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June 13, 2022

Merilyn Argersinger 2951 W Deerfield Rd Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

> RE: Application #: AF370411826 Deerfield AFC 2951 W Deerfield Rd Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Dear Mrs. Argersinger:

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 5 is 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,

Bridget Vermeesch

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

### I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF370411826	
Licensee Name:	Merilyn Argersinger	
Licensee Address:	2951 W Deerfield Rd MOUNT PLEASANT, MI 48858	
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 262-6047	
Name of Facility:	Deerfield AFC	
Licensee:	Merilyn Argersinger	
Facility Address:	2951 W Deerfield Rd Mount Pleasant, MI 48858	
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 262-6047 02/23/2022	
Application Date:	02/23/2022	
Capacity:	5	
Program Type:	AGED PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ALZHEIMERS	

# II. METHODOLOGY

02/23/2022	On-Line Enrollment
03/01/2022	Contact - Document Received 1326/RI 030 for Licensee and AFC 100 for AHM & Responsible Person
03/02/2022	PSOR on Address Completed
03/02/2022	File Transferred To Field Office Lansing via SharePoint
03/21/2022	Inspection Completed-Env. Health: A
04/01/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
06/01/2022	Application Complete/On-site Needed
06/01/2022	Inspection Completed- BCAL Full Compliance

# III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

### A. Physical Description of Facility

Deerfield AFC is a vinyl sided ranch home, full finished walk-out basement, with an attached garage located in rural Mt. Pleasant Michigan, Isabella County, about 9 miles from downtown Mt. Pleasant. The home is set on five beautifully wooded acres with the home being set back off of the road. The home is entered by climbing stairs to the covered porch or by using a metal wheelchair ramp that has been professionally designed and installed. Upon entering the facility, one is greeted by an open floor plan with two living rooms, a dining room, and kitchen. Off of the dining room is a large deck that has stairs leading to the ground level. Off of the first living room is a sitting room, semiprivate resident bedroom ensuite with full bathroom to include a bathtub and a walk-in shower and each resident will have their own walk-in closet. Off of the kitchen are two private resident bedrooms, jack and jill style, connected by a full bathroom with bathtub and shower combination. Beyond the galley kitchen is a second living room with a gas fireplace, laundry room, and a private resident bedroom ensuite with a full bathroom tub and shower combination. All resident bedrooms will be provided with their own televisions. The home a has a fully finished basement that is the private residence of the owner and residents will not have access to the basement.

Deerfield AFC home is wheelchair accessible and has at least one approved means of egress that is equipped with a wheelchair ramp from the first floor. The home utilizes private water supply and sewage disposal system which were inspected on March 21, 2022, by Central Michigan District Health Department and found to be in full compliance with all applicable environmental health rules.

Deerfield AFC is heated with LP gas, forced air and is air conditioned. The water heater and furnace are located on both floors of the home and are equipped with a 1-3/4-inch solid core door with an automatic self-closing device and positive latching hardware. The hot water heaters, furnaces, and fireplace were inspected and found in safe working condition on May 23, 2022 by a licensed heating and plumbing contractor.

The home is equipped with an interconnected, hardwired smoke detection system with battery back-up which was installed by a licensed electrician and is fully operational. The system included carbon monoxide detection and is verbal and noise prompted in case of an emergency. The home has smoke detectors installed near sleeping areas, on each occupied floor of the home, in the basement, near all flame- or heat-producing equipment and has fire extinguishers on each level.

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

Bedroom #	Room Dimensions	Total Square Footage	Total Resident Beds
#1	12'7" X 14'2"	180.3 Sq. Ft.	2
Semi-			
Private			
#2	10'10" X 10'7"	108 Sq. Ft.	1
#3	10'10" X 10'7"	108 Sq. Ft.	1
#4	10'8" X 10"11	109 Sq. Ft.	1
Living	18'2" X 17'	309.4 Sq. Ft.	
Room 1			
Sitting	10'3" X 10'7"	110.2 Sq. Ft.	
Room			
Dining	13'7" X 16'	220.5 Sq. Ft.	
Room			
Living	13'5" X 11'3"	152.5 Sq. Ft.	
Room 2			

The indoor living and dining areas measure a total of 793 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 five residents. It is the licensee's responsibility not to exceed the facility's licensed capacity.

# **B.** Program Description

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger, intends to provide 24-hour supervision, protection, and personal care to five male and/or female residents who are aged 55 years and above, physically handicapped, or who have Alzheimer's Disease. The program will include social interaction to assist residents in maintaining their highest level of physical, emotional, and psychosocial functioning through self-reliance with a supportive environment. The home will provide sensory friendly relaxing areas for activities as well

as areas with minimized background noise. The home will have available in-home services such as a family physician, beauty services, an array of therapies and hospice care. The applicant intends to accept residents with private sources for payment.

If required, behavioral management programs will be identified in the assessment plans. These programs shall be implemented only by trained staff and only with the prior approval of the resident, guardian, designated representative, or the responsible agency.

In addition to the above program elements, it is the intent of the applicant to utilize local community resources for recreational activities including library, local museums, shopping centers, churches, etc.in Mt. Pleasant Michigan. These resources provide an environment to enhance the quality of life and maintain the independence of residents.

### C. Applicant and Responsible Person Qualifications

Criminal history background checks of the applicant, Merilyn Argersinger, and responsible person, Morgan Stoneman, were completed and they were determined to be of good moral character to provide licensed adult foster care. The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger, and responsible person, Morgan Stoneman, submitted statements from a physician documenting their good health and current negative tuberculosis test results.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger, has sufficient financial resources to provide for the adequate care of the residents as evidenced by the projected income from caring for AFC residents.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger, acknowledged the requirement that the licensee of an adult foster care family home must reside in the home in order to maintain this category of adult foster care licensure.

The supervision of residents in this family home licensed for five residents will be the responsibility of the family home applicant, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A responsible person will be on call in an emergency situation for up to 72 hours.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger, acknowledged that the number of responsible persons on duty in the home may need to increase in order to provide level of supervision or personal care required by the residents due to changes in their behavioral, physical, or medical needs.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged an understanding of the qualification and suitability requirements for the responsible person providing care to residents in the home.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged an understanding of the responsibility to assess the good moral character of employees. Applicant Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged the requirement for obtaining criminal record checks of employees and

contractors who have <u>regular</u>, <u>ongoing</u> "direct access" to residents or resident information or both utilizing the Michigan Long Term Care Partnership website (<u>www.miltcpartnership.org</u>) and the related documents required to demonstrate compliance.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding medication procedures. In addition, Merilyn Argersinger 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, Merilyn Argersinger 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. Merilyn Argersinger 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.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged the responsibility to maintain a current resident record on file in the home for each resident and retain all of the documents required to be maintained within each resident's file. Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the handling of resident funds and valuables and intends to comply. Merilyn Argersinger 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.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding informing residents of their resident rights and providing them with a copy of those rights. Merilyn Argersinger indicated intent to respect and safeguard these resident rights.

The applicant, Merilyn Argersinger acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the discharge criteria and procedural requirements for issuing a 30-day discharge written notice to a resident as well as issuing a discharge before a 30-day written discharge notice.

### **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 family home, capacity of five residents.

Bridget Vermeesch 06/07/2022

Bridget Vermeesch Licensing Consultant Date

Approved By:

06/13/2022

Dawn N. Timm Area Manager Date