



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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OLDIES BUT GOODIES ADULT DAYCARE

Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent and Director of Investigations Darrell Boehmer, reports as follows:

This investigation addressed the care of disabled adults by a not-for-profit entity named Oldies But Goodies (OBG) Adult Daycare.

Adult daycares receive public funding through the Division of Aging (FSSA DA) of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). These facilities must initially be certified by FSSA and meet requirements set under federal and state guidelines.

FSSA DA contracts with these local entities to oversee and manage aging services. In Lake County, this is done through the North West Indiana Community Action Corporation (NWICAC).

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The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is charged to investigate wrongdoing in the Executive Branch of State Government and to make recommendations to prevent waste and fraud. IC 4-2-7-3. The OIG often works

with other agency investigative and auditing units in the OIG's role to supervise and coordinate investigations. *Id.*

II

Interviews were conducted and multiple documents were reviewed. Based upon the investigation with the assistance of the FSSA Compliance Division, the following findings and recommendations are issued.

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Findings

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This case was referred to the OIG by the FSSA Compliance Division. Special Agent Darrell Boehmer of the OIG was assigned.

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An Angela Biddings created in 2000 the OBG in the city of Gary, and then moved the business from the certified location in September 2004 without notifying FSSA DA of the change of address. FSSA DA advised that one of the conditions of the contract was that OBG was required to notify FSSA DA of any change of address. However, there is no requirement for NWICAC to notify FSSA DA when it becomes aware of such a change.

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It is known from payments made to OBG by NWICAC that NWICAC was aware of the move by OBG in September of 2004. However, FSSA DA was not notified of the move until August 19, 2005.

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FSSA DA then requested NWICAC to survey the new location. This survey was completed on October 6, 2005, and a letter de-certifying OBG was sent to Biddings on October 23, 2005. This closed OBG.

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On May 9, 2006, OBG was re-certified by FSSA DA after corrections were made.

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Then on June 5, 2008, Biddings was charged criminally in Lake County with Medicaid fraud involving her family members.

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On July 8, 2008, OBG was de-certified by FSSA DA as a result of the charges.

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Recommendations

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Similar to how service providers or contractors currently have a duty to report to FSSA DA changes in their status, companies or individuals with oversight of these service providers should have this same duty of reporting.

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Periodic inspections or re-certification's should be made of all FSSA certified facilities to insure the safety and health of those individuals receiving

services.

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As OBG was operating outside of its contractual obligations and should not be allowed to profit from their actions, a review should be taken to recoup moneys paid to OBG for its services. In the event a financial recovery is not possible, all parties should familiarize themselves with the applicability of the False Claims Act should such circumstances occur in the future. *See*: IC 5-11-5.5.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2009.



David O. Thomas, Inspector General