

Interior Health Authority
Child Care – Unlawful – Licensing
Summary Report of Substantiated Complaint

<p>Facility Name Accentz Dance Studio</p> <p>Facility Address 3400 30th Ave Vernon BC V1T 2E2</p>	<p>Facility # F-2023-50991</p> <p>Facility Phone (250) 542-4324</p> <p>Licensee Becky Martselos</p> <p>Manager Becky Martselos</p>
<p>Inspection Date 20-Sep-2023</p>	
<p>Reason for Investigation Substantiated complaint</p>	
<p>Service Type Unlawful facility</p>	<p>Maximum Capacity N/A</p>

Report of Findings

As per Section 15 (1)(b)(i) of the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, Licensing is mandated to follow up on all complaints of any premise that is operating an unlicensed community care facility. The purpose of this inspection is to follow up a complaint received by Licensing on September 14, 2023.

The complaint involved allegations of noncompliance to the following sections of the Community Care and Assisted Living Act –Section 1: Definitions -“community care facility” means a premises or part of a premises in which a person provides care to 3 or more persons who are not related by blood or marriage to the person and includes any other premises or part of a premises that, in the opinion of the medical health officer, is used in conjunction with the community care facility for the purpose of providing care; Section 5: Operating or advertising without a licence - A person who does not hold a licence must not (a) operate, or hold themselves out as operating, a community care facility, (b) provide, or hold themselves out as providing, care in a community care facility, or (c) accommodate, or hold themselves out as accommodating, a person who, in the opinion of a medical health officer, requires care in a community care facility.

Based on the licensing officer’s observations, a review of the facility records and information provided by the individuals present at the time of inspection, it has been confirmed that a contravention to Section 5 of the Community Care and Assisted Living Act has occurred at 3400 30th Ave, Vernon.

Contravention to Section 5 may be subject to actions as outlined in Section 33 of the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, which states: Offence and penalty -33 (1) A person who contravenes section 5, 6, 18 (2) or (3) or 26 (1) of this Act or a term or condition attached to a licence commits an offence. (2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable to a fine of up to \$10, 000. (3) If an offence under subsection (1) is of a continuing nature, each day that the offence continues constitutes a separate offence.

Only issues of non-compliance relating to the unlawful operation are detailed in the body of this inspection report.

Immediate compliance to Section 5 of the Community Care and Assisted Living Act is required. Written confirmation must be submitted to licensingdirect@interiorhealth.ca prior to 8.00am on September 21, 2023.

Observed Contraventions

Evidence for this report was based on a combination of the Licensing Officer’s observations, a review of facility records and information provided by the facility staff at the time of the complaint investigation, as appropriate.

CI1 - Initial

CI1.7 - Is the facility operating legally under the Act?

No

Follow up by: 9/21/2023 12:00:00 AM

Prior to the inspection, Licensing reviewed print information packages and social media advertising materials which outlined the care program being offered for preschool aged children.

At the time of the inspection Licensing observed one adult providing care to 3 children not related to the adult by blood or marriage. Observations and information provided by program employee at the time of the inspection confirmed that the scope of programming being offered does not meet the criteria to be a program exempted from the Community Care and Assisted Living Act.

- CI1.7A - A person must not operate or hold themselves out as operating a community care facility. Act(5)(a)
- CI1.7B - A person must not provide or hold themselves out as providing care in a community care facility. Act(5)(b)
- CI1.7C - A person must not accommodate or hold themselves out as accommodating a person who requires care in a community care facility. Act(5)(c)

Received By:

Inspector:

Becky Martselos

Tania Farquhar, Licensing Officer

Follow up date, if required