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Tara Hamilton  
Advocare II LLC  
8270 Bradley  
Belding, MI 48809

RE: Application #: AS340309461  
Advocare Assisted Living  
8270 Bradley  
Belding, MI 48809

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

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 (517) 241-2585.

Sincerely,

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BUREAU OF CHILDREN AND ADULT LICENSING  
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

|                               |                                     |
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| <b>License #:</b>             | AS340309461                         |
| <b>Applicant Name:</b>        | Advocare II LLC                     |
| <b>Applicant Address:</b>     | 13925 Bierl Rd.<br>Lowell, MI 49331 |
| <b>Applicant Telephone #:</b> | 616-862-6712                        |
| <b>Licensee Designee:</b>     | Tara Hamilton                       |
| <b>Administrator:</b>         | Brandon Hamilton                    |
| <b>Name of Facility:</b>      | Advocare Assisted Living            |
| <b>Facility Address:</b>      | 8270 Bradley<br>Belding, MI 48809   |
| <b>Facility Telephone #:</b>  | (616) 794-9833<br>07/02/2010        |
| <b>Application Date:</b>      |                                     |
| <b>Capacity:</b>              | 6                                   |
| <b>Program Type:</b>          | MENTALLY ILL<br>AGED<br>ALZHEIMERS  |

## II. METHODOLOGY

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| 07/02/2010 | Enrollment   |
| 07/23/2010 | Application Incomplete Letter Sent   |
| 08/09/2010 | Inspection Completed- Environmental Health   |
| 09/02/2010 | Application Incomplete Letter Sent   |
| 12/15/2010 | Application Complete/On-site Needed  |
| 12/15/2010 | Inspection Completed On-site   |
| 12/15/2010 | Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance  |
| 01/06/2011 | Application Incomplete Letter Sent<br>confirming letter sent outlining rule violations |
| 01/07/2011 | Inspection Completed On-site   |
| 01/07/2011 | Inspection Completed- BCAL Full Compliance   |

## III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

### A. Physical Description of Facility

Advocare Assisted Living is an L-shaped, ranch style, single story structure built on a concrete slab. The facility is located in rural Ionia County and is approximately four miles from the downtown area of Belding, Michigan. The facility sits on approximately five acres of wooded land with a small, shallow creek running through the back end of the property. There is also a separate two-car garage with concrete floors available for staff use and/or storage space. The paved drive provides ample space for staff and visitor parking. Because the facility is located out in the country, the applicant plans to hire a contracted plowing service in the winter to assure that vehicles are able to reach the facility safely.

The facility consists of six bedrooms, two living areas, an activity area, dining area, kitchen, laundry area, utility room, office, and large storage room. Bedroom #1 has a full walk-in bathroom attached to the bedroom. There is also a full bathroom located between Bedroom #5 and Bedroom #6 and additional full bathroom located off of the back living area. A half-bathroom is located in the front area of the facility as well. There is also additional counter space, cupboards, refrigerator, and sink located by the back living area. This will be used for additional storage space for food items and food preparation if necessary. The dining area is large enough to seat six residents and other guests as necessary. Although the facility does have a wheelchair ramp located off of the front entrance, the facility is not wheelchair accessible because there is no ramp off of either back exit. Both back exits open onto a back porch enclosed with rails

and a short, three-step stairway leading to the ground. All entrances/exits to the facility are alarmed.

There are two furnaces and one water heater in the facility and both are enclosed in a room that has a fully stopped, fire-rated metal door that is equipped with an automatic, self-closing device and positive latching hardware. Both furnaces were inspected on 12/14/2010 and both were found to be in good working condition. The facility has interconnected smoke detectors located in all sleeping areas, kitchen, and living areas. Fire extinguishers are available in the facility as well.

