



Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Division of Information Systems

DODD INCIDENT REPORT (ITS)

No Adult Day/Employment Provider			
<u>Notifications</u>		<u>Coroner</u>	
9698260		Notified:	Accepted:
	Provider: 01/06/2010		Autopsy:
	Guardian: 01/06/2010	<u>Rec. Closure</u>	<u>Rec. Closure By</u>
	Family: 01/06/2010	02/22/2010	Karen S Bessette
	County: 01/07/2010	<u>Incident Review Status</u>	
		Closed	
		<u>Closed Date</u>	<u>Investigated By</u>
		02/22/2010	Investigative Agent
			Karen S Bessette
		<u>Closed By</u>	<u>Last Change By</u>
		Daniel L Butler	Debbie McGuire

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**Others**

No Data Available

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<b>Initial Report</b>	<b>01/08/2010</b>	<b>1332815</b>
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Tanya Vance, Takoda Trails reported to Patrick Campbell, IA on 1-7-10 that while following up on concern from family member on 1-6-09, she discovered that CLW / workshop staff were using Lauren's wheelchair and seatbelt during meal time to keep her in place, this is not approved in her IP.

<Patrick S Campbell Added on 1/8/2010>

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<b>Immediate Action</b>	<b>01/08/2010</b>	<b>1332816</b>
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No injuries were noted. Staff were re-trained on plan

<Patrick S Campbell Added on 1/8/2010>

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<b>Final Report</b>	<b>02/22/2010</b>	<b>1349386</b>
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Q)List of persons interviewed and documents reviewed

A)Interviews:

██████████ parents/guardians

Darlene Maidlowe, Administrator/CLW

Josh Morris, Admin. Assistant/CLW

Brian Petrak, ADON/Takoda Trails

Tammy Holman, Program Director/Takoda Trails

Jason Bode, PT aide/CLW

Norbert Nkaime, direct care staff/CLW

Jason Bode, RS1/TT

Jennifer Doughty, RS1/TT

Q)Summary of interviews and documents reviewed

A)"Lauren is a 21 year old white female that resides in Home ██████████ Lauren's supervision level is: House: Minimal with checks—Assigned staff knows general whereabouts of Lauren, Supervision out of the house: Close—within visual sight at all times, Workshop: Within visual sight at all times. She utilizes a wheelchair for transportation only as stated in current Resident at a Glance. On 01/07/10 Lauren's parents and guardians, ██████████ visited CLW to observe their daughter's gait, it had been reported by Takoda Trails Nursing staff that Lauren had been limping off and on for several weeks. Mr. ██████████ told this investigator while he was at CLW he observed Lauren in her wheelchair with the seatbelt buckled. He also viewed her gait and stated he saw no signs or symptoms of Lauren favoring her right leg. He spoke with CLW Administration Darlene Maidlowe and discussed any changes that occurred in Lauren's daily routine, in the last year, and the only one he could pinpoint was her transition to CLW from Fairfield School system. Mrs. Maidlowe told Mr. ██████████ the biggest difference that she could think of was that she had an aide in her classroom at school that was able to monitor her when Lauren wanted to walk around at her discretion. Mr. ██████████ then asked what her schedule was for a typical day. She told Mr. ██████████ that she was transported to workshop, participated in activities and was given 1:1 time as well. She stated she then went to nurse's station for her tube feeding and was transported home. Mr. ██████████ then asked where she sat during the day. She showed him the bean bag in her area that, according to Mrs. Maidlowe, is where Lauren preferred to sit. Mr. ██████████ then asked how much time she spent in her wheelchair. Mrs. Maidlowe then told him transported to workshop to and from as well as to the nurse's station and the bathroom. Mr. ██████████ then asked her if it was about 3 hours. Mrs. Maidlowe responded 'yes about that amount of time' Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ then returned to Takoda Trails and spoke with ADON Brian Petrak and PD Tammy Holman to address their concerns regarding extended amount of time that Lauren was spending in her wheelchair. It is his belief that if in fact a limp was observed at Takoda Trails the most likely cause was the fact that Lauren's spending too much time in her wheelchair during the day.

