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April 1, 2010

Incident #: 27858-I

Barbara McFerran, Administrator
Prairie Hills Assisted Living
505 Enterprise Drive SW
Independence, IA 50644-9603

RE: Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation and Incident Investigation Report, Prairie Hills Assisted Living, Independence, IA

Dear Ms. McFerran:

Enclosed is the **Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation and Incident Investigation Report** completed by the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) pursuant to the Code of Iowa chapter 231C and 481 Iowa Administrative Code chapters 67 and 69. **No Regulatory Insufficiencies were found during this on-site visit.**

The review of the recertification documents you submitted has also been completed and the documents are accepted. In addition, the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) inspection report has been received as well as the Facility Engineer's approval of the Evacuation Plans for your program.

Enclosed you will find the Assisted Living Program Certificate **#S0229** with effective dates of **February 15, 2010** through **February 14, 2012.** This certificate must be posted in the building for public viewing.

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact me at 515-281-4116.

Sincerely,

Chris Nothaft

Chris Nothaft
Certification Coordinator – Eastern Iowa
Adult Services Bureau

Enclosure

Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Assisted Living Program
Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation and Incident Investigation Report

Assisted Living Program: **Incident #27858-I**

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Date of Monitoring Visit:

March 17, 2010

Monitor(s):

Joyce Kix, RN

Definitions:

The following definitions are relevant:

Regulatory Insufficiency - A violation of a statutory or rule provision within the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) governing assisted living programs. A regulatory insufficiency requires a plan of correction to be presented to, and approved by, the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA).

Plan of Correction - A written response to one or more regulatory insufficiencies that are rule violations. IAC r. 481-67.10(5). The plan should identify how, and by a specific date, an insufficiency will be corrected. The plan is due to DIA within ten (10) working days of the program's receipt of a Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report. Depending on the circumstances, DIA may revisit the assisted living program to confirm progress in fulfilling a plan's corrective measures.

Dementia-specific assisted living program - An assisted living program certified under 481 IAC chapter 69 that: serves fewer than fifty-five (55) tenants and has five (5) or more tenants who have dementia between Stages 4 and 7 on the Global Deterioration Scale or serves 55 or more tenants and 10 percent or more of the tenants have dementia between Stages 4 and 7 on the Global Deterioration Scale or holds itself out as providing specialized care for persons with dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, in a dedicated setting.

Overview:

An on-site monitoring evaluation and incident investigation were conducted at Prairie Hills Assisted Living on March 17, 2010. In preparing this report, the following information was considered:

Current Program Census:

General Population Program (GPP)* – A program that is not a Dementia Specific program, but may have tenants with cognitive disorder.

Current number of tenants without cognitive disorder:	32
Current number of tenants with cognitive disorder:	4
Total Population of GPP:	36

Dementia Specific Program (DSP)* – A program that is dementia specific and provides specialized care in a dedicated setting.

Total Population of DSP:	12
Total Census of ALP:	48

***These are the census numbers represented by the program to be applicable at the time of the on-site.**

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – A community meeting was held with 4 tenants in attendance. Tenants said the program was a very nice place to live with polite and well-trained staff. They reported the food had greatly improved since the new chef started and they hoped it would continue after he left. They stated there were plenty of activities, from morning until night. Nursing services were available during the day and on-call at night. Tenants would like a deep cleaning, included periodically, with the housekeeping. They stated that staff turnover had been a problem with caregivers as well as administrative staff. Tenants felt safe and would recommend the program to friends because, "this is home".

Program History – There have been no substantiated Regulatory Insufficiencies this certification period.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – The monitor made the observations detailed in the following areas. **There were no Regulatory Insufficiencies noted during this on-site recertification evaluation.**

A. Criteria for exclusion of tenants

Incident Allegation #27858-I: The program reported a tenant was found on the floor at noon on 3-12-10. A nursing assessment indicated there was no injury at the time; however, at 4:00 a.m. the tenant reported pain which was treated effectively with Tylenol. Later in the morning on 3-13-10, the tenant reported pain and was transferred to the emergency room where it was found the tenant had a fractured rib and a pneumothorax.

Monitoring Observation: Tenant #1, 98 years old, was admitted on 2-21-09 with diagnoses of Hypertension and Memory Loss. The service plan dated 3-8-10, documented the tenant ambulated with a wheeled walker and the stand-by assistance of one staff, when outside of his/her room and it included interventions for falls. The Accident and Incident report dated 3-12-10, indicated the tenant summoned staff using the call light and was found on the floor at 12:00 p.m. The tenant denied pain initially and staff checked on the tenant during the night. At 4:00 a.m. the tenant was found sitting in a chair and reported pain on the right side of the lower back. The tenant took Tylenol, which was effective, and was found sleeping quietly an hour later. The following morning the tenant reported pain in the ribs. Family was notified and took the tenant to the emergency room where it was determined he/she had sustained a rib fracture and pneumothorax on the right side.

- Regulatory Insufficiency: None noted

Dated this 31st day of March, 2010.