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Karen LaFave
Adult Learning Systems - UP, Inc
104 Coles Dr. Suite B
Marquette, MI 49855

RE: Application #: AS520292888
Ripley Court
104 Ripley Court
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Ms. LaFave:

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 Deborah L. Clark, Area Manager, at (906) 228-0780.

Sincerely,

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #: AS520292888

Applicant Name: Adult Learning Systems - UP, Inc

Applicant Address: 104 Coles Dr. Suite B
Marquette, MI 49855

Applicant Telephone #: (906) 228-7370

Administrator/Licensee Designee: Karen LaFave, Designee

Name of Facility: Ripley Court

Facility Address: 104 Ripley Court
Marquette, MI 49855

Facility Telephone #:

Application Date: 09/25/2007

Capacity: 6

Program Type: MENTALLY ILL
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

II. METHODOLOGY

09/25/2007	Enrollment
10/01/2007	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
10/11/2007	Contact - Document Received
10/30/2007	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
11/02/2007	Contact - Telephone call made Ms. LaFave.
11/05/2007	Contact - Telephone call made Ms. LaFave.
11/08/2007	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : D
11/26/2007	SC-ORR Response Received-Approval
11/27/2007	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : A
11/27/2007	Application Complete/On-site Needed
11/27/2007	Inspection Completed On-site
11/27/2007	Inspection Completed-BFS Sub. Compliance
11/27/2007	Contact - Document Sent Information about variance request.
11/29/2007	Contact – Document Received – Corrective Action Plan. Inspection completed – Full Compliance.

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

Ripley Court is a new six-bed small group adult foster care facility. Adult Learning Systems, UP INC will operate Ripley Court under a contractual agreement with Pathways to Healthy Living to provide specialized contract services to developmentally disabled and mentally ill adults. Adult Learning Systems, UP INC, is the owner of this facility, based on documentation provided.

The facility is located in Harvey in a quiet, residential neighborhood. The facility is very close to case management agencies, medical, dental, psychological and psychiatric

services. A major hospital, a medical center, shopping centers and recreational activities are also close to the facility.

The facility is frame construction, located on Ripley Court, a short distance from US 41. The facility is serviced by a wheelchair ramp on the east side. The ramp is built to specifications of the administrative rules for small group homes. The home may provide services to individuals that ambulate via wheelchair. The front of the facility faces east. There is a large living room and dining area on the main level of the facility. There is an additional small dining area that adjoins the west side of the dining room. The kitchen of the facility is next to the small dining room.

The basement level of the facility is not designated as resident use area. The laundry facilities are located in the basement. Accommodations must be made for any resident that wants or needs to do their own laundry.

The facility is completed remodeled, renovated and appropriately decorated. The facility has ample resident use areas. The dining room on the main level measures 20'6" x 14', or 287 sq. ft. The living room on the main level measures 20' x 19'8", or 393 sq. ft. The small dining room measures 9'2" x 11', or 100 sq. ft. The total square footage available for general use by residents is 780 sq. ft.

There are currently six proposed single occupancy bedrooms in the facility. All bedrooms are on the main level of the home (northern wing).

Six bedrooms are on the main level:

Bedroom #1: (southeast corner/ northern wing) 10'8" x 10', or 107 sq. ft., single occupancy (cannot be used for double occupancy).

Bedroom #2: (northeast corner/ northern wing) 13'6" x 11'8", or 157 sq. ft., double occupancy.

Bedroom #3: (middle/ north side- northern wing) 13'11" x 11'8", 157 sq. ft., single occupancy (could be used for double occupancy with Department notification/ approval).

Bedroom #4: (northwest corner/ northern wing) 8'4" x 13'4" plus 19'8" x 13', or 366 sq. ft., single occupancy (could be used for double occupancy with Department notification/ approval).

Bedroom #5 (southwest corner/ northern wing) 9' x 8' 6", with a 7'7" x 5' alcove, 115 sq. ft., single occupancy (could be used for double occupancy with Department notification and approval).

Bedroom #6 cannot be used at this time. Variance requested.

The facility has a barrier free bathroom in the northern wing. There are two separate bathrooms that adjoin Bedroom #3 and Bedroom #4. Due to privacy issues, these bathrooms are designated for use by the residents that occupy the respective bedrooms.

The facility has gas hot water heat. James Dupras, licensed master plumber, inspected the furnace and certified it as working properly on 11-1-07. Mandel Electric, a licensed electrical contractor, inspected the electrical system of the home and certified it as properly installed by code and properly functioning. Mandel Electric also added