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All Opiates Detox, SA0823332  
Dr. Joseph George, Director  
1848 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

## COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

### **Participants**

#### *Facility:*

Dr. Joseph George, Director

#### *State Agency:*

James Hoyt, Regulations Officer, Health Facilities Division

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Complaint Investigation was conducted at All Opiates Detox, on May 11, 2022.

On or about April 14, 2022, the Department received an anonymous complaint regarding concerns regarding All Opiates Detox.

### **Complaint Allegations**

It was alleged in the complaint that:

1. The Complaint alleges that on or about April 11, 2022, a recipient was admitted to the program for detoxification. The Complaint further alleges that in the early hours of April 12, 2022, the recipient passed away from the detox procedure.
2. The Complaint alleges that the program failed to have appropriate medical staffing and monitoring of recipients.

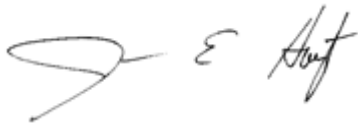
### **Bureau Investigation Findings**

During an unannounced inspection of the facility on May 11, 2022, the surveyor met with the program director Dr. Joseph George, to review of the complainant concerns and the following was noted that:

1. The program director advised that the recipient in question was given a thorough medical evaluation prior to being admitted for the detoxification procedure. The program director advised that the recipient was given medical clearance to proceed with the detoxification procedure.
2. The program director advised that he was onsite to both administer the detoxification procedure and per program protocol monitoring of the recipient after the procedure was completed. The program director further advised that he had medical staff onsite with him to assist in both the detoxification procedure and the medical monitoring of the recipient through completion of the treatment. The program director was advised by medical staff in the early hours of April 12, 2022, that the recipient was unresponsive and emergency paramedics were immediately called to the scene. The program director advised that unfortunately the recipient in question has passed away.

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The surveyor interviewed the program director Dr. Joseph George, regarding the incidents in question and he provided a written response to the above allegations. The surveyor also reviewed statements from the paramedic and medical technician that were onsite for both the recipient's detoxification procedure and ongoing monitoring of the recipient. The complaint allegation alleges that the program did not have appropriate medical staff onsite during detoxification procedures. In reviewing affidavits and statements from the program director, Dr. Joseph George and medical staff it does appear that the program did in fact have appropriate staffing on April 12, 2022, when the recipient in question passed away. The complaint is not substantiated.



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