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July 10, 2026

Mekdes Zewde  
5909 Buttonwood Drive  
Haslett, MI 48840

RE: License #: AS330404048  
**Big Hearts AFC**  
**540 N. Hagadorn Road**  
**East Lansing, MI 48823**

Dear Mekdes Zewde:

Attached is the Addendum to the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility.

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) 335-5985.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jana Lipps".

Jana Lipps, Licensing Consultant  
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS  
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

|                                         |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License #:</b>                       | AS330404048                                    |
| <b>Licensee Name:</b>                   | Mekdes Zewde                                   |
| <b>Licensee Address:</b>                | 5909 Buttonwood Drive<br>Haslett, MI 48840     |
| <b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>            | (517) 505-9422                                 |
| <b>Administrator/Licensee Designee:</b> | Mekdes Zewde                                   |
| <b>Name of Facility:</b>                | Big Hearts AFC                                 |
| <b>Facility Address:</b>                | 540 N. Hagadorn Road<br>East Lansing, MI 48823 |
| <b>Facility Telephone #:</b>            | (517) 402-9342                                 |
| <b>Capacity:</b>                        | 6                                              |
| <b>Program Type:</b>                    | DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED<br>MENTALLY ILL       |

## **II. Purpose of Addendum**

To modify the use of space at the facility. Licensee Designee, Mekdes Zewde, has requested to change the use of space by splitting a previously large double occupancy bedroom into two single occupancy bedrooms.

## **III. Methodology**

On 6/2/26 I received email correspondence from Ms. Zewde and direct care staff, Tadele Wami, requesting to change the use of space at the facility by splitting a previously licensed double occupancy bedroom into two single occupancy bedrooms. Ms. Zewde and Mr. Wami assured that residents would not be displaced during the construction process and would have access to their private space and personal belongings.

On 7/10/26 I received a Request for Modification of the Terms of the License document signed by Ms. Zewde. This document noted the request to change the use of space at the facility by splitting the double occupancy bedroom into two single occupancy bedrooms. It further stated that the living room area would also be expanded, new hardwood flooring would be installed throughout the home and ceramic tile would be installed in all bathrooms.

## **IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions**

On 7/10/26 I conducted an on-site inspection at the facility. I measured all resident bedrooms and common areas with the following measurements:

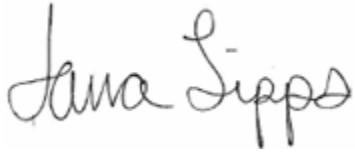
- Bedroom #1: 12'9ft x 6'6ft + 6'10ft x 5'6ft = 120.5sq ft. single occupancy.
- Bedroom #2: 8'8ft x 11ft = 95.3sqft. Single occupancy.
- Bedroom #3: 7ft x 13'10ft + 7'4ft x 11'1ft = 178.1sqft. Single occupancy.
- Bedroom #4: 11ft x 10ft = 110sqft. Single occupancy.
- Bedroom #5: 12'8ft x 13'4ft = 168.9sqft. Double occupancy.
  
- Living Room: 13'4ft x 20ft = 266.7sqft
- Dining Room: 9'2ft x 12'4ft = 113.1sqft

The total square footage of the living room and dining room combined measured 379.8sqft. This provides more than 35sqft of space per resident for a home licensed for six residents.

The bedrooms were all observed to have openable windows, closets, working electrical and lighting, and required home furnishings. All resident bedrooms have a half bathroom within the bedroom area except bedroom #2.

## V. Recommendation

I recommend approval of the change of use of space for this small group home, occupancy six.



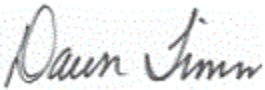
7/10/26

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Jana Lipps  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved:



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Dawn Timm  
Area Manager

07/10/2026  
Date