

October 23, 2025

Denise Dallas, Supervisor
Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing, New Trails Group Home
312 Elm St S
Onamia, MN 56359

Re: Special Incident #33878

The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) received your Special Incident on September 30, 2025. The DOC's Inspection and Enforcement (I&E) Unit conducted further review of the Special Incident identified above.

The review is now complete, and the following determination was made:

1	Standard: <i>MN Rule 2960.0050 Subpart 1. Basic rights. A resident has basic rights, including but not limited to the rights in this subpart. The license holder must ensure that the rights in items A to S are protected: H. right to live in clean, safe surroundings</i>
	Violation: The facility's Incident Report identified, on September 27, 2025 a resident was bitten by a staff's dog in the facility when the resident attempted to break up a fight between two dogs. The resident required emergency medical services as a result of the dog bite. The review also revealed the dogs have a history of aggression.
	Corrective Action: Immediately and on an ongoing basis the license holder is to ensure that they provide an environment that meets the residents' rights, including providing a safe environment for residents to reside in. It is recommended that the facility develop a policy and procedure that outlines requirements for staff and residents when animals are brought to the licensed facility. Additionally, within 30 days of receipt of this letter the license holder must submit a plan that ensures how residents' safety is addressed in regards to any animals brought into the facility.

Thank you,

Stephanie Kantola
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Minnesota Department of Corrections
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