

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center—Juniper House 2019
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Aphugh
J.J.C. Inspector(s)	James Weathers/Michael Charpiot
Date of Inspection	11/20/2019
Date of Last Inspection	08/02/2018
C.C.L. Contact	Megan Mullen
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	07/11/2019

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

INSPECTION	S	N.I	Comments (required if “N.I.” is checked)
Grounds	X		This facility is located in a rural area surrounded on three sides by large vacant fields at times used as a playground by the home’s residents. There is a small grassy lot immediately to the left of the house which is also used for outside activities. The front of the house is set back from the road with a paved area containing a parking area, basketball court and a 4 square game painted on the asphalt.
Building Exterior	X		The exterior of the building appears to have been repainted within the last few years. All screens were in place and no exterior repairs appear to be needed at this time.
Living Room	X		There are actually two small living rooms that while somewhat sparsely furnished with older couches appeared comfortable and adequate for the number of residents housed in the facility. There are large screen televisions in both living rooms as well as a computer in one. Cabinets containing some books and video games located in both rooms.
Kitchen /Dining Room	X		The kitchen was clean and well stocked and there was fresh fruit available on the counter. Cabinets were locked and sharps triple locked in the office. The refrigerator was fully stocked and the food appropriately dated. There was a large dining table adjacent to the kitchen adequate to seat all residents and staff. All appliances while older seemed to be in working order.
Bedrooms	X		The resident’s bedrooms adequately and apparently comfortably furnished. Additional bedding was stored in cabinets in other parts of the house. The missing drawer in one of the bedrooms mentioned in the 7/11/2019 CCR Report had been replaced.
Bathrooms	X		The house has two bathrooms. Both were clean although there was a small amount of mold in both. No bleach or other potentially harmful cleaning products were present.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	X		Fire extinguishers were full charged and up to date. Facility had been inspected by the local fire department in May of this year and found to be in compliance with all safety regulations.

Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	X		The facility is equipped with hard wired smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. As indicated above this facility was inspected by the local fire department in May and all extinguishers as well as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were in working order.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan	X		Normally evacuation plans are posted at both exits however the one near the front door was missing at the time of our visit. Staff were made aware of this.
Food	X		The kitchen refrigerator/freezer was fully stocked and leftover food was dated to ensure no leftovers were outdated. Additional perishable food is stored in the freezer in the garage area. Other canned goods and staples is stored in the locked pantry.
Emergency Supplies	X		Necessary emergency supplies including flash lights, first aid kit etc. are stored on site and easily accessible to staff. A one-month supply of medical supplies for each house is kept by the medical coordinator at the administrative office.
Health Services	X		Each new resident is scheduled for a medical and dental exam within 30 days of admission to the facility with regular check-ups scheduled throughout the year.
Medications	X		All on site medications are triple locked. The medical coordinator for all six Victor houses oversees the medical program and ensures that the medicines are stored and administered properly. Logs appeared to be appropriately annotated and up to date. Recent reviews by the Community Care Licensing staff also indicated no deficiencies in this area.
Recreation (on site)	X		In addition to the basketball court and 4 square diagram on the parking lot there are skateboards, bicycles, a variety of balls and bats, weights and a standing punching bag available for the residents.
Outings (off site)	X		A variety of offsite activities are planned through-out the year. These include: camping, hiking, bike trips and field trips to the city.
Education & Classrooms	X		Most residents attend the facility's North Valley school which is WASC accredited.
Mail/Phone	X		All residents are permitted to send and receive private phone calls and mail.
Discipline	X		Discipline is progressive and follows established guidelines. Unfortunately, at times physical restraint must be used. However, it is used only rarely and in extreme instances to protect the resident acting out, other residents and/or staff from harm. A strict protocol is followed in all cases and geared to calming the boy acting out.
Library	X		There are small book cases in both of the living rooms containing movie videos, as well as video and board games.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Juniper House, as well as all other Victor Homes in the area, had its certification as a Short Term Residential Treatment Facility extended through the end of 2019.

The Community Licensing Report inspection conducted on July 11, 2019 indicated that, while the facility appeared to be clean and sanitary, there were holes on a cabinet near one of the bathrooms and a missing bathroom window screen. The report also indicated that one of the drawers in one of the residents' bedrooms was missing. These deficiencies were corrected prior to the time of our visit.

Although the appliances and furnishings are adequate, they are older and could stand to be updated. We understand that the Juniper House may be scheduled for a complete re-do similar to that of the other Victor houses in the area by the end of this fiscal year.

YOUTH INTERVIEW(S)**# Of Youth Interviewed: 2**

Youth #1 indicated that of the many group homes and foster families in which he had been placed over the years he felt this was one of the best. He understands the rules and although he has gotten in trouble for cussing several times he understands and accepts the resulting restrictions.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or X Annual

James Weathers, Inspection Commissioner

Michael Charpiot, Inspection Commissioner

Eve Goldberg, Chair/Report Review

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