The resident bedrooms and living areas measure as follows:

|                |                             |            |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Bedroom #1     | 13' x 15'= 195 square feet  | 1 Resident |
| Bedroom #2     | 11' x 10'= 110 square feet  | 1 Resident |
| Bedroom #3     | 10' x 11'= 110 square feet  | 1 Resident |
| Bedroom #4     | 12' x 11' = 132 square feet | 1 Resident |
| Bedroom #5     | 11' x 12'= 132 square feet  | 1 Resident |
| Bedroom #6     | 11' x 11'= 121 square feet  | 1 Resident |
| Living area #1 | 17' x 15'= 255 square feet  |            |
| Living area #2 | 17' x 11'= 187 square feet  |            |
| Activity area  | 16' x 30'= 480 square feet  |            |
| Dining area    | 11' x 15'= 165 square feet  |            |

The facility has a private water and private sewage disposal system. The Ionia County Mid-Michigan Health Department inspected the water supply and sewage disposal system on 08/09/2010 and the facility received an 'A' rating.

**B. Program Description**

The facility will provide 24-hour supervision, protection, and personal care for six (6) male or female residents over the age of forty years who are either aged and/or have a chronic mental illness or have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The program will include daily game options, music, bingo, social exchanges with staff and other residents, watching TV and reading. The applicant plans to also utilize local volunteer entertainment groups to perform for the residents. The applicant encourages family members to visit often and actively engage with their loved ones. The applicant plans to

provide on-going training to staff members to help them with better understand residents with Alzheimer's and dementia related conditions.

The applicant is Advocare II, LLC which is a domestic limited liability company and was established in Michigan on 07/27/2010. The applicant submitted an annual budget projecting expenses and income to demonstrate the financial capability to operate this adult foster care facility.

Tara Hamilton is the licensee designee and her spouse, Brandon Hamilton, is the administrator for the facility. Criminal history clearances were completed on 07/07/2010 for Tara Hamilton and on 08/26/2010 for Brandon Hamilton and no criminal convictions were found for either individual. Tara Hamilton submitted a medical clearance, dated 09/11/2010, documenting that no physical or mental health conditions exist that would limit her ability to work with or around dependent adults. A current negative TB test result was also obtained for Tara Hamilton. Brandon Hamilton also submitted a medical clearance, dated 09/03/2010, documenting that no physical or mental health conditions exist that would limit his ability to work with or around dependent adults. A current negative TB test result was also obtained for Brandon Hamilton.

This licensing consultant reviewed the personnel policies, job descriptions, admissions/discharge policies, refund policy, financial projections, required employee documents, required paperwork for resident files, and the Alzheimer's program statement with the licensee designee and the administrator. Both Tara and Brandon Hamilton have considerable experience with required AFC licensing records and documentation because they have been successfully operating a licensed AFC facility since October 2007. Brandon Hamilton is the administrator for this facility and has provided care to those who are aged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and/or diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related condition for the past three years. He also assures that staff members are properly trained to best meet the needs of the residents in the home. Tara Hamilton is the licensee designee for the facility as well as being a registered nurse who has previous experience as the Director of Nursing for an Alzheimer's and assisted living facility along with her current role as the community liaison assisting patients as they move through the continuum of care. Tara Hamilton plans to assess each potential resident to assure that the facility can meet the resident's needs and that the resident is compatible with others in the facility. As the administrator, Brandon Hamilton plans to visit the facility on a regular basis to maintain a working knowledge of the residents and their needs.

The facility plans to have one staff member per shift, but will adjust the staff ratio to ensure that the safety, supervision, and care needs of the residents are met in accordance with the resident's written assessment plans. The night staff person will be required to be awake for the shift in order to continue to meet resident needs during the night.

**C. Rule/Statutory Violations**

Compliance with the physical plant rules has been determined. All items cited for correction have been verified by visual inspection. Compliance with Quality of Care rules will be assessed during the period of temporary licensing via on-site inspections.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend issuance of a temporary license to this AFC small group facility with a capacity of six (6) residents.



01/25/2011

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Dawn N. Timm  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



1/25/11

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Betsy Montgomery  
Area Manager

Date