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CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: The Hatlen Center for the Blind, a Program of Wayfinder Family Services 2430 Road 20 #B112 San Pablo, CA, 94806	Citation Number: 2324146
	Total Fine Amount: \$500.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes
Institution Code:	
21939889	

Elizabeth Elias issues this citation in her official capacity as Enforcement Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about January 21, 2016, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to The Hatlen Center for the Blind, a Program of Wayfinder Family Services (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate expired on or about January 20, 2021, and has not been renewed. An application for renewal of the Institution's Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution was received on January 14, 2021, and is under review.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - <u>Citation No. 2324107 issued November 2, 2023</u>
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied December 15, 2023

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

4. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC section 94931(a) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution failed to pay its 30-day late payment penalty fee for the 2023 calendar year. On or about September 6, 2023, the Institution paid its 2023 Annual fee which was due August 1, 2023, however, the Institution failed to pay the 30-day late payment penalty fee.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class D" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$500.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to pay its 30-day late payment penalty fee for the 2023 calendar year.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

- 5. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may sent by mail or email to:
 - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
 - Email: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>
 - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$500.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of service of this citation unless an informal conference or hearing is requested. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal form.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

 Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

7. You have the right to contest this citation through an informal conference with the Bureau pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020 and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this citation, you may submit a written request to the Bureau or submit the enclosed Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing form within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation will forfeit your ability to appeal the citation.

If a hearing is requested, you are not required to comply with this citation until a final order is entered against you.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

8. Pursuant to BPC section 125.9 and 5 CCR 75050, payment of fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an

admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

 If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi, Citation Analyst, by email at <u>Aurzella.Izmarai-</u> <u>Karimi@dca.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 574-7344.

"Original Signature on File"

1/11/2024

Elizabeth Elias Enforcement Chief Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- > Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal
- > Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail