

From: Mottel, Haley <HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>
To: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 8/5/2014 12:15:44 PM
Subject: FW: Attorney-Client Priv Re: Gerry Lord - Issue with Eagle Harbor Foster Care Facility in Berkeley County

Katherine,

I just spoke with Gerry Lord,(843-364-5946). He is a very frustrated constituent who first made contact with me on July 29. He claims that his sons were abused while in the care of a foster facility in 2011. As a result of the incident, an OHAN investigation followed. Mr. Lord claims that his children were never interviewed and he wants the investigation reopened so that his children's testimony can be on the record.

He stated that he made an initial complaint to Marilyn and did not receive the help he needed so he wants to speak directly to Jessica regarding his concerns. He has contacted our office on two other occasions at this point and has spoken with Jason Brown and Gerri Giles in constituent services as well.

He stated that he has not received a call back or any response from DSS since his first contact with Marilyn.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,
Haley

From: Mottel, Haley
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 2:02 PM
To: 'Matheus, Marilyn'; Hanak-Coulter, Jessica
Cc: Frick, Jean Cecil; Sturkie, Sandra; Williamson, Virginia
Subject: RE: Attorney-Client Priv Re: Gerry Lord - Issue with Eagle Harbor Foster Care Facility in Berkeley County

Marilyn,

I was contacted by Gerry Lord this afternoon and he said that he has not been contacted by DSS at this point. Could you please make contact with him today or have someone from DSS call him regarding this issue and if the investigation will be reopened. He can be reached at 843-364-5946.

Thank you,
Haley

From: Matheus, Marilyn [<mailto:Marilyn.Matheus@dss.sc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Hanak-Coulter, Jessica
Cc: Mottel, Haley; Frick, Jean Cecil; Sturkie, Sandra; Williamson, Virginia
Subject: RE: Attorney-Client Priv Re: Gerry Lord - Issue with Eagle Harbor Foster Care Facility in Berkeley County

The attached email may be helpful in providing our recent contact with Mr. Lord.

From: Hanak-Coulter, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:12 AM
To: Matheus, Marilyn
Cc: Mottel, Haley; Frick, Jean Cecil; Sturkie, Sandra; Williamson, Virginia
Subject: Attorney-Client Priv Re: Gerry Lord - Issue with Eagle Harbor Foster Care Facility in Berkeley County

Ginny,

Please see below. It appears this information is about OHAN, what guidance can you offer on our response to this constituent complaint prior to any additional contact with him.

Thank you,

Jessica

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 29, 2014, at 11:08 AM, "Matheus, Marilyn" <Marilyn.Matheus@dss.sc.gov> wrote:

Thank you Haley,

I spoke to Mr. Lord approximately two weeks ago and took this same complaint. I told Mr. Lord we would be back in touch with him and Sandra Sturkie will contact him later today. Upon review with staff, I learned that Mr. Lord's children were in fact interviewed away from the facility.

I will let him know to expect a call later today.

Thank you,

Marilyn

From: Mottel, Haley [<mailto:HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:03 AM

To: Hanak-Coulter, Jessica

Cc: Matheus, Marilyn; Frick, Jean Cecil

Subject: Gerry Lord - Issue with Eagle Harbor Foster Care Facility in Berkeley County

Jessica,

I just spoke with Mr. Gerry Lord (843-364-5946) regarding an incident his sons had while in the care of Danny at Eagle Harbor a foster care facility in Berkeley County. Gerry stated that his children were removed from his care in 2011 and placed in foster care where the youngest son was held up against a wall and force fed cereal because he did not want to eat his breakfast, the older son witnessed the event and tried to intervene but was reportedly thrown against a wall. Gerry was told there was an investigation done by DSS into the reported events and that ultimately a statement was signed by the children. Gerry would like to review this report and the statement as well as have the investigation reopened because his children were never interviewed. He wants his children's comments in the report and the facility to be held responsible for the treatment of his sons.

He would like to have his concerns addressed and would like a call back on Friday from Jessica and that these matters be investigated further. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Haley

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