

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center – Lane House
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Aphugh

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	12/20/17
Date of Last Inspection	11/15/16
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	July 2016

*\*O = Outstanding \*S= Satisfactory or exceeds \*N.I. = Needs Improvement/corrective*

### *Action*

INSPECTION	O	S	N.I.	Comments (required if “N.I.” is checked)
Grounds		x		The front of the house is mainly asphalt. There is a basketball court. There is a picnic table and some lawn that wraps around the house. The back yard is typically country with a field.
Building Exterior		x		The exterior is kept up.
Living Room		x		The huge living room includes a Christmas tree and holiday decorations.
Kitchen		x		The kitchen is clean and organized.
Bedrooms		x		The bedrooms are clean and decorated to each girls taste.
Bathrooms		x		The bathrooms are clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Extinguisher is up to date. Fire department checked it May 2017.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		There are working smoke alarms in each room.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plan is posted.
Food		x		The refrigerator and pantry are well stocked.
Emergency Supplies		x		The emergency supplies are stored in the garage.
Health Services		x		Medical and dental appointments are up to date. Appointments made and transportation arranged.
Medications		x		Medication is locked and logged.
Recreation (on site)		x		30 minutes of physical activity each day.

Outings (off site)		x		There are outings planned. Some choose not to attend.
Education & Classrooms		x		All youth attend North Valley.
Mail/Phone		x		The youth receive mail and are able to make and receive phone calls.
Discipline		x		Discipline is connected with allowance. There are ways to make amends for behavior.
Library		x		At the school.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Each year when I arrive this house has a lot of drama. First there was a girl who was trying to get out of putting her clothes away. She was standing in the doorway making small talk with the staff in order to get out of cleaning her room. They reminded her that they had offered to help but she declined. She was giggling and bantering with them.

After inspecting the house it was time to meet with one of the girls. Two were playing ball outside with staff and declined to meet with me. Finally the same girl who had been giggling before said she would meet. When I had been outside asking for volunteers I had seen someone's leg coming through the blinds of a bedroom window, bending them and swinging in them. While meeting in the living room the same girl was screaming, swearing and was very agitated. The situation was escalating.

### YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		x		She likes the program and feels it is right for her.
Program Understood		x		She understands her plan.
Levels (Privileges)		x		"There are no longer levels but that doesn't make sense because it is a level 14 house".
Grievances		x		I can talk to all the staff here. I don't have to talk to the office. If I did have a problem my clinician would help me.
Discipline		x		The more I disrespect the staff and don't do what I am supposed to do the more I lose really. I see what the others do and how much time it wastes when all they have to do is what they are supposed to do. This house has a lot of damage. There is always something getting broken.
Staff Evaluation		x		I really like the staff.
Health Services		x		They make sure I get medical and dental taken care of.
Counseling/Therapy		x		I get to see my clinician weekly.
Chores & Allowance		x		Allowance isn't really taken away because of not doing my chore. I just don't get as much.
Laundry		x		We each get a laundry day
Clothes		x		I have enough.
Food		x		I like the food here. We don't get to cook because we aren't Independent Living Skills but someday I will.

Snacks		x		“As you can see I eat. There are snacks”
School		x		I go to North Valley.
Library		x		There’s one at the school.
Activities & Entertainment		x		There are activities and outings but some stay here because they don’t want to go. I don’t understand that.
Money		x		We get paid for doing our chores.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:      \_\_\_1\_\_\_

What is the best part of living here? The staff

What is the worst part? Hearing someone flip out. I hate that.

**Inspection Summary**

The staff are very competent. They are aware of what is happening around them. They easily move from crisis to crisis. They have each other’s back moving from girl to girl as needed.

During the wildfires, all of the residents went either to their own homes or to one of 4 vacation homes in Guerneville for 4 days. The school was closed for 3 weeks.

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Inspection Commissioner

**Next Inspection Recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ or   X   **Annual Inspection**

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Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court  
 Commissioner of the Juvenile Court  
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