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January 8, 2021

Nichole VanNiman
Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.
Suite 110
890 N. 10th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

RE: Application #: AS130405804
Beacon Home At Battle Creek
5555 Bauman Rd.
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Dear Ms. VanNiman:

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 adult foster care license and special certification for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill populations, with a maximum capacity of 6, are issued.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that 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 blue ink that reads "Michele Streeter".

Michele Streeter, Licensing Consultant
Bureau of Community and Health Systems
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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 #:	AS130405804
Applicant Name:	Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.
Applicant Address:	Suite 110 890 N. 10th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Applicant Telephone #:	(269) 427-8400
Licensee Designee:	Nichole VanNiman
Administrator:	Nichole VanNiman
Name of Facility:	Beacon Home At Battle Creek
Facility Address:	5555 Bauman Rd. Battle Creek, MI 49017
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 427-8400
Application Date:	09/15/2020
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

II. METHODOLOGY

09/15/2020	Enrollment
09/15/2020	Inspection Report Requested – Health 1030913
09/15/2020	Lic. Unit file referred for background check review. Red Screens - AS250387910, AS440392507, AS800095868, AM490380697, AS250387844
09/16/2020	File Transferred To Field Office- Lansing
10/04/2020	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
10/15/2020	Inspection Completed-Env. Health: A
12/04/2020	Application Complete/On-site Needed
12/04/2020	Inspection Completed On-site
12/04/2020	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
12/07/2020	Contact - Received requested documents and a variance request.
12/15/2020	Contact- Received requested documents.
12/16/2020	Contact- Received requested documents. Full Compliance. Recommend license issuance.

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

Beacon Home At Battle Creek is a six-bedroom, ranch style home located in a wooded setting, in Battle Creek township. On file is verification of property ownership. The facility's main entrance leads into a small hallway. To the right of this hallway is a large living room area. Towards the back of the facility are the kitchen and dining room areas. Located on the west side of the facility is a laundry room, three resident bedrooms, and two resident bathrooms, both equipped with walk-in showers. On the east side of the facility is a hallway that leads to an employee office, a medication room, a half resident bathroom, and three additional resident bedrooms. The facility will provide a "secure program" to residents whose supervision and protection needs are best met in a more restrictive environment. The facility was granted a variance to Rule 400.14304(2)(b). Therefore, the majority of the facility is surrounded by a locked fence. The facility has two egresses that lead directly into the fenced-in area. The facility's main egress, as well as an egress located in the employee office, are not located behind the locked

fence, and will remain locked from the inside at all times. The facility is not handicapped assessable.

An on-site inspection confirmed the facility meets the requirements of all applicable environmental health administrative licensing rules. On file is documentation verifying the facility's private well, water supply system, and private septic system were recently inspected by the Calhoun County Environmental Health Department and received an A rating.

An on-site inspection confirmed the facility was in substantial compliance with rules pertaining to fire safety. The facility intends to hold a certification for specialized programs, and is equipped with an interconnected multi-station smoke detection system with battery backup. This system was tested during the on-site inspection and appeared to be in good working condition. In addition to this, the facility is fully sprinkled. On file is documentation from a qualified inspection service verifying the facility's fire extinguishers, smoke detection system, and sprinkler system have recently been inspected and are in good working condition. Also on file is documentation verifying the paneling located on the walls in the hallways, dining room, and in resident bedroom #1 is comprised of class A materials. The wainscoting paneling located on the walls in the kitchen is comprised of class C materials. The facility utilizes a Bryant heating and cooling unit, which is located in the facility's back yard. The facility's electric hot water heater is located in a small room inside the facility's laundry room. On file is documentation from a qualified inspection service verifying the facility's heating and cooling unit, and hot water heater were recently inspected and are in good working condition. A washer and electric dryer are located inside the facility's laundry room. The dryer is equipped with a permanent vent to the outside of the facility.

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

Bedroom #	Room Dimensions	Total Square Footage	Total Resident Beds
1	14'5" x 11'9"	169	1
2	13'11" x 12'7" 4' x 2'6"	185	1
3	11'5" x 15'1"	172	1
4	7'4" x 6'11" 4'7" x 7'4"	85	1
5	7'1" x 7'4" 4'7" x 7'5"	86	1
6	7'1" x 9' 4'7" x 9'2"	106	1

The living room and dining room areas measure a total of 400 square feet of living space. This exceeds the minimum of 35 square feet per occupant requirement. Based on this information, it is concluded that this facility can accommodate six (6) residents. It is the licensee's responsibility not to exceed the facility's licensed capacity.

B. Program Description

Admission and discharge policies, program statement, refund policy, personnel policies, and standard procedures for the facility were reviewed and accepted as written. The applicant intends to provide 24-hour supervision, protection, and personal care to six (6) male or female ambulatory adults whose diagnosis is developmentally disabled and/or mentally impaired. The applicant intends to offer a specialized program of services and supports that will meet the unique programmatic needs of these populations, as set forth in their Assessment Plans for AFC Residents and individual plans of service. Individuals admitted into the facility will have a specific diagnosis and identified language in their individual plans of services pertaining to the need to reside in a secure, locked facility. Residents' individual plans of service will include goals related to working towards moving from the facility and into a less restrictive environment. The program will include social interaction skills, personal hygiene, personal adjustment skills, and public safety skills. The applicant intends to enter into contracts with various Community Mental Health agencies throughout the State of Michigan.

The applicant will provide a warm, homelike atmosphere that fosters residents' personal growth and nurtures independent decision-making skills. In addition to the above program elements, it is the intent of the applicant to utilize local community resources for recreational activities including the public library, local museums, shopping centers, churches, etc. These resources provide an environment to enhance residents' quality of life and to increase residents' independence. The facility will make provisions for a variety of leisure and recreational equipment and provide transportation for all residents' programming and medical needs.

If required, behavioral intervention and crisis intervention programs will be developed as identified in the residents' Assessment Plan for AFC Residents and individual plans of service. These programs shall be implemented only by trained staff, and only with the prior approval of the residents, their guardians, and their responsible agencies.

C. Applicant and Administrator Qualifications

The applicant is Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc., a domestic profit corporation established in Michigan in 1998. 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.

A licensing record clearance request was completed with no LEIN convictions recorded for the appointed licensee designee and administrator Nichole VanNiman. Ms. VanNiman submitted a medical clearance request with statements from a physician documenting her good health and current TB-tine negative results.

Ms. VanNiman provided documentation to satisfy the qualifications and training requirements identified in the administrative group home rules. Ms. VanNiman holds a

Master of Administration in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University and is currently the licensee designee and/or administrator for several adult foster care homes owned and operated by Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.

The staffing pattern for the original license of this 6 (six) bed facility is adequate and includes a minimum of one (1) staff -to- six (6) residents per shift. The applicant acknowledges that the staff -to- resident ratio will change to reflect any increase in the level of supervision, protection, or personal care required by the residents. The applicant has indicated that direct care staff will be awake during sleeping hours.

The applicant acknowledges that at no time will this facility rely on “roaming” staff or other staff that are on duty and working at another facility to be considered part of this facility’s staff -to- resident ratio or expected to assist in providing supervision, protection, or personal care to the resident population.

The applicant acknowledges 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.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the responsibility to assess the good moral character of employees and contractors who have regular, ongoing, “direct access” to residents or the resident information or both. The licensing consultant provided technical assistance on the process for obtaining criminal record checks utilizing the Michigan Long Term Care Partnership website (www.miltcpartnership.org) and the related documents required to be maintained in each employee’s record to demonstrate compliance.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding medication procedures and that only those direct care staff that have received medication training and have been determined competent by the licensee, can administer medication to residents. In addition, the applicant 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.

The applicant acknowledges their 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, the applicant acknowledges their 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.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the admission criteria and procedural requirements for accepting a resident into the home for adult foster care.

The applicant acknowledges their 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.

The applicant acknowledges their 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.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the handling of resident funds and valuables and intends to comply. The applicant acknowledges 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 residents' personal money transactions that have been agreed to be managed by the applicant.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding informing each resident of their resident rights and providing them with a copy of those rights. The applicant indicated that it is their intent to achieve and maintain compliance with these requirements.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the written and verbal reporting of incidents and accidents and the responsibility to conduct an immediate investigation of the cause. The applicant has indicated their intention to achieve and maintain compliance with the reporting and investigation of each incident and accident involving a resident, employee, and/or visitor.

The applicant acknowledges their responsibility to provide a written discharge notice to the appropriate parties when a 30-day or less than 30-day discharge is requested.

The applicant acknowledges that residents with mobility impairments may only reside on the main floor of the facility.

D. Rule/Statutory Violations

The applicant was in compliance with the licensing act and applicable administrative rules at the time of licensure.

III. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the issuance of a six-month temporary small group home adult foster care license, and special certification for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill populations, with a licensed capacity of six (6).

Michele Streeter

12/16/2020

Michele Streeter
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Dawn Timm

12/22/2020

Dawn N. Timm
Area Manager

Date