VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

A. The District hereby establishes uniform reporting requirements and procedures for employees regarding suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or maltreatment of vulnerable adults.

B. Michigan law requires that certain persons report any case of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or maltreatment of persons eighteen (18) years or older who are vulnerable and unable to take the necessary steps to correct their situation.

C. The Michigan Adult Protective Services law requires the reporting of physical, mental, or sexual abuse, maltreatment, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

D. Mandated reporters include school administrators, school counselors, teachers, social workers, nurses, and psychologists. Mandated reporters are always required to report suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or maltreatment of vulnerable adults to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

E. The law requires mandated reporters to make an immediate verbal report to MDHHS upon suspecting abuse, neglect, exploitation, or maltreatment of vulnerable adults. A written report may be completed at the discretion of the reporting person.

F. Mandated reporters must also notify their immediate supervisor of the report. Reporting the suspected allegations of abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult to a supervisor does not fulfill the requirements to report directly to MDHHS.

G. All other staff not considered mandatory reporters, who suspect physical, mental, or sexual abuse, maltreatment, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults shall immediately report such case to his/her supervisor who shall, in turn, immediately notify the MDHHS.

H. Information on reporting requirements along with reporting form and contact information for MDHHS can be found on the District's webpage.

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