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DIRECTOR

April 29, 2021

Claudiu Marit
Ahava Group LLC
5670 Greer Rd
West Bloomfield, MI 48324

RE: Application #: AS630407832
Ahava Drake
26135 Drake Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48324

Dear Mr. Marit:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial violations of applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. Therefore, denial of issuance of a license is recommended. You will be notified in writing of the Agency's intention and your options for resolution of this matter.

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 (248) 975-5053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Lewis".

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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 #:	AS630407832
Licensee Name:	Ahava Group LLC
Licensee Address:	5670 Greer Rd West Bloomfield, MI 48324
Licensee Telephone #:	(248) 760-6543
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Claudiu Marit
Name of Facility:	Ahava Drake
Facility Address:	26135 Drake Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48324
Facility Telephone #:	(248) 760-6543
Application Date:	03/29/2021
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AGED TRAUMATICALLY BRAIN INJURED ALZHEIMERS

II. METHODOLOGY

03/29/2021	On-Line Enrollment
03/29/2021	Inspection Completed On-site
03/29/2021	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Non-Compliance
03/30/2021	Contact - Document Sent 1326 & AFC100
03/30/2021	Contact - Document Received 1326, AFC100 & Tax ID
04/01/2021	Lic. Unit file referred for background check review Red screen for Claudiu, referred to C Pilarski for review
04/12/2021	Exit Conference Held via email to Mr. Marit
04/15/2021	Exit Conference Held via email to Mr. Marit

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

On 03/29/2021, the department received an online license application for a small adult foster care (AFC) home. The applicant is Claudiu Marit, AKA Claude Marit and the facility address is 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48324 (AS630407832). On 04/05/2021, the application was assigned to my caseload.

According to the Bureau Information Tracking System, the home located 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48324 was not previously licensed as an adult foster care facility.

The applicant Claudiu Marit is the licensee designee and administrator for two licensed facilities, Ahava Care located at 1825 Hiller Road (AS630377608) in West Bloomfield, MI 48324, and Ahava Senior Living (AS630401755) located at 5670 Greer Road in West Bloomfield, MI 48324. Mr. Marit was also the licensee of Ahava Adult Foster Care (AF630338810) located at 5670 Greer Road in West Bloomfield, MI 48324. This license was closed on 10/09/2018. The closure of this license was the result of a revocation.

On 05/11/2020, Mr. Marit submitted an online AFC license application at this address located at 26135 Drake Rd. in Farmington Hills, MI - Ahava House (AS630404479), for a small adult foster care home. On 03/29/2021, Mr. Marit submitted three AFC online license applications including one for this facility, Ahava Drake (AS630407832) located at 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48331, Ahava Ashstan (AS630407833) located

at 1722 Ashstan Dr. Walled Lake MI, 48390, as well as Ahava Long Lake (AS630407851) located at 1694 Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

I recommended denial of issuance for each application since Mr. Marit had a five-year ban from applying for and opening any new adult foster care facility until 10/09/2023.

Per the application, Mr. Marit intends to provide care to vulnerable adults who are physically handicapped, developmentally disabled, aged, Alzheimer's, and or traumatically brain injured.

On 03/10/2021, the denial of issuance Notice of Intent (NOI) for Ahava House (AS630404479) timed out, since Mr. Marit failed to contest the notice and the application was closed in BITS. Mr. Marit now has a five-year ban on new applications effective 09/09/2020 and is therefore not eligible to apply for any new license until 09/09/2025.

On 03/24/2021, I opened special investigation #2021A0988015 regarding unlicensed foster care being provided by Mr. Marit at Ahava House Unlicensed (UA630407799) located at 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

On 03/24/2021, I conducted a query of the facility address in BITS and observed the Ahava Group LLC website, www.ahavaseniorcare.com. I noted that the property at 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills is listed on the website and has the same written descriptions for resident care as Mr. Marit's/Ahava Group LLC's other licensed facilities, Ahava Care located at 1825 Hiller Road (AS630377608) in West Bloomfield, MI 48324, and Ahava Senior Living (AS630401755) located at 5670 Greer Road in West Bloomfield, MI 48324.

On 03/29/2021, I conducted an unannounced onsite. I verified that the facility is still operating. Brittany Maurice, DCW allowed me to enter the facility, but I was restricted to the foyer area. Ms. Maurice stated that currently there are five residents at the facility. Ms. Maurice stated that the services residents are being provided include room & board, 24/7 supervision, meal preparation, medication administration and assistance with grooming/hygiene.

On 04/12/2021, I conducted an exit conference with Mr. Marit via email. I shared my findings and explained that due to the revocation of license #AF630338810, he is not allowed to apply for licensure or be affiliated with new adult foster care license until 10/09/2023. I informed Mr. Marit that he will be notified through the disciplinary action unit the department's next course of action.

On 04/15/2021, I conducted a second exit conference with Mr. Marit via email. I shared my findings and explained that due the denial of issuance of Ahava House, license #: AS6304479 on 09/09/2020, he is not allowed to apply for licensure or be affiliated with any new adult foster care license until 09/09/2025. I informed Mr. Marit that he will be notified through the disciplinary action unit the department's next course of action.

Rule/Statutory Violations

MCL 400.713(3)	License required; application; forms; investigation; on-site evaluation; issuance or renewal of license; disclosures; maximum number of persons; stating type of specialized program; issuance of license to specific person at specific location; transferability of license; sale of facility; notice; items of noncompliance; refusal by department to issue or renew license; conditions; unlicensed facility; violation as misdemeanor; penalty; receipt of completed application; issuance of license within certain time period; inspections; report; criminal history and records check; storage of fingerprints in automated fingerprint identification system database; convictions; "completed application" defined.
	(3) Before issuing or renewing a license, the department shall investigate the activities and standards of care of the applicant and shall make an on-site evaluation of the facility. On-site inspections conducted in response to the application may be conducted without prior notice to the applicant. Subject to subsections (9), (10), and (11), the department shall issue or renew a license if satisfied as to all of the following: (b) The applicant's compliance with this act and rules promulgated under this act.

According to the Bureau Information Tracking System (BITS), the applicant Claudiu Marit was the licensee for Ahava Adult Foster Care (AF630338810) located at 5670 Greer Rd. in West Bloomfield, MI 48324 that was previously licensed as an adult foster care facility. This license was closed as the result of a revocation on 10/09/2018. Due the denial of issuance of Ahava House, license #: AS6304479 on 09/09/2020, he is not allowed to apply for licensure of be affiliated with any new adult foster care license until 09/09/2025.

On 03/29/2021, Mr. Marit submitted an AFC online license application for this facility, Ahava Drake (AS630407832) located at 26135 Drake Rd Farmington Hills, MI. Mr. Marit is the owner of the facility and has a financial interest in the operation of the facility. Mr. Marit continues to disregard this act by purchasing properties with the intent of opening adult foster care facilities while he is banned from applying for new applications until 09/09/2025.

VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

MCL 400.713(10)	License required; application; forms; investigation; on-site evaluation; issuance or renewal of license; disclosures; maximum number of persons; stating type of specialized program; issuance of license to specific person at specific location; transferability of license; sale of facility; notice; items of noncompliance; refusal by department to issue or renew license; conditions; unlicensed facility; violation as misdemeanor; penalty; receipt of completed application; issuance of license within certain time period; inspections; report; criminal history and records check; storage of fingerprints in automated fingerprint identification system database; convictions; "completed application" defined.
	(10) If the department has revoked, suspended, or refused to renew a person's license for an adult foster care facility according to section 22, the department may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of that person for a period of 5 years after the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of the license.

According to the Bureau Information Tracking System (BITS), the applicant Claudiu Marit was the licensee for Ahava Adult Foster Care (AF630338810) located at 5670 Greer Rd. in West Bloomfield, MI 48324 that was previously licensed as an adult foster care facility. This license was closed as the result of a revocation on 10/09/2018 with a five-year ban on new applications. Due the denial of issuance of Ahava House, license #AS6304479 on 09/09/2020, he is not allowed to apply for licensure of be affiliated with any new adult foster care license until 09/09/2025.

On 03/29/2021, Mr. Marit submitted three AFC online license applications including one for this facility, Ahava Drake (AS630407832) located at 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48331, Ahava Ashstan (AS630407833) located at 1722 Ashstan Dr. Walled Lake MI, 48390, as well as Ahava Long Lake (AS630407851) located at 1694 Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Mr. Marit is the owner of these homes and has a financial interest in the operation of the facility. Mr. Marit continues to disregard this act by purchasing properties with the intent of opening adult foster care facilities while he is banned from applying for new applications until 09/09/2025.

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MCL 400.722	Denying, suspending, revoking, refusing to renew, or modifying license; grounds; written notice; hearing; decision; protest; receiving or maintaining adults requiring foster care as felony; penalty; relocation services.
	<p>(2) The department may deny, suspend, revoke, or modify an application for licensure or a license of a licensee if the department determines that the applicant or licensee has a relationship with a former applicant whose application under this act has been denied or a former licensee whose license under this act has been suspended, revoked, or refused renewal under this section or section 13(9) or a convicted person to whom a license has been denied under section 13(9). This subsection applies for 10 years after the suspension, revocation, or refused renewal of the former licensee's license, the denial of the former applicant's application for licensure, or the denial of the convicted person's application for licensure. As used in this subsection, an applicant has a relationship with a former licensee or convicted person if the former applicant, licensee, or convicted person is involved with the facility in 1 or more of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Participates in the administration or operation of the facility. (b) Has a financial interest in the operation of the facility. (c) Provides care to residents of the facility. (d) Has contact with residents or staff on the premises of the facility. (e) Is employed by the facility.

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On 03/29/2021, Mr. Marit submitted an AFC online license application for this facility, Ahava Drake (AS630407832) located at 26135 Drake Rd Farmington Hills, MI. Mr. Marit is the owner of the facility and has a financial interest in the operation of the facility. Mr. Marit is unable to apply for a new license until 09/09/2025.

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R 400.14201	Qualifications of administrator, direct care staff, licensee, and members of household; provision of names of employee, volunteer, or member of household on parole or probation or convicted of felony; food service staff.
	(9) A licensee and the administrator shall possess all of the following qualifications: (a) Be suitable to meet the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs of each resident.

Mr. Marit is the licensee and administrator of two licensed AFC facilities, Ahava Care (AS630377608) and Ahava Senior Living (AS630401755). Mr. Marit has been investigated and substantiated at two unlicensed facilities, Ahava House (UA630407799) located at 26135 Drake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48331, and Ahava Long Lake (UA630407091) located at 1694 Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Mr. Marit is aware of the licensing rules and chooses to disregard the law by operating two unlicensed facilities and knowing that he is not able to open or operate new facilities until 09/09/2025. Therefore, Mr. Marit is not suitable to meet the needs of the residents since he continues to operate three substantiated unlicensed facilities along with being the licensee of two licensed AFC facilities.

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VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend denial of issuance of a license for this AFC adult small group home (capacity 1-6).

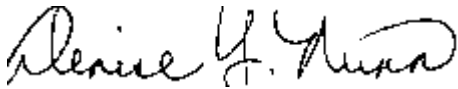


04/15/2021

Kenyatta Lewis
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



04/16/2021

Denise Y. Nunn
Area Manager

Date