



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:** Marcia Sparrow – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 06/23/2022

Inspection Method: This inspection consisted of a tour of the facility, interviews with administration, residents, 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 Jacob McLellan

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:** 07/01/2022 **Ends On:** 06/30/2024 **Facility Type:** Non-Secure Juvenile Residential Facility

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 06/30/2023

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 June 23, 2022, 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 storage areas: inside the facility and outside on facility grounds, resident living areas, resident bedrooms, bathrooms, dining area and lower level meeting/group rooms.

The inspection also included discussions with staff, residents, and administration. 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. Although at the time of the inspection, there were no positive cases of COVID-19, the facility continued responses to COVID-19 following CDC guidelines and included available masks for residents and staff if/when needed, and ample amounts of hand sanitizer.
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 longevity with the program, a great rapport with residents, and does an incredible job operating this program.
3. A documentation process of camera reviews with both overnight well-being checks and daytime activity was created and implemented by Mr. Block. Random days and time of day is reviewed two to three times a month. This has been helpful in early detection of issues and provides a tracking system to support staff evaluations.

Concerns:

1. A continued concern that the flooring in the kitchen/dining area was loose and a safety hazard for youth and staff. Funding for replacement has been appointed, but at the time of this inspection, the project had not been completed. Correction/replacement of the flooring in this area will be done soon as possible.
2. Due to flooding on the lower level, the carpet in the common area was worn/damaged and stained. You may wish to consider replacing the carpet in the near future.
3. Facility cultural programming met the minimum requirements, however, cultural history/observance activities could be pre-planned, and included and documented on the monthly activity calendar. Consider using the facility's "Cultural Resources" which provided ideas and suggestions throughout the calendar year based on multi-cultural heritages and celebrations.

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 612-468-2027.

JJDPA Compliance

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

Report completed By: Marcia Sparrow – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:


