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June 24, 2024

Juvenal Rutaramirwa  
Better Living AFC LLC  
448 Van Allen St Se  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

RE: Application #: AS410418326  
Better Living AFC  
4968 Stauffer Ave Se  
Kentwood, MI 49508

Dear Mr. Rutaramirwa:

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 4 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 blue ink that reads "Megan Aukerman, MSW".

Megan Aukerman, 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**

<b>License #:</b>	AS410418326
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Better Living AFC LLC
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	448 Van Allen St Se Grand Rapids, MI 49548
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(480) 570-4843
<b>Administrator/Licensee Designee:</b>	Juvenal Rutaramirwa
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Better Living
<b>Facility Address:</b>	4968 Stauffer Ave Se Kentwood, MI 49508
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(480) 570-4843
<b>Application Date:</b>	03/14/2024
<b>Capacity:</b>	4
<b>Program Type:</b>	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

## II. METHODOLOGY

03/14/2024	On-Line Enrollment
03/20/2024	PSOR on Address Completed
03/20/2024	Contact - Document Sent forms sent
04/12/2024	File Transferred To Field Office
04/30/2024	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
05/01/2024	Application Complete/On-site Needed
05/28/2024	Inspection Completed On-site
06/24/2024	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance
06/24/2024	Exit Conference

## III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

### A. Physical Description of Facility

The new home is a ranch style, duplex located in a suburb of Kentwood. The main level of the home consists of a large living room, dining area, kitchen, two resident bedrooms and one, full-size bathroom. The basement is not approved for use by the residents. The laundry facility is located in the lower level of the home. The facility is not barrier free or handicap accessible. The home utilizes public water and sewer systems.

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 located at top of the stairs to the basement. The facility is equipped with interconnected, hardwire smoke detection system, with battery back-up, which was installed by a licensed electrician and is fully operational.

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

Bedroom #	Room Dimensions	Total Square Footage	Total Resident Beds
1	11'11" X 11'9"	132 sq. ft.	2
2	12' X 11'11"	132 sq. ft.	2

The living and dining room areas measure a total of 289 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 **four**

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 **four** (4) male or female ambulatory adults whose diagnosis is developmentally disabled or mentally impaired, in the least restrictive environment possible. The program will include social interaction skills, personal hygiene, personal adjustment skills, and public safety skills. A personal behavior support plan will be designed and implemented for each resident's social and behavioral developmental needs. The applicant intends to accept residents from network 180 as a referral source.

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, and the responsible agency.

The licensee will assure the availability of transportation for program and medical needs. The facility will make provision for a variety of leisure and recreational equipment. It is the intent of this facility to utilize local community resources including public schools and libraries, local museums, shopping centers, and local parks.

### **C. Applicant and Administrator Qualifications**

The applicant has sufficient financial resources to provide for the adequate care of the residents as evidenced by a review of the applicant's credit report and the budget statement submitted to operate the adult foster care facility. The applicant also has cash in savings and income from the applicant's spouse who has outside employment.

A licensing record clearance request was completed with no LEIN convictions recorded for the applicant and the administrator. The applicant and administrator submitted a medical clearance request with statements from a physician documenting their good health and current TB-tine negative results.

The applicant and administrator have provided documentation to satisfy the qualifications and training requirements identified in the administrative group home rules.

The staffing pattern for the original license of this 4 - bed facility is adequate and includes a minimum of 1 staff -to- 4 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 not be awake during sleeping hours. The applicant acknowledged 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 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](http://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, 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.

#### **D. Rule/Statutory Violations**

The applicant is 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 small group home (capacity 4).



06/24/2024

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Megan Aukerman  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



06/24/2024

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Jerry Hendrick  
Area Manager

Date