Outcomes: Upon investigation Lauren was first observed according to Incident Report review the 1st week of December that she had been limping on her right side. Let it be noted that Lauren has an irregular gait and it has been confirmed by her guardian her right side is where she is the weakest. Several x-rays were obtained and all results showed no signs or symptoms of distress. PT aide Jason Bode did assessment on Lauren and spoke with ADON Brian Petrak and both were concerned there

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## Others

was possibly some bone density loss and were considering a Dexascan. Let it be known the guardians do not think this is a necessary procedure at this time. And do not want their daughter to have any aversive testing that is not warranted. It was also reported by Takoda Trails direct care staff that this time that this limp was not ongoing and was only on documented occasions. Regarding allegation of Lauren spending approximately 3 hours or more in her wheelchair a day, it was confirmed that this was most likely the case and in fact her RAAG for mobility was not being followed. When this investigator asked Administrator Darlene Maidlowe and Assistant Administrator Josh Morris why she was being transported to the restroom and to the nurse's station to be fed when it clearly states her criteria for wheelchair use to be only transported, they were unable to give probable cause for these actions. When Norbert Nkaime was interviewed on his routine for feeding Lauren he states he would go get Lauren, put her in her wheelchair, attach the seatbelt, administer her feeding and take her back to her area and return her to the bean bag. Administrative Assistant Josh Morris told this investigator that he (Mr. Nkaime) restrained her by buckling her seatbelt so she wouldn't get up and move around, according to Mr. Nkaime. It has been observed and confirmed by this investigator on a personal note that Takoda Trails nursing staff does not need to restrain Lauren for feeding. She is usually cooperative in this process. I also interviewed QMRP of [REDACTED] Andrea Adams, that audits her clients several times weekly at CLW and she states she has never seen Lauren in her wheelchair at designated times. This was also confirmed by Jason Bode, Jennifer Doughty and some of Takoda Trails staff that attend workshop through the week. It is my belief that all witness's mentioned above observed Lauren prior to lunch and at lunch time as that is what their audits are focused on. It is most likely they have gone before Lauren has been fed and that why they have not seen her in her wheelchair for the second part of the day. I also have confirmed that Mrs Maidlowe and Mr. Morris are not knowledgeable of Lauren's plan for mobility as they allowed her to be transported in her wheelchair for other reasons at CLW other than what the plan states. In regards to allegation of Unapproved Behavior Support it has been substantiated during the interview process. Lauren is non-verbal and unable to give an accurate account of this allegation and cannot either confirm or deny it."

<Karen S Bessette Added on 2/22/2010>

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<b>Findings and Conclusions</b>	<b>02/22/2010</b>	<b>1349387</b>
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Based on the information gathered, this is an Unapproved Behavior Support without justification. It was not to ensure Lauren's or anyone else's immediate health and safety.

<Karen S Bessette Added on 2/22/2010>

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<b>Cause And Contributing Factors</b>	<b>02/22/2010</b>	<b>1349388</b>
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Plan was not followed.

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<b>Prevention Plan</b>	<b>02/22/2010</b>	<b>1349389</b>
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1. All CLW staff including Mrs. Maidlowe and Mr. Morris were inserviced on Lauren's appropriate times for wheelchair use.
  2. Lauren will be monitored by QMRP Andrea Adams in her visits to workshop as well as unscheduled visits from this investigator who will report all and any concerns to Ms. Adams regarding this matter.
  3. CLW Administration will develop some other areas for Lauren to ambulate at the facility as well as allowing her to get up from bean bag at her discretion without staff intervention to redirect her back if in case this is the situation which has not been confirmed since no other activities were reported regarding Lauren's schedule after lunch according to Mrs. Maidlowe
  4. Takoda Trails Nursing and DCS will continue to monitor Lauren for any signs and symptoms of gait disturbances and report them to proper disciplines
  5. STM held 01/14/10—discussed reducing Lauren's time in her wheelchair by assessing her through physical therapy on maneuvering the bus steps with assistance and encouraging Lauren to ambulate at her free will and not to inhibit her in any way
  6. CLW Nurse Norbert Nkaime received disciplinary action for utilizing UBS. Mr. Nkaime was inserviced in later part of 2009 by this investigator on UBS in MUI training held at CLW
- <Karen S Bessette Added on 2/22/2010>