STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

February 22, 2022

Mariama Triera, Person-in-Charge
Worthington Manor
316 Berlin Street
East Berlin, CT 06023

Dear Ms. Triera:

An unannounced visit was made to Worthington Manor on February 16, 2022 by representatives of the Facility Licensing and Investigations Section of the Department of Public Health for the purpose of conducting a licensure inspection.

Attached is the violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and/or General Statutes of Connecticut which was noted during the course of the visit. The state violations cannot be edited by the provider in any way.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, section 19a-496, upon a finding of noncompliance with such statutes or regulations, the Department shall issue a written notice of noncompliance to the institution. Not later than fourteen days after such institution receives a notice of noncompliance, the institution shall submit a plan of correction to the Department in response to the items of noncompliance identified in such notice.

The plan of correction is to be submitted to the Department by March 8, 2022.

The plan of correction shall include:
(1) The measures that the institution intends to implement or systemic changes that the institution intends to make to prevent a recurrence of each identified issue of noncompliance;
(2) the date each such corrective measure or change by the institution is effective;
(3) the institution's plan to monitor its quality assessment and performance improvement functions to ensure that the corrective measure or systemic change is sustained; and

(4) the title of the institution's staff member that is responsible for ensuring the institution's compliance with its plan of correction.

The plan of correction shall be deemed to be the institution's representation of compliance with the identified state statutes or regulations identified in the department's notice of noncompliance. Any institution that fails to submit a plan of correction may be subject to disciplinary action.

You may wish to dispute the violation and you may be provided with the opportunity to be heard. If the violation is not responded to by March 8, 2022 or if a request for a meeting is not made by the stipulated date, the violation shall be deemed admitted.

Please return your response to the Supervising Nurse Consultant and direct your questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter to the Supervising Nurse Consultant at (860) 509-7400.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (860) 509-7400.

Respectfully,

Karen Gworek, RN
Karen Gworek, RN, BSN
Supervising Nurse Consultant
Facility Licensing & Investigations Section

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c. Mairead Painter, LTC Ombudsman Program

The following is a violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19-13-D6 (c) Administration (1) and/or (f) Dietary Service (1).

1. Based on observations and interviews for four refrigerators and one freezer, the facility failed to monitor the refrigerator and freezer temperatures daily. The findings include:
    a. During a tour of the facility on 2/16/22 with Person-in-Charge #1 and Person-in-Charge #2, observations in the kitchen and a storage room identified the refrigerators and freezer temperatures were not being monitored daily for the month of January and February 2022. Interview with Person-in-Charge #1 at the time of observation identified temperatures must be checked daily for each refrigerator and freezer as indicated on the refrigerator and freezer temperature logs.

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Approved 7/27/22 KEG

March 8, 2022

Karen Gworek, RN, BSN Supervising Nurse Consultant
Facility Licensing & Investigations Section
State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health
Hartford, CT

Dear Ms. Gworek:

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Response/Plan of correction

Person-in-Charge #1 and Person-in-Charge #2, as well as all dietary staff, were in-serviced on the required to check the temperatures daily of each refrigerator and freezer, and to maintain a log of those temperatures. Date of Inservice: February 17, 2022.

Worthington Manor established a temperature log control sheet, where the date and time of measurement will be recorded, as well as the temperature. The chef that is on duty for the day will be responsible for recording the temperatures and for notifying the owner and/or service company if the equipment is not functioning to maintain proper temperature. This policy was instituted on February 17th, 2022.

The staff member that is responsible for ensuring the institution's compliance with its plan of correction: Worthington Manor person-in-Charge.

Please contact me if you should have any questions regarding the above, at either lbower@bowerhc.com or (860)250-6294.

Sincerely,

Lewis Bower
Owner

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