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Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS)

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

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BCHS's Adult Foster Care (AFC) and Camps Licensing Division's mission is to prevent harm and provide protection to those persons who are reliant on camp services. BCHS licenses children's camps and AFC camps under the Child Care Organizations Act, Public Act 116 of 1973; the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act, Public Act 218 of 1979; and applicable *Michigan Administrative Code* rules. During fiscal year 2021, the Division employed 3 full-time staff and 9 seasonal camp consultants and expended \$767,500 to license and monitor children's camps and AFC camps.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective 1: To assess the effectiveness of BCHS's efforts to license children's camps and AFC camps.			Moderately effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
BCHS allowed 54 of the camps we reviewed to self-certify compliance with selected <i>Michigan Administrative Code</i> rules without a formal risk evaluation process. Also, BCHS did not retain documentation supporting completion of 8% of the camp inspections we reviewed (Finding 1).		X	Agrees
BCHS could not support its on-site inspection conclusions that children's camps maintained documentation of criminal history background checks and Central Registry clearances for all camp employees and volunteers (Finding 2).		X	Agrees
LARA lacks authority to establish, assess, and collect children's camp license fees. Also, fiscal year 2021 costs exceeded revenues by over \$722,000 (94% of the total expenditures) (Finding 3).		X	Agrees

Observations Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Without statutory revisions to lower or eliminate the age requirement for obtaining Central Registry clearances, camps could unknowingly allow child abuse or neglect perpetrators, under 21 years of age, to have access to campers (<u>Observation 1</u>).			Not applicable for observations.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective 2: To assess the sufficiency of BCHS's efforts to investigate complaints.			Sufficient, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
BCHS did not sufficiently document 58% of dismissed complaint decisions and did not provide 54% of special investigation reports to licensees within 60 days (<u>Finding 4</u>).		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective 3: To assess LARA's compliance with select statutory requirements.			Complied, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Required annual report statistics were not accurate and supported (<u>Finding 5</u>).		X	Agrees

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