

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Centers – Clover
Address:	On File
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Contact Person	Bethany Bilyeu

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	10-23-15
Date of Last Inspection	09-10-14
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	04-30-07

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		X		The group home is entirely fenced in. Once entering through the gate there is a large, mostly cemented yard. There is a picnic area where staff were meeting upon arrival. There are large landscaping pots with plants that are new since the last visit.
Building Exterior		X		The exterior is well kept up.
Living Room		X		The living room is large with multiple couches and TV.
Kitchen		X		The kitchen was fully stocked. Dinner was being served upon arrival, including homemade burritos.
Bedrooms		X		The bedrooms were all tidy.
Bathrooms		X		The bathrooms were both clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		Extinguishers were up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Smoke alarms were in operating condition.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		Evacuation plan was posted.
Food		X		The cupboards were stocked with food, as well as the refrigerator and freezer.
Emergency Supplies		X		Emergency supplies are kept in the outbuilding outside of the gated home. All were accessible.
Health Services		X		Medical appointments were up to date.

Medications		X		Medications were stored and locked in the office.
Recreation (on site)		X		Thirty minutes of recreation during the week and one hour on Saturdays and Sundays.
Outings (off site)		X		Outings are planned. The house went camping at the Casini Ranch this summer. Lately it has been difficult due to the make up of the house.
Education & Classrooms		X		The commissioner has not been to the school.
Mail/Phone		X		The youth do receive mail and phone calls from people on their individual lists.
Discipline		X		Discipline is primarily being grounded. The length depends on what the infraction was.
Library		X		There is a library at the school.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The staff mentioned that this house is usually without drama, but lately there has been a change. There have been several AWOL's. There is also one girl who requires a lot of medical attention. She needs to be constantly monitored because she swallows items such as a necklace, pieces of plastic, anything small and sharp. She is asking to be hospitalized. Her doctor and therapist are well aware of the situation.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		X		Youth #1: Only been here a short time but I am pretty sure I understand what the program is all about. Youth #2: This program is OK but I don't belong here. I am too advanced for what is being offered.
Program Understood		X		Youth #1: I would prefer being in the hospital. They won't listen. They've taken my calming box away. It has tiny pieces in it that they're afraid I'll swallow them. I swallow plastic pieces, necklaces, razor blades, anything that I can get down. Youth #2: I want to leave VTC. I want to go to an ITFC foster home but there aren't any.
Levels (Privileges)		X		There aren't any levels or points.
Grievances		X		Both knew how to address grievances.
Discipline		X		Both youth understood the discipline is being grounded.
Staff Evaluation		X		Youth #1: They listen but they won't put me in hospital. Youth #2: They listen.
Health Services		X		Youth #1: I want to go to a hospital and the doctor says I don't need to. I want to be in a locked environment. I want someone to watch me all the time.

			Youth #2: It is fine. I am up to date.
Counseling/Therapy		X	Both say there is a clinician available to them.
Chores & Allowance		X	Chores are expected to be done in the morning and in the afternoon.
Laundry		X	Each is expected to do their own laundry on a specific day.
Clothes		X	Both understand when clothes may be purchased.
Food		X	Both agree that there is a lot of food and it is great. Youth #1 stated it is better than hospital food.
Snacks		X	Both agree that there are plenty of snacks available.
School		X	Youth #1: North Valley is OK Youth #2: The curriculum is too easy for me. I feel like I am going backwards.
Library		X	There is a library available at school.
Activities & Entertainment		X	Youth #1: There are activities available but there have been too many AWOL's lately so we haven't been able to do as much.
Money		X	Our money is kept locked in the office

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 2

After interviewing the first youth, the second youth asked who I was and what I did. When I told her she said, "I need to speak to YOU!" We met and her interview was then added to this report.

Inspection Summary

The girls in this home have been going through a lot of drama lately. There have been numerous AWOL's. The older girls have now modeled AWOL behavior so now the younger girls are following their behavior.

This Commissioner is worried about the young girl who continues self-destructive behavior with the goal being hospitalized, but was assured by staff that everything is being done appropriately for her.

Gayle Ballinger
Inspection Commissioner

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or _____ Annual Inspection

Mary Cone, Chairperson

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