



Facility Inspection Report Issued By The Minnesota Department of Corrections Pursuant to MN Statute 241.021, Subdivision 1

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INSPECTION DETAILS FOR:

Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing, New Trails GH

Address: 312 Elm Street, Onamia, MN 56359

MN Governing Rule: 2960 Children's Residential Facility

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Lisa Becking – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 07/21/2020

Inspection Method: This inspection consisted of a tour of the facility, interviews with administration and staff, review of employee and youth files and a review of other pertinent licensing documentation.

Officials Present During Inspection: Executive Director Shannon Amundson; Supervisor Tony Block

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Executive Director Shannon Amundson; Supervisor Tony Block

Issued Inspection Report to: Executive Director Shannon Amundson; Supervisor Tony Block; Regional Manager Sherry Hill

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance
2960	Mandatory	316	316	0

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 07/01/2020 **Ends On:** 06/30/2022 **Facility Type:** Non-Secure Juvenile Residential Facility

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 06/30/2021

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: **Certificate Holder:** Nexus
312 Elm Street
Onamia, MN 56359

Special Conditions: None.

Approved Capacity Details **Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.*

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Pre 96 LTSR	Post 96 LTSR	Bed Details	Conditions
Non-secure residential	Male	10	100	10.00	0	0	Certifications: Group Residential Setting AND Corrections Standards AND Restrictive Techniques.	None.

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INSPECTION COMMENTS

The Nexus New Trails biennial inspection was completed on July 21, 2020, using Minnesota Rules, Chapter 2960, governing juvenile residential facilities. Sections of the 2960 standards that are applicable to the four separate programs at this facility include: Administrative, Group Residential, Corrections and Restrictive Procedures.

This scheduled inspection visit consisted of a physical plant -safety and security inspection. The physical plant inspection included resident living areas, resident bedrooms, bathrooms, dining area and lower level meeting/group rooms.

The inspection also included discussions with staff and administration. Resident interviews were conducted in a private area without staff present. Documentation review included staff personal and training files, resident files, daily logs, treatment plans, menus, recreation schedules, grievance documentation, well-being checks and other pertinent documentation. There was also a review of the facility policy and procedure manual, resident handbook and updated Statement of Intended Use policy.

The following comments and concerns are a result of the inspection. While these are not specific rule violations, these are areas that provided constructive feedback to help address potential facility issues.

Comments:

1. The facility response to COVID-19 follows CDC guidelines and included masks for residents and staff, ample amounts of hand sanitizer, extensive questionnaire and temperature checks for all staff and visitors prior to entering program areas.
2. Program Director Tony Block is clearly invested in the New Trails Program and the success of the residents served in the program. Mr. Block has a great rapport with residents and does an incredible job operating this program.
3. Create a documentation process to assure camera reviews for the overnight well-being checks. This will assist in early detection of issues and provide a tracking system to support staff evaluations.

Concerns:

1. The flooring in the kitchen/dining area is loose and a safety hazard for youth and staff. Please consider correcting/replacing the flooring in this area as soon as possible.
2. You may wish to consider resident and staff surveys on a monthly or quarterly basis as a way to provide better services to youth and a better working environment for staff.

I would like to sincerely thank you and your team for your cooperation during this licensing visit. We were able to have great discussions on ways to potentially improve an already solid program.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or any licensing concerns at 507-382-9791.

JJDPA Compliance

This is a nonsecure facility and youth have free egress at all times.

Report completed By: Lisa Becking – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:


