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February 5, 2021

Angela Rodriguez
Ascension Adult Foster Care
P O Box 27041
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Application #: AS330406101
Ascension Adult Foster Care
738 N Jension Ave
Lansing, MI 48915

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. Therefore, a temporary license with a maximum capacity of 6 is issued.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. If I am not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrick L. Britton".

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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS330406101
Licensee Name:	Ascension Adult Foster Care
Licensee Address:	738 N Jenison Ave Lansing, MI 48915
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 529-2490
Licensee Designee:	Angela Rodriguez
Administrator:	Angela Rodriguez
Name of Facility:	Ascension Adult Foster Care
Facility Address:	738 N Jension Ave Lansing, MI 48915
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 529-2490 10/11/2020
Application Date:	
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

II. METHODOLOGY

10/11/2020	On-Line Enrollment
11/05/2020	Contact - Document Received App; IRS ltr; 1326; RI-030, & AFC100 for Angela (LD & Admin)
12/05/2020	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
12/15/2020	Contact - Document Received Email from Angela Rodriguez re: Incomplete application items
12/23/2020	Contact - Document Received With Angela Rodriguez, Licensee Designee re: Update to Program Statement
01/06/2021	Contact - Telephone call made With Angela Rodriguez re: Special Certification
01/19/2021	Inspection Completed On-site
01/19/2021	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
01/26/2021	CAP Compliance Verification All items for correction completed; full compliance
01/26/2021	Inspection Completed On-site- BCAL Full Compliance All items for correction completed
02/04/2021	Exit Conference with Angela Rodriguez, Licensee Designee
02/04/2021	PSOR on Address Completed No hits at address

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

Ascension Adult Foster Care LLC is a two-story home located in the Old Oakland neighborhood near the corner of North Jenison Avenue and West Oakland Avenue in the City of Lansing, Michigan. The property has approximately 2,024 square feet of floor space and a lot size of 5,227 square feet. On the main level, the home has a living room, kitchen, dining room for six, one full resident bathroom, one resident bedroom for two, and a staff office. The second level has four resident bedrooms, two full bathrooms, and a small den/entertainment room. The facility has an unfinished basement with a washer/dryer and storage areas. The facility is not wheelchair accessible, although it has wheelchair ramps in the front and rear of the facility. The facility will not be able to

accept residents for admission who regularly require the use of a wheelchair to assist with mobility.

The facility has a parking in the driveway and across the street for visitors and direct care staff members. The home utilizes the local public water supply and sewage disposal system. Located in the capital of Michigan, Lansing offers a variety of local events, festivals, theaters, sporting activities and parks for recreational opportunities. The facility is located approximately two miles from downtown Lansing, and near a post office, library, and community center. Medical services can be obtained at Sparrow Hospital St. Lawrence Campus, which is approximately 0.2 miles away from the home. There are a variety of restaurants, churches, banks, and shopping centers in the area. The facility is equipped with one electric force heat furnace which was inspected on 01/21/2021 and found to be in good working condition. The facility has a water heater, which was also inspected on 01/19/2021 and found to be in good working condition. Both the furnace and water heater are in the basement that is enclosed in behind a 1 ¾ inch solid core door that is self-closing with positive latching.

The facility is equipped with a working hardwired, interconnected smoke detection system with battery backup and tested to be in working order. Smoke detectors are located in the living room, kitchen, downstairs hallway, each bedroom, upstairs hallways (2), and basement. The facility has three 2A 10BC fire extinguishers on each level. For security, the home has surveillance cameras located in the upstairs hallways (2), downstairs hallway, living room, and outdoors (front and back).

Resident bedrooms were measured during the on-site inspection and have the following dimensions:

Bedroom #	Room Dimensions	Total Square Footage	Total Resident Beds
1	8'6" x 16'3"	139.48	2
2	11'4' x 9'8"	112.26	1
3	8'9" x 10'	89.17	1
4	9'3" x 10'6"	98.67	1
5	16'6" x 9'9"	165.28	1
Living Room	11'3" x 19'5"	220.31	0
Dining Room	16'6" x 9'9"	144.50	0

The indoor living and dining areas measure a total of 364.81 square feet of living space. This meets/exceeds the minimum of 35 square feet per occupant requirement.

Based on the above information, this facility can accommodate six (6) residents. It is the licensee's responsibility not to exceed the facility's licensed capacity.

B. Program Description

Ascension Adult Foster Care intends to provide 24-hour supervision, protection, and personal care to six male and/or female residents who are mentally ill and/or

developmentally disabled. The program will include encouragement of residents to be as independent and autonomous as possible while following any direct care plans provided through case managers. The program statement states that staff “structure our policies and procedures to reflect the personalities and characteristics of the people with disabilities we serve. We will constantly search and advocate for new products and innovations, which can help us fulfill our mission while conforming to all Federal, State, and Local regulatory standards. Our main goal after safety is to help facilitate clients served to make choices, develop, and exercise independence. We will follow their goal sheets and care plans in order to help them feel successful. Beyond traditional care plan services, we will provide healthy home cooked meals, WIFI with appropriate technology for clients to ZOOM with their loved ones, when it is safe to do so we will provide outings, as well as group activities. Throughout the remainder of COVID-19 we will provide transportation only to medically deemed necessary such as doctor, therapy and dental appointments.” Ascension Adult Foster Care intends to accept Community Mental Health of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, Department of Health and Human Services, and/or residents with private sources for payment.

If needed by residents, behavior interventions and specialized interventions will be identified in the assessment plans. These interventions shall be implemented only by staff trained in the intervention techniques.

In addition to the above program elements, it is the intent of the applicant to utilize local community resources for recreational activities including planned weekly activity calendar events, local shopping centers, church programs, art therapy, parks, and community centers. These resources provide an environment to enhance the quality of life and increase independence of residents.

C. Applicant and Administrator Qualifications

The applicant is Ascension Adult Foster Care LLC, “Domestic Limited Liability Company”, established in Michigan on 10/14/2020. The applicant submitted a financial statement and established an annual budget projecting expenses and income to demonstrate the financial capability to operate this adult foster care facility.

The members of Ascension Adult Foster Care LLC have submitted documentation appointing Angela Rodriguez as licensee designee and administrator for this facility. Ms. Rodriguez is the owner/operator of Ascension Home Health Care, which provides home health services for residents in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Community Mental Health, and Tri County Office on Aging. Ms. Rodriguez has provided direct home health services to adults with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses since November 2018. Ms. Rodriguez provided documentation of training through CEICMH to include Recipient Rights, HIPAA, Person-Centered Planning, Basic Health and Medications, CPR/First Aid, Environmental Safety, and Bloodborne Pathogens. Ms. Rodriguez holds a bachelor’s degree in Family Life Education from Spring Arbor University.

Criminal history background checks of the licensee designee/administrator were completed, and Ms. Rodriguez was determined to be of good moral character to provide licensed adult foster care. Ms. Rodriguez submitted statements from a physician documenting their good health and current negative tuberculosis test results.

The staffing pattern for the original license of this six-bed facility is adequate and includes a minimum of one staff for six residents per shift. Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged that the staff-to-resident ratio may need to change to provide the level of supervision or personal care required by the residents due to changes in behavioral, physical, or medical needs. Ms. Rodriguez has indicated that direct care staff will be awake during sleeping hours.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the qualifications, suitability, and training requirements for direct care staff prior to each person working in the facility in that capacity or being considered as part of the staff to resident ratio.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the responsibility to assess the good moral character of employees. Ms. Rodriguez acknowledges the requirement for obtaining criminal record checks of employees and contractors who have regular, ongoing “direct access” to residents or resident information or both utilizing the Michigan Long Term Care Partnership website (www.miltcpartnership.org) and the related documents required to demonstrate compliance.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding medication procedures and assured that only those direct care staff that have received medication training and have been determined competent by licensee designee Angela Rodriguez will administer medication to residents. In addition, the Ms. Rodriguez has indicated that resident medication will be stored in a locked cabinet and that daily medication logs will be maintained on each resident receiving medication.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged the responsibility to obtain all required good moral character, medical, and training documentation and signatures that are to be completed prior to each direct care staff or volunteer working directly with residents. In addition, Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged the responsibility to maintain all required documentation in each employee’s record for each licensee or licensee designee, administrator, and direct care staff or volunteer and follow the retention schedule for those documents contained within each employee’s record.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the admission criteria and procedural requirements for accepting a resident into the adult foster care home.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged the responsibility to obtain the required written assessment plan, resident care agreement, and health care appraisal forms and signatures that are to be completed prior to, or at the time of, each resident’s admission

to the home as well as updating and completing those forms and obtaining new signatures for each resident on an annual basis.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged the responsibility to maintain a current resident record on file in the home for each resident and follow the retention schedule for all of the documents that are required to be maintained within each resident's file.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the handling of resident funds and valuables and intends to comply. Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged that a separate *Resident Funds Part II BCAL-2319* form will be created for each resident in order to document the date and amount of the adult foster care service fee paid each month and all of the resident's personal money transactions that have been agreed to be managed by the applicant.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules requiring that each resident be informed of their resident rights and provided with a copy of those rights. Ms. Rodriguez indicated the intent to respect and safeguard these resident rights.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the requirements for written and verbal reporting of incidents and accidents and the responsibility to conduct an immediate investigation of the cause.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged the responsibility to provide a written discharge notice to the appropriate parties when a 30-day or less than 30-day discharge is requested.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged that residents with mobility impairments may only reside on the main floor of the facility.

D. Rule/Statutory Violations

Compliance with the licensing act and administrative rules related to the physical plant has been determined. Compliance with administrative rules related to quality of care will be assessed during the temporary license period.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of a temporary license to this AFC adult small group home with a capacity of six residents.

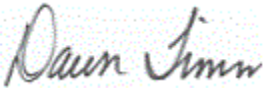


02/04/2021

Derrick Britton
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



02/05/2021

Dawn N. Timm
Area Manager

Date