent survey was done in September 2015.

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32MICHIGAN LICENSING INFORMATION

Lakeside Academy is licensed in the state of Michigan as a Child Caring Institution by the Michigan Department of Human Services, Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing. The facility is on a two-year license cycle -- the most recent license being issued September 18, 2015 (good through September 17, 2017.) The issuance of this license was preceded by an on-site inspection August 3-5, 2015.

Licensing reports and investigations are available on-line through Michigan Licensing's website at:

http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs_cwl/sr_cwl.asp

The undersigned analyst met with the Michigan Licensing surveyor at the facility at the time of this visit. The facility is in good standing with Michigan Licensing and there are no administrative actions pending.

CDSS COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS:

No complaint investigations were conducted by the CDSS over the last certification period.

In November 2015, a female probation ward from California made accusations that a male staff made inappropriate contact and statements with her. This matter was subsequently investigated by Michigan Licensing and by a representative of the California probation agency that placed the girl there. Both came up with findings other than "substantiated" (i.e., inconclusive, unsubstantiated.)

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SCOPE AND STATUS OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance meeting with Executive Director Steve Laidacker and Group Living Director Brad Hodges.
- Collection, review and discussion of current program material, MI licensing documents; fire clearance.
- Tour of living units and buildings and grounds.
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.

FINDINGS

Facility capacity increase of four: Need forms updated to reflect capacity increase. (Forms provided by e-mail.)

The facility appeared clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair. Files reviewed were also complete and orderly.

Re-Certification approved.

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