

SUBJECT: Compliance Review on #7 Independence Drive DATE: May 5, 1980
TO: George A. Kopchick, Jr., Superintendent
FROM: Diane Enochs, Director, Independence Community


On 4/17/80, Lou Chapman and Kenneth Nowack from the Office of the Special Master arrived on #7 Independence Drive without informing anyone of their intention to visit. Garry Wagner and Eleanor Ondik were on the living area assisting the staff with the emergency restraint order issued for a highly disturbed client, [REDACTED]. Ms. Chapman walked up to the bedroom where the staff was attempting to restrain Ms. Wincek and stood by the doorway observing the activity. Ms. Chapman did not identify herself and compounded the already difficult situation by her presence.

It was my understanding that the Office of the Special Master would not just show up on a living area without first informing a Supervisor, Program Coordinator or Unit Director. Also, Al Knipe was with the reviewers prior to their arrival on #7 Independence Drive and they did not indicate to him that they would be reviewing additional areas.

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cc J. Gregory Pirmann ✓
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May 12, 1980

SUBJECT: Compliance Review on #7 Independence Drive
TO: Diane Enochs, Director, Independence Community
FROM:  George A. Kopchick, Jr., Superintendent

Thank you for your memo concerning the above. After reviewing the situation, I don't think anybody did anything intentionally to harm the clients or to disrupt services. There seems to have been some miscommunication all around and hopefully it will not happen again.

If something like this does occur in the future, please contact me immediately.

cc: ✓ Greg Pirmann
Peter O'Meara



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May 23, 1980

To: Wes Perkins
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Office of the Special Master

From: J. Gregory Birman
Special Assistant to the Superintendent

Re: Administrative Escorts

Regarding your recent letter, I cannot explain the apparent missed communications on the two occasions you cite, except to ascribe them to human error. I am sure that there was no intent on Al Knipe's part to develop a "gap" between himself and the reviewers. You must remember that the Resident Life shift supervisors have a great number of demands on them during their tour of duty, which would certainly explain any delays or distractions during a review.

In reference to the "incident" of April 17th, I am enclosing copies of two memos which cover that. I presume Diane Enochs will also touch on the events of April 17th in her response to the April Compliance Report, as the situation is noted in detail in the reviewer's comments. It might be helpful if you clarify with Lou Chapman and the other reviewers the difference between an approved Behavior-Modification program (which may or may not include restraint use) and the authorized use of restraints during an emergency situation (whether it be a behavioral or a medical emergency).

As you are aware, Al Knipe has transferred to first shift, effective May 17th. Because the unit directors, program coordinators and unit supervisors are usually available to accompany reviewers during that shift, I doubt if Al will have much contact with the reviewers in the future. So, even though I am sure that no intentional problems were encountered, the issue of Al's "relationship" to the reviewers is moot at this point. If you have any further thoughts or questions on this, please let me know.

JGP/sjm

cc: George Kopchick, Jr.