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ACTING DIRECTOR

December 4, 2023

Dawn Skinner and Ashlee Hirschfeld
758 S Tyndall Rd
Branch, MI 49402

RE: Application #: AF430416344
Sweetwater Creek AFC
758 S Tyndall Rd
Branch, MI 49402

Dear Dawn Skinner and Ashlee Hirschfeld:

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. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616) 356-0183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Bruce A. Messer".

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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 #:	AF430416344
Licensee Name:	Dawn Skinner and Ashlee Hirschfeld
Licensee Address:	758 S Tyndall Rd Branch, MI 49402
Licensee Telephone #:	(231) 898-6260
Name of Facility:	Sweetwater Creek AFC
Facility Address:	758 S Tyndall Rd Branch, MI 49402
Facility Telephone #:	(231) 898-6260
Application Date:	05/02/2023
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ALZHEIMERS AGED

II. METHODOLOGY

05/02/2023	On-Line Enrollment
05/03/2023	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
05/03/2023	Inspection Report Requested - Health
05/08/2023	Contact - Document Received
07/27/2023	PSOR on Address Completed
07/28/2023	Contact - Telephone call made
07/28/2023	Contact - Document Received
08/24/2023	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
09/06/2023	Contact - Document Received
09/06/2023	File Transferred to Field Office
09/11/2023	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
11/16/2023	Inspection Completed-Env. Health: A
12/01/2023	Application Complete/On-site Needed
12/01/2023	Inspection Completed On-site
12/01/2023	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

The Sweetwater Creek Adult Foster Care home is a ranch style home located in the quiet wooded countryside of western Lake County. The home contains four resident bedrooms, one full bathroom, one half bath, a large living room, dining room, kitchen, and laundry. The lower level, a walkout basement, is fully finished and is used exclusively by the licensees and their family. The home is wheelchair accessible and has two approved means of egress that are equipped with ramps from the first floor.

The furnace and hot water heater are located in the basement with a 1-3/4 inch solid core door equipped with an automatic self-closing device and positive latching hardware. The facility is equipped with an interconnected, hardwire smoke detection

system, with battery backup, which was installed by a licensed electrician and is fully operational.

**Fire extinguishers are installed on each floor of the home.*

The facility has private water and septic system. An environmental health inspection was conducted on November 16, 2023. The Sanitarian determined the facility to be in substantial compliance with applicable rules.

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'X10'5"	125	1
2	10'5"X12" plus 9"X3'8"	158	2
3	13'5"X13'7"	182	2
4	11'X10'5"	114	1

The living, dining, and sitting room areas measure a total of 345 square feet of living space. This exceeds the minimum of 35 square feet per occupant requirement.

Based on the above information, it is concluded that this facility can accommodate **6** residents. It is the licensee's responsibility not to exceed the facility's licensed capacity.

B. Program Description

The applicant(s) intends to provide 24-hour supervision, protection and personal care to **6** ambulatory male or female ambulatory or nonambulatory adults who are aged or who have a physically handicapped, and are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Programs for the aged residents will include recreational activities, community interaction, health and fitness.

Programs for the Physically Handicapped will include physical and occupational therapy as prescribed, assistance with activities of daily living and community interaction.

Programs for those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease will include physical and environmental supports and activities designed to support the functioning of the resident.

If required, behavioral intervention and crisis intervention programs will be developed as identified in the assessment plan. These programs shall be implemented only by trained staff, and only with the prior approval of the resident, guardian, or the responsible person.

In addition to the above program elements, it is the intent of the applicant to utilize local community resources including the public schools and library, local museums, and shopping centers. These resources provide an environment to enhance the quality of life and increase the independence of each resident.

C. Applicant and Responsible Person Qualifications

A criminal history background check was conducted applicant and responsible person. They have been determined to be of good moral character. The applicant and responsible person submitted a statement from a physician documenting their good health and current TB-tine negative results.

The applicant has sufficient financial resources to provide for the adequate care of the residents as evidenced by the projected income from caring for AFC residents along with outside employment.

The applicant acknowledges the understanding of the requirement for an adult foster care family home license is that the licensee must reside in the home in order to maintain this category type of adult foster care license.

The supervision of residents in this family home licensed for **6** residents will be the responsibility of the family home applicant, 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. A responsible person shall be on call to provide supervision in relief.

The applicant has indicated that for the original license of this **6** bed family home, there is adequate supervision with **1** responsible person on-site –for-**6** residents. The applicant acknowledges that the number of responsible persons on-site –to- resident ratio will change to reflect any increase in the level of supervision, protection, or personal care required by the residents.

The applicant acknowledges an understanding of the qualification and suitability requirements for the responsible person or volunteers providing care to residents in the home.

The applicant acknowledged 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. 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 establish the good moral character and suitability, and obtain documentation of good physical and mental health status prior to each responsible person or volunteer working directly with residents. The applicant acknowledges that if they are to provide a specialized program to residents that all required training documentation will be obtained prior to the responsible person(s) or volunteer(s) working directly with residents.

The applicant acknowledges their responsibility to maintain all of the required good moral character, suitability, status of health, and training documentation on file in the home for each current employee, including the licensee(s), responsible person(s) and volunteer(s).

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, 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 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 resident's 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 accidents and incidents and the responsibility to conduct an immediate investigation of the cause. The applicant has indicated their intention to achieve and maintain compliance with reporting and investigation of each incident and accident involving a resident, employee, and/or visitor.

The applicant acknowledges 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 when a resident can be discharged before the issuance of a 30-Day written discharge notice.

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

D. Rules or Statutory Violations

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

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of a temporary license to this AFC adult family home (capacity 6).



December 4, 2023

Bruce A. Messer
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



December 4, 2023

Jerry Hendrick
Area Manager

Date