

May 5, 2010

Todd Crawford, Executive Director
Children's Recovery Center of Oklahoma
320 12th Ave., N.E.
Norman, Oklahoma 73071

RE: OJSO COM-5996-09

Dear Mr. Crawford:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) initiated an unannounced complaint visit at the Children's Recovery Center of Oklahoma (CRCO) on November 13, 2009, and completed the visit on February 18, 2010. The complaint alleged that two residents had engaged in sexual intercourse while placed at the facility.

The CRCO was licensed as a Residential Child Care Facility by the division of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) for fifty-five residents. The CRCO was operated by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), and was temporarily certified as an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Program for the provision of Adolescent Residential Treatment Services. The CRCO was also temporarily certified as a Community-Based Structured Crisis Center for the provision of Crisis Stabilization Services for seven of the fifty-five beds. On the date of the initial visit the census was forty-four residents.

The OJSO conducted an entry conference on November 13, 2009, and an exit conference on March 3, 2010, with the CRCO Executive Director. The OJSO also reviewed investigative reports by the Office of Client Advocacy (OCA) and the ODMHSAS inspector general's office. In addition, the OJSO reviewed the corrective action plans completed by the CRCO, two patient care assistant (PCA) personnel files, and two resident files.

During the exit conference the OJSO noted the following area of concern:

- The corrective action plans submitted to the OCA and ODMHSAS inspector general's office both indicated that one PCA involved in the incident had

received a “written reprimand”; however, the OJSO did not find any written reprimand documentation in the personnel file.

No other issues or concerns were noted during the visit.

The OJSO did commend the facility on the change in practice of non-gender specific dorms to gender-specific dorms with the exception of the crisis stabilization unit.

Please mail to the OJSO an original, signed response addressing the area of concern noted above. Also, please send a non-scanned, electronic copy of your response to lbaker@okkids.org for publication on the Oklahoma Children and Youth webpage. We will wait thirty days to receive your response before publishing the report; however, this correspondence has been sent to all appropriate state agencies.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at 405-606-4900.

Sincerely,

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Oversight Specialist

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Terri White
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