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BUREAU OF CHILDREN AND ADULT LICENSING



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Ferny Rantz
Ferny's AFC Home, LLC
7720 Wright Road
Niles, MI 49120

RE: Application #: AS110301777
Ferny's Home
7720 Wright Road
Niles, MI 49120

Dear Mrs. Rantz:

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 (269) 337-5066.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Tindall, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #: AS110301777

Applicant Name: Ferny's AFC Home, LLC

Applicant Address: 5914 Longhorn Trail
Stevensville, MI 49127

Applicant Telephone #:

Administrator/Licensee Designee: Ferny Rantz, Designee

Name of Facility: Ferny's Home

Facility Address: 7720 Wright Road
Niles, MI 49120

Facility Telephone #: (269) 684-5069
04/17/2009

Application Date:

Capacity: 6

Program Type: MENTALLY ILL
AGED
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

II. METHODOLOGY

04/17/2009	Enrollment
04/21/2009	Inspection Report Requested - Health Inv. #1015659
04/21/2009	Application Incomplete Letter Sent Environmental, Ferny Rantz, designee
05/11/2009	Contact - Document Received Rec. cl. for Ferny & Timothy
05/13/2009	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : A
05/29/2009	Inspection Completed On-site
05/29/2009	Inspection Completed-BFS Sub. Compliance
08/28/2009	Inspection Completed On-site
08/31/2009	Contact - Document Received Facility documents via fax
09/02/2009	Inspection Completed-BFS Full Compliance

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

The applicant is Ferny's AFC Home, LLC and the Licensee Designee/Administrator is Ferny Rantz. Ms. Rantz and her husband previously had an AFC family home license at this address (AF110284554). Mr. and Mrs. Rantz own the home. On file is proof of ownership and permission from the owners to allow use for adult foster care.

It is located in rural Berrien Township approximately 6 miles north of Niles. The surrounding area is a mixture of farmland, residential, and wooded areas.

This is a wood-frame tri-level home. The main/ground level will be occupied by the residents and has 6 private bedrooms that all have ½ bathrooms; this level also includes a kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry room, and an enclosed heat plant room. The home is in compliance with space requirements. On the north end there is an upper level and lower level. The upper level has a bedroom and full bathroom. The lower level has 2 bedrooms, full bathroom, and storage/utility room. There is also a large detached garage.

The home has a private water and sewer system that was inspected and approved by the Berrien County Health Department. A copy of this report is on file. My on-site inspections verified the home is in substantial compliance with rules pertaining to Environmental Health.

On-site inspections verified the home is in substantial compliance with rules pertaining to Fire Safety. It has an approved interconnected smoke detection system. There is an electric water heater in the lower level utility room. An enclosed and approved heat plant room that is on the 1st floor level has only an outdoor entrance and contains a propane fueled furnace and water heater. On file is verification that a licensed heating contractor inspected and approved the furnace and water heaters. The required fire extinguishers are on each floor. The applicant submitted in writing that the fireplace in the living room will not be used.

B. Program Description

On file are medical, TB, and criminal background clearances for Licensee Designee/Administrator Ferny Rantz. The qualification requirements for Ms. Rantz are approved and on file.

The applicant is approved to provide care for the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, aged, and physically handicapped populations. Both genders are accepted. The home is not approved to provide care to residents who regularly require the use of wheelchairs. The applicant's admission/discharge policies are consistent with AFC small group home rules.

Emergency medical transportation is available by dialing 911. There will be at least one direct care staff on duty whenever residents are in the home.

I reviewed with Ms. Rantz rules that pertain to resident and staff record keeping, and criminal background check requirements for employees (Act 29). The applicant will issue and review a copy of resident rights with each admission. The applicant has all necessary forms to permit rule compliance.

A review of the application and supporting documents indicates substantial compliance with rules relating to financial capability of the corporation. Corporate and facility documents that are required by rule are on file.

C. Conclusion

This study is based upon Act No. 218 of the Public Act of 1979, as amended, and the administrative rules governing the operation of Small Group Homes (12 or less). Included in the inspection was a review of rules relating to residential care and Fire and Environmental Safety. The findings indicate this home is in substantial compliance with Act No. 218 and the applicable administrative rules.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of a temporary 6 month license to this AFC small group home (capacity 6).

Kenneth Tindall

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Kenneth Tindall
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Gregory V. Corrigan

09/03/2009

Gregory V. Corrigan
Area Manager

Date