SUMMARY SHEET
BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
December 12, 2013

ACTION/DECISION

INFORMATION

I. TITLE: Administrative Orders, Consent Orders, and Sanction Letters issued by HEALTH REGULATION (HR).

II. SUBJECT: Sanctions completed during the period October 1, 2013, through October 31, 2013.

III. FACT: For the period October 1, 2013, through October 31, 2013, Health Regulation is reporting one (1) Consent Order, with total penalties of $8,500.00.

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IV. ANALYSIS: Elliott’s Residential Care Home, 2432 Landsdowne Road, Bowman, SC 29018-9583. By Consent Order, executed on October 31, 2013, the Department imposed a monetary penalty in the amount of $8,500. The executed Consent Order required Elliott’s Residential Care Home to pay $500 of the imposed $8,500 monetary penalty. The sanction was imposed against Elliott’s Residential Care Home due to new and repeat violations of Regulation 61-84, Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities. New and repeat violations included: failing to document residents’ physician-ordered medications on medication administration records; failing to ensure that the directions on physician-ordered medications were accurately documented on medication container labels; failing to maintain the Facility’s structure and component parts/equipment in good working condition; and failing to have documentation available to show the Facility conducted an annual tuberculosis assessment.

Previous Sanctions: None

Approved By:  

Jamie Shuster  
Director of Public Health
HEALTH REGULATION
Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing

Sanctions Imposed for the Period from October 1, 2013 – October 31, 2013

1. **Facility:** Elliott’s Residential Care Home

   Street address: 2432 Landsdowne Road, Bowman, SC 29018-9583

   Mail address: P.O. Box 265, Bowman, S.C. 29018-0265

   **Type:** Community Residential Care Facility

   **Sanction Imposed:** By Consent Order, executed on October 31, 2013, the Department imposed a monetary penalty in the amount of $8,500.

   **Reason for Sanction:** The sanction was imposed against Elliott’s Residential Care Home due to new and repeat violations of Regulation 61-84, Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities. Representatives of the Department visited Elliott’s Residential Care Home to conduct general inspections on March 16, 2012, December 14, 2012, and July 19, 2013. A general inspection is a routine, comprehensive inspection that investigates all licensed aspects of the facility. As a result of the repeated noncompliance observed during the general inspections, focused inspections were conducted on June 7, 2012, and August 15, 2012, to investigate whether compliance had been established in specific care areas. Focused inspections are abbreviated inspections that are centered on resident care and/or specific areas of concern that warrant more frequent surveillance by the Department.

   Inspections conducted at Elliott’s Residential Care Home resulted in a pattern of repeated noncompliance with medication management. As evidenced by inspections conducted on March 16, 2012, August 15, 2012 and July 19, 2013, physician-ordered medications were not consistently documented on residents’ Medication Administration Records (MAR).

   Inspections conducted on March 16, 2012 and December 14, 2012, revealed a pattern of labels on physician ordered medications not being in accordance with the directions of the
physician (as outlined on the MAR and the physician order).

The outcomes of inspections on March 16, 2012, June 7, 2012, August 15, 2012, December 14, 2012, and July 19, 2013, substantiated a pattern for which the structure of the facility, including its component parts and equipment, was not properly maintained to perform the functions for which it was designed. Observations included items such as flooring needing repair for worn/soft areas, doors missing from resident’s closets and/or dressers, toilets not functioning, furniture for resident’s use was very worn with rips and tears, tripping hazards, tiles missing from flooring, ceiling tiles hanging down, rotting wood observed around the exterior of the facility, cracked windows, and various other maintenance issues.

Additional observations made during inspections on December 14, 2012 and July 19, 2013, evidenced a pattern of non-compliance by failing to have documentation available to show the Facility conducted an annual tuberculosis risk assessment.

Violations were observed in a consistent and repetitive nature during each inspection. In the event that violations are found, inspectors discuss the findings with the facility representative. Efforts are made to assist the facility in correcting the citations prior to considering an enforcement action. When significant improvement is not observed, the Department then considers possible enforcement action.

The Consent Order required Elliott’s Residential Care Home to pay $500 of the imposed civil penalty within thirty (30) days of execution of the Consent Order. The Consent Order also required Elliott’s Residential Care Home to: initiate action to correct the violations that led to the enforcement action; schedule and attend a compliance assistance meeting with Department representatives within 45 days of execution of the Consent Order; maintain a log of ongoing maintenance being conducted at the Facility and bring the maintenance log to the scheduled compliance meeting for review by Department representatives; and, remain in substantial compliance with Regulation 61-84 and the Consent Order for twelve (12) months following execution of the Consent Order.

Previous Sanctions: No other sanction has been initiated against this facility in the past three years.