

Bobbi M denied knowing what happened to the medication between giving MW the noon dosage and MW's parent arriving for pick-up. Bobbi M reported MW's medication, along with other children's medications, was being stored in an unlocked kitchen cabinet. Bobbi M stated since MW's medications turned up missing, Ms. Brotherton began storing children's medications in her locked office in a locked cabinet. Bobbi M denied taking the medication. Bobbi M denied anyone told her he/she took the medication. Bobbi M denied seeing any staff acting unusual or out-of-character on 2/27/2015.

Another primary teacher of MW Jameisha W reported working at Jungle Friends for 2 years. Jameisha W stated she is one of the primary teachers in the 4-year-old classroom. Jameisha was informed of the complaint. Jameisha stated she was not working or at the center on 2/27/2015. Jameisha reported she was aware of the incident but had no knowledge of it. Jameisha denied knowing who took the medication or hearing anyone talking about it.

Al L is the cook and has worked at the center for several years. Al L was informed of the complaint. Al L reported the children's medications were being stored in an unlocked kitchen cabinet. Al L reported medication is no longer stored in the kitchen but in a locked area. It's important to note, licensing did observe the area medication had been stored in the kitchen. Al L talked about how his hours recently changed and the kitchen is less secure after he leaves at 1pm. Al L denied taking the medication or knowing who did. Al L reported he has nothing to do with medication administration.

Ms. Brotherton and Denise P were informed of the complaint. Ms. Brotherton reported she became aware of the incident when MW's parent arrived for pick-up on 2/27/2015. Ms. Brotherton talked about how an internal investigation occurred immediately (including staff interviews). Ms. Brotherton reported children's medication had been stored in an unlocked kitchen cabinet. Ms. Brotherton talked about how the cook's (Art L) hours recently changed making the kitchen area less secure after 1pm each day. Ms. Brotherton reported how medication storage procedures changed immediately on 2/27/2015. It is important to note, licensing observed the new medication storage area (locked and with video surveillance). Ms. Brotherton talked about how medications are now stored in a locked area within the management office. Ms. Brotherton reported only 3 persons (Denise P, Mary D, and herself) have access to the locked area and only those 3 persons are allowed to administer medication. Ms. Brotherton reported the procedures are a bit different for rescue medication in that these will be stored in the classroom and locked each night. Ms. Brotherton reported that on 3/2/2015 a staff memo was sent out informing all staff about the center's new medication storage policies and procedures. Ms. Brotherton reported she was not aware of any comments staff were making about MW's medication. Ms. Brotherton talked about how there was a staff employed at the center named Dorothy but she was not working today (the day of the complaint visit). Ms. Brotherton reported she would again follow-up with all staff after the license complaint visit. Ms. Brotherton expressed theft of children's medication or any items from the center would not be tolerated.

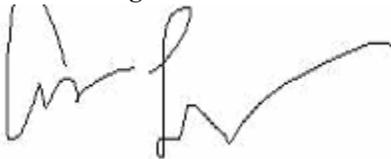
It is important to note, local law enforcement is aware of this incident. Ms. Brotherton also stated she would report any further such incidents to law enforcement.

Special Notes and Action Required:

Based upon the above (including Ms. Brotherton's quick response), no written response to this report is requested.

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Consultant's Signature:



Date:

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