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January 29, 2007

Thomas Hart
4032 Alvin
Saginaw, MI 48603

RE: Application #: AS730285023
Saginaw Valley AFC
2786 Cecelia
Saginaw, MI 48602

Dear Mr. Hart:

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 feel free to contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please feel free to contact the local office at (989) 835-7241.

Sincerely,

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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #: AS730285023

Applicant Name: Independent Living Solutions, LLC.

Applicant Address: 4032 Alvin
Saginaw, MI 48603

Applicant Telephone #: (989) 792-1888

Administrator/Licensee Designee: Thomas Hart, Administrator

Name of Facility: Saginaw Valley AFC

Facility Address: 2786 Cecelia
Saginaw, MI 48602

Facility Telephone #: (989) 412-5366

Application Date: 07/27/2006

Capacity: 6

Program Type: MENTALLY ILL

II. METHODOLOGY

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| 07/27/2006 | Enrollment |
| 08/07/2006 | Application Incomplete Letter Sent |
| 09/06/2006 | Inspection Completed On-site |
| 12/07/2006 | Inspection Completed –BFS Full Compliance |

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

The property at 2786 Cecelia, Saginaw, MI 48602 is being purchased by Thomas Hart. Independent Bank holds the mortgage and is leasing the property to Independent Living Solutions, LLC. The premise is located in the Township of Carrolton. This is a single story four-bedroom ranch style house that rests on a basement. The home has an attached two-car garage. The capacity of the home will enable two residents to utilize two private bedrooms and four residents to utilize two semi-private bedrooms.

Land use in the vicinity is residential and several homes occupy this older subdivision where this facility is located. The home is barrier free and wheelchair users will be accepted for admissions. The home has two private bedrooms, two semi-private bedrooms, a large living room, an office, and two full bathrooms. The washing machine and dryer as well as the furnace are located in the basement. The home is heated with natural gas and it is not air-conditioned. One of the semi-private rooms has a window air conditioner. In summertime, the facility will utilize an air conditioner that will be put in the living room window.

Bedroom dimensions vary. Bedroom number one contains 95.62 square feet of space. Bedroom number 2 contains 115.50 square feet of space. Semi-private bedroom number three contains 167.3 square feet of space. Bedrooms one, two and three are located on the west side of the house. Semi-private bedroom number four contains 134.09 square feet of space and is located on the south east side of the house. There is 266.11 square feet of common space in the living room that will be utilized by six residents. This equates to 44.35 square feet of common space per resident.

The exterior walls of Saginaw Valley AFC are brick. There is ample parking in the paved driveway and in front of the facility. The interior of the home consists of a living room, dining room, kitchen, two full bathrooms, four bedrooms and an office.

Saginaw Valley AFC utilizes public water and sewage systems. This licensing consultant determined Saginaw Valley AFC to be in compliance with the *Environmental Health Rules for Adult Foster Care Small Group Homes* on December 7, 2006.

Saginaw Valley AFC's smoke detection system is hard-wired to the building's electrical supply with battery backup. Tri City Home Inspections L.L.C. completed sensitivity testing on all the smoke detectors on December 6, 2006. The home has fire

extinguishers and posted evacuation routes. Ryczek Heating and Cooling on November 28, 2006 inspected the furnace. The furnace is in proper working order. This licensing consultant determined Saginaw Valley AFC to be in compliance with the *Fire and Safety Rules for Adult Foster Care Small Group Homes* on December 7, 2006.

Emergency medical and social services are abundantly available within the City of Saginaw. This would include mental health services, activity and recreation centers, programs for the aged, medical clinics and hospitals. Saginaw Valley AFC shall be responsible for all transportation associated with education, medical, social and recreational activities.

B. Program Description

Saginaw Valley AFC will serve both male and female adults that are mentally ill. Referrals shall be limited to those persons who require specialized services from Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority.

Saginaw Valley AFC's Mission Statement was reviewed. It indicated, "The overall goals of Saginaw Valley AFC are to provide dignified, individualized care in a comfortable home-like setting. An emphasis is placed on providing comprehensive resident-focused care practices addressing an individual's psychological, spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.

Specific Goals Include:

- In collaboration with family, identify and assess individual's needs to determine appropriate compatibility with the program at Saginaw Valley AFC.
- Provide a supportive, admission process while taking into account the need for a thorough history taking and the wishes of the family.
- Develop and implement an individualized and creative care plan focusing on promoting a resident's dignity and health as well as functioning ability.
- Provide a safe physical environment, which allows for privacy, personalization as well as accommodating residents changing needs and functional abilities.
- Incorporate specialized on-going training and education programs to staff and families.
- A commitment to assisting families access and utilize appropriate care as a resident's condition changes and alternative placement may become necessary."

This Department provided Thomas Hart, Designated Licensee and Administrator with a comprehensive review of the record keeping requirements for responsible persons and

residents. All of the required forms were reviewed and Thomas Hart was instructed on how to complete and when to use them.

Application processing included a review of Thomas Hart's health care appraisal and criminal history clearance. Thomas Hart was determined to be in good physical health and of good moral character. Independent Living Solutions, LLC's financial stability was reviewed and it was determined to meet compliance.

This consultant discussed new Public Acts 29 and 59 along with Good Moral Character requirements with Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart has a process for determining the good moral character of employees, and procedures in place to assure compliance with those rules related to handling and accounting of resident funds.

Staffing at Saginaw Valley AFC shall consist of at least one direct care staff to three residents at all times. A resident shall not be left alone or unsupervised at Saginaw Valley AFC and a direct care staff shall be on-site whenever a resident is in the home.

Thomas Hart has years of experience caring with mentally ill adults and previously worked at an Adult Foster Care facility as administrator. Thomas Hart has a Bachelor of Art Degree from Saginaw Valley State University. Thomas Hart completed the Department of Community Mental Health Group Home training and he is capable of handling emergency situations. He has also been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

C. Rule/Statutory Violations

None.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of licensing investigation and submission of all required documents through the pre-licensing process, it is the recommendation of this licensing consultant to issue a temporary license to Saginaw Valley AFC, a temporary license to operate a small group home. The terms of the license will enable Saginaw Valley AFC to provide adults with mental illness with personal care, supervision, and protection to a maximum of six residents at 2786 Cecelia, Saginaw, Michigan 48603. The duration of the license will be for a six-month period effective January 31, 2007.

Kathryn A. Huber

Kathryn A. Huber
Licensing Consultant

Date: 01/09/07

Approved By:

Jack R. Failla

1/11/2007

Jack R. Failla
Area Manager

Date