STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Disability Services
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

August 11, 2014

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Licensee, Bellingham Adult Family Homes, LLC.
Alabama Hill Adult Family Home
3614 Alabama Street
Bellingham, WA 98229

Adult Family Home License #752016
Entity Representative: Constantin Anton

IMPOSITION OF CIVIL FINES

Dear Licensee:

On **July 2, 2014**, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Residential Care Services completed an inspection/investigation at your facility. This letter is formal notice of the imposition of civil fines for your adult family home, located at **3614 Alabama Street, Bellingham**, by the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.128.160 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-76-10940.

The civil fines are based on the following violations of the RCW and/or WAC as described in the attached Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) report dated **July 2, 2014.**

CIVIL FINES

WAC 388-76-10135(4)(5)(6)(7) – Qualifications—Caregiver.
$500.00
X 4 Unqualified Staff = $2,000.00

The licensee failed to ensure the home had qualified staff.

WAC 388-76-10915(1)(c)(2) – Department staff access—Willful interference prohibited.
$1,000.00

The licensee gave false or misleading information and failed to cooperate with the investigator during a complaint investigation.

NOTE: These are the violations which resulted in the fines; see the attached Statement of Deficiencies for any additional violations.

Attestation (Plan of Correction):

Return the enclosed SOD within 10 calendar days with the following:

- The date you have or will have each deficiency corrected;
- A signature and date attesting that you are taking actions to correct and maintain correction for each cited deficiency.

Return the signed and dated SOD to:

Kay Randall, Field Manager
3906 – 172nd Street NE, Suite 100
Arlington, WA 98223
Telephone: (360) 651-6852
Fax: (360) 651-6940

Appeal Rights:

You have two appeal rights: Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and an Administrative Hearing. Each has a different request timeline.

Informal Dispute Resolution [RCW 70.128]

You have an opportunity to challenge the deficiencies and/or enforcement actions through the state's IDR process. **All IDR requests must be in writing and include:**

- The deficiencies you are disputing; and
- The method of review you prefer (face-to-face, telephone conference or documentation review).

The written request must be received by the 10th working day from receipt of this letter.

During the IDR process you will have the opportunity to present written and/or oral evidence to dispute the deficiencies.

Send your written request to:

Informal Dispute Resolution Program Manager
Residential Care Services
PO Box 45600
Olympia, Washington 98504-5600
Fax (360)725-3225

Formal Administrative Hearing

You may contest the civil fines by requesting a formal administrative hearing to challenge the deficiencies which resulted in the civil fines. **All hearing requests must be in writing and include:**

- A copy of this letter; and
- A copy of the Statement of Deficiencies.

The written request must be received within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Send your **written** request to:

Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 42489
Olympia, Washington 98504-2489

Payment:

If you do not request a formal administrative hearing, the civil fine is due to the Office of Financial Recovery twenty-eight (28) calendar days after receipt of this letter.

Mail a check for **$3,000.00** payable to the 'Department of Social and Health Services' at:

DSHS Office of Financial Recovery
PO Box 9501
Olympia, Washington 98507-9501

If the Office of Financial Recovery has not received your payment within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of this letter, interest will begin to accrue immediately on the balance, at the rate of one percent per month. If you do not submit a hearing request or make payment within twenty-eight (28) days, the balance due will be recovered.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Randall at (360) 651-6872.

Sincerely,

Bett Sehlemmer, RN, MN, MPA
Interim Assistant Director
Residential Care Services

Enclosure

cc: Robert Ogolsky, Compliance Specialist
Field Manager, District 2, Unit B
RCS District Administrator, District 2
HCS District Administrator, District 2
DDA District Administrator, District 2
WA LTC Ombuds
Office of Financial Recovery, Vendor Program Unit
Valentina Karnafel, HCS
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