

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission

Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacres – Occidental Facility
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Tim Dimick

JJC Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	10/15/19
Date of Last Inspection	10/17/18
Community Care Licensing Contact	Brittany Newton/Megan Mullen
Date of Last CCL Inspection	12-5-2018

**S= Satisfactory or exceeds *N.I. = Needs Improvement/Corrective Action*

INSPECTION	S	N.I.	Comments (required if “N.I.” is checked)
Grounds	x		Grounds are clean and decorated for Halloween.
Building Exterior	x		Well maintained.
Living Room	x		Decorated for Halloween. Clean and organized.
Dining Room	x		Dining table is located in the kitchen. Dinner was being prepared.
Laundry Room	x		Laundry area is located in the hallway. Emergency water was located there.
Kitchen	x		Clean. Although the design was dated, the range, dishwasher, hood were updated.
Bedrooms	x		The rooms were straightened. Typical boy’s room. One of the rooms seemed to have an odor of urine. I asked if there was a bed-wetter. It was explained that at times the boys spray urine around the bathroom connected to the bedroom. The presumption is that the urine seeps under the wall and into the connected bedroom. The night staff spends extra time each night using stronger cleaner to stay on top of the situation. After returning to the rooms the odor had subsided.
Bathrooms	x		They were clean and sparse.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	x		Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	x		Current.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan	x		Posted.
Food	x		There was adequate food in the refrigerator and cupboards.
Emergency Supplies	x		There was water in a closet, also in the shed next door. Food is locked in a cupboard in the kitchen. It is rotated by a food service worker from the main office. There should be one gallon of water per person (youth and staff) for three

			days. Since this inspection, it has been reported to this Commissioner by Greenacre administration that an emergency 55-gallon container of potable water has been put in place at this house.
Health Services	x		Yearly doctor visits and the 6 month dental visits are provided by the group home. More often as needed.
Medications	x		Locked in cabinets and logged.
Recreation (on site)	x		It is expected that each youth will spend 30 minutes per day in some form of exercise.
Outings (off site)	x		Bike rides, walks, trips to the ocean are some of the outings done on a regular basis. Recently they saw the Sonoma County Air Show.
Education & Classrooms	x		Greenacres has its own school off site.
Mail/Phone	x		Mail and phone calls are allowed.
Discipline	x		Behaviors are treated with rewards and consequences. There was a special room where a youth could voluntarily go to if he felt anxious. In this room, there was a blue light installed to help with anxiety. It was reported that the door was locked from the outside or held by the staff so the youth could not get out. The facility director, Tim Dimick pointed out they had been given permission to put this room in and that it was unfair to site them. Licensing worked with Greenacres to make accommodations such as doorknob removal.
Library	x		There are books available in the living room.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This home is well-used. Not many improvements since they purchased it. The boys feel very comfortable.

YOUTH INTERVIEW(S)

Of Youth Interviewed: 1

One of the boys gave this commissioner a brief tour of the building, fire extinguishers and Halloween costumes. He excused himself to go wait for a phone call. Another boy took over the tour. He was excited to show the house and what he wanted to be for Halloween. Both agreed the food was good. They loved the staff. One of the boys spent some time teasing the staff and showing off. The staff was very patient with his antics.

INSPECTION SUMMARY:

Overall the house is comfortable, not fancy. The staff and youth have comfortable interaction. Due to the power outages in Sonoma County, adjustments have been made in all the houses to ensure generators are available in times of power outages.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ **or** _____ **Annual Inspection**
(date)

Gayle Ballinger, Inspection Commissioner

Eve Goldberg, Chair

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court
Probation Department, Chief of Probation
Sonoma County Family Youth & Children's Services
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