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ACTING DIRECTOR

December 19, 2023

Yogarajah Saverus
L & J Adult Foster Care Home LLC
3955 Rose Dr
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

RE: Application #: AS110410960
L&J Adult Foster Care Home
8965 Meadow Lane
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Dear Mr. Saverus:

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 (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassandra Duursma".

Cassandra Duursma, Licensing Consultant
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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 #: AS110410960

Licensee Name: L & J Adult Foster Care Home LLC

Licensee Address: 3955 Rose Dr
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Licensee Telephone #: (269) 277-0970

Administrator/ Licensee Designee: Yogarajah Saverus

Name of Facility: L&J Adult Foster Care Home

Facility Address: 8965 Meadow Lane
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Facility Telephone #: (269) 277-0970

Application Date: 11/22/2021

Capacity: 6

Program Type: PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
MENTALLY ILL
AGED

II. METHODOLOGY

11/22/2021	On-Line Enrollment
09/02/2022	Contact - Document Sent App Incomplete letter with forms.
10/19/2022	Contact - Document Sent Request to send required documents within 7 days or enrollment will be closed due to lack of response.
10/19/2022	Contact - Telephone call received Licensee indicated forms were submitted by mail 10/14/22
10/26/2022	Contact - Document Received 1326/RI 030 for LD (referred to Candace)
10/28/2022	PSOR on Address Completed
11/02/2022	File Transferred To Field Office GR via SharePoint
12/19/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
02/28/2023	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
04/17/2023	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
09/06/2023	Inspection Report Requested- Health
10/03/2023	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance
12/05/2023	Inspection Completed – Environmental Health: A

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

L & J Adult Foster Care Home is a one-story, frame and brick home that was used as a duplex prior to 1996. The home is in Berrien Springs near multiple convenience stores, restaurants, and parks. Lakeland Hospital in Niles is approximately ten miles from the home.

There are three provider bedrooms, one living room, one kitchen with dining area, one utility/storage room, one full bathroom, and one half-bathroom located on the provider side of the home. There are four resident bedrooms, including two private and two semi-private bedrooms, one full bathroom, one living room, one utility/storage room and one

kitchen with dining area on the resident side of the home. The resident living area and provider living area are separated by an interior door.

The home uses both electric heating and a gas water heater. The gas heating units are located in enclosed area outside of the home. The home water is heated by an electric water heater. The home is equipped with an interconnected, hardwired smoke detection system with battery backup which was installed by a licensed electrician and is fully operational.

The home utilizes public sewage services and has a private well. An Environmental Health inspection was completed on 12/5/23. The home was found to be in compliance with rules pertaining to Environmental Health.

Resident bedrooms have the following dimensions:

Bedroom #	Dimensions	Total Square Footage	Total Resident Beds
1	11'3 x 11'4	127'	2
2	6'8 x 1'2 + 8'1 x 10'2	90'	1
3	10'5 x 8'11 + 3'10 x 4'2	109'	1
4	11'9 x 10'4 + 7'4 x 4'4	153'	2

The living, dining, and recreational areas in the home equal 288 square feet. This exceeds the minimum of 35 square feet per occupant requirement. Based on the above information, this home can accommodate six (6) residents. It is the licensee's responsibility not to exceed the home's licensed capacity.

B. Program Description

The applicant intends to provide 24-hour supervision, protection, and personal care to six male or female residents who are 18-99 years old and are developmentally disabled, aged, mentally ill, or physically handicapped. The program will include training to develop personal hygiene, personal adjustment, public safety, social interaction, and independent living skills.

The applicant intends to provide an opportunity for involvement in educational or day programs, treatment activities, an/or employment. It is the intent of the applicant to utilize local community resources for recreational activities including public schools and library, shopping centers, churches, and outdoor activities to enhance the quality of life and increase the independence of residents. The applicant intends to accept residents who have private means of payment.

C. Application and Administrator Qualifications

The applicant is L & J Adult Foster Care Home LLC., a Domestic Limited Liability Company, established in Michigan on 5/7/2013. 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 home. The members of L & J Adult Foster Care Home LLC submitted documentation appointing Yogarajah Saverus as licensee designee and administrator.

Criminal history background check of Mr. Saverus was completed. He was determined to be of good moral character to provide licensed adult foster care. Mr. Saverus submitted a statement from a physician documenting good health and current negative tuberculosis test results.

Mr. Saverus have provided documentation to satisfy the qualifications and training requirements identified in the group home administrative rules. Mr. Saverus has worked with the population he intends to serve through successfully operating multiple adult foster care homes since 1996. The homes he oversees provide services for developmentally disabled, mentally ill, aged, and physically handicapped residents.

The staffing pattern for the original license of this 6-bed home is adequate and includes a minimum of one staff for 6 residents per shift. The applicant acknowledged that the staff to resident ratio may need to be increased in order to provide the level of supervision or personal care required by the residents due to changes in their behavioral, physical, or medical needs. The applicant has indicated that direct care staff will be asleep during sleeping hours.

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

Mr. Saverus acknowledged an understanding of the responsibility to assess the good moral character of employees. He acknowledged 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.

Mr. Saverus 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 the licensee designee will administer medication to residents. In addition, it was acknowledged that resident medication will be stored in a locked cabinet and that daily medication logs will be maintained on each resident receiving medication.

Mr. Saverus 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, he acknowledged the responsibility to maintain all required documentation in each employee's record for each licensee designee, administrator, and direct care staff or

volunteer and follow the retention schedule for those documents contained within each employee's record.

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

Mr. Saverus 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.

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

Mr. Saverus acknowledged an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the handling of resident funds and valuables and intends to comply. He 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.

Mr. Saverus 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. The applicant indicated the intent to respect and safeguard these resident rights.

Mr. Saverus 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.

Mr. Saverus 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.

Mr. Saverus acknowledged that residents with mobility impairments may only reside on the main floor of the home.

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 a temporary license with the capacity of six (6) residents be issued to this Adult Foster Care small group home.

Cassandra Duursma

12/19/23

Cassandra Duursma
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Russell Misiak

12/19/23

Russell B. Misiak
Area Manager

Date