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Subject: RE: Re: Child care CR

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No problem...with session looming I thought I better check-in with you on status.

Wedding and reception were awesome!! Here is my quick summary of the day...So pretty and beautiful...it was an Armenian wedding. They got to wear crowns and it symbolized they are now the king and queen of their households. The reception was beautiful with 2 dozen roses at each table, an ice sculpture, fun dj, liqueur in an edible little chocolate cup after dinner, I caught up with Susan, signed a photo with the picture of the bride and groom, etc. It was a good time, beautiful ceremony and nice reception.

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I will get back to you by the end of the day. I was unexpectedly out on Friday.

By the way -- how was the wedding, and where did they go on their honeymoon??

Talk to you soon,

Laura

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 3. Tammy Dannhoff, OSH/CR 03-052: Tammy said she didn't receive a response from DHFS about the concerns she raised with CR 03-052 so I faxed her the rule as well as the parts of the graph that pertained to her. She said DHFS answered her concerns about the treated lumber in the faxed information, but that there was one sentence in their response that she didn't understand. I too didn't understand it, so I called DHFS. DHFS told us that basically DHFS will now have the option (rather than a mandatory requirement) of requiring licensees to submit a plan of correction when a violation or infraction has been found. Basically DHFS won't require a plan to be submitted if it was something corrected while on site or it was a smaller infraction. Larger violations will still require plans of correction to be submitted. The department feels it will cut down on unnecessary paperwork for the licensee as well as DHFS. I told Tammy and CR and both were fine with the answer I got from DHFS. I logged all my actions in forward under Tammy, printed the note details and put them in your committee folder in your inbox. - K
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Health Committee Stuff:

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