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State Rapid Response Investigative Public Report

Office of Health Facility Complaints

Maltreatment Report #: HL347123087M

Compliance #: HL347125082C

Date Concluded: July 6, 2023

Name, Address, and County of Licensee

Investigated:

Millers Landing Senior Living 155 South 5th Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55401 Hennepin County

Facility Type: Assisted Living Facility with

Dementia Care (ALFDC)

Evaluator's Name:

Jennifer Segal, RN Special Investigator Peggy Boeck, RN Special Investigator

Finding: Inconclusive

Substantiated individual responsibility

Nature of Visit:

The Minnesota Department of Health investigated an allegation of maltreatment, in accordance with the Minnesota Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults Act, Minn. Stat. 626.557, and to evaluate compliance with applicable licensing standards for the provider type.

Initial Investigation Allegation(s):

The alleged perpetrator (AP), a facility staff, neglected a resident when he refused to provide requested anti-anxiety medication. In addition, the AP abused the resident when he called her names and threw a bucket of mop water at her.

Investigative Findings and Conclusion:

The Minnesota Department of Health determined neglect was inconclusive. The resident stated she asked for an as needed medication and the AP denied the resident asked for the as needed medication.

Abuse was substantiated. The AP was responsible for the maltreatment. The AP yelled at the resident, called her disparaging names, and threw a bucket of mop water at her.

The investigator conducted interviews with facility staff members, including administrative staff, nursing staff, and unlicensed staff. The investigation included review of medical records, incident reports, policies and procedures related to medication administration, neglect and abuse prevention and the AP personnel file. Also, the investigator toured and observed staff and resident interactions.

The resident lived in the assisted living due to mental health diagnoses. The resident's service plan included assistance with medication administration, behavioral interventions, and safety checks.

A facility investigation indicated the resident called a facility nurse one night to report the AP would not give the resident requested as needed anti-anxiety medication because the AP was on break. In a video of the incident the AP yelled at the resident and called her "dirty and nasty". The video showed the AP throw a bucket of mop water at the resident.

During an interview, a nurse who conducted the facility investigation stated the resident provided video of the incident. The nurse stated she watched the video and heard the AP yell at the resident and call the resident "dirty and nasty". The nurse stated in the video the AP was observed picking up the bucket of mop water threw it at the resident and hit her. The nurse stated the AP worked in the facility for several years and was fully trained. The nurse was surprised when she the saw the video that the AP threw the bucket of water at the resident.

During an interview, the resident stated the AP threatened her and "assaulted" her in the past but provided no specific details. The resident stated she asked the AP for medication that night, but the AP would not give it to her. The resident stated there was yelling, and she was scared. The resident stated the AP hit her with the bucket of water, and she called 911 because she was scared.

During an interview, the AP stated the night of the incident the resident followed the AP for hours to different floors insulting, screaming, and saying, "crazy things". The AP stated it was possible he called the resident names because he was "tired" of the resident. The AP stated he "pushed" the bucket at the resident. The AP stated the resident got to him that night because she "tried to piss me off". The AP stated he lost his temper and believed the resident was not a vulnerable adult. The AP stated the video did not reflect what he endured from the resident that night.

In conclusion neglect was inconclusive and abuse was substantiated.

Inconclusive: Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, Subdivision 11.

"Inconclusive" means there is less than a preponderance of evidence to show that maltreatment did or did not occur.

Neglect: Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, subdivision 17

Neglect means neglect by a caregiver or self-neglect.

- (a) "Caregiver neglect" means the failure or omission by a caregiver to supply a vulnerable adult with care or services, including but not limited to, food, clothing, shelter, health care, or supervision which is:
- (1) reasonable and necessary to obtain or maintain the vulnerable adult's physical or mental health or safety, considering the physical and mental capacity or dysfunction of the vulnerable adult; and
- (2) which is not the result of an accident or therapeutic conduct.

Substantiated: Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, Subdivision 19.

"Substantiated" means a preponderance of evidence shows that an act that meets the definition of maltreatment occurred.

Abuse: Minnesota Statutes section 626.5572, subdivision 2.

"Abuse" means:

- (a) An act against a vulnerable adult that constitutes a violation of, an attempt to violate, or aiding and abetting a violation of:
- (1) assault in the first through fifth degrees as defined in sections 609.221 to 609.224;
- (2) the use of drugs to injure or facilitate crime as defined in section 609.235;
- (3) the solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution as defined in section 609.322; and
- (4) criminal sexual conduct in the first through fifth degrees as defined in sections 609.342 to 609.3451.

A violation includes any action that meets the elements of the crime, regardless of whether there is a criminal proceeding or conviction.

- (b) Conduct which is not an accident or therapeutic conduct as defined in this section, which produces or could reasonably be expected to produce physical pain or injury or emotional distress including, but not limited to, the following:
- (1) hitting, slapping, kicking, pinching, biting, or corporal punishment of a vulnerable adult;
- (2) use of repeated or malicious oral, written, or gestured language toward a vulnerable adult or the treatment of a vulnerable adult which would be considered by a reasonable person to be disparaging, derogatory, humiliating, harassing, or threatening.

Vulnerable Adult interviewed: Yes

Family/Responsible Party interviewed: No, resident own responsible party.

Alleged Perpetrator interviewed: Yes

Action taken by facility:

The facility investigated the incident and made appropriate reports. The facility provided retraining to staff for abuse prevention. The AP is no longer employed by the facility.

Action taken by the Minnesota Department of Health:

The facility was issued a correction order regarding the vulnerable adult's right to be free from maltreatment.

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The responsible party will be notified of their right to appeal the maltreatment finding. If the maltreatment is substantiated against an identified employee, this report will be submitted to the nurse aide registry for possible inclusion of the finding on the abuse registry and/or to the Minnesota Department of Human Services for possible disqualification in accordance with the provisions of the background study requirements under Minnesota 245C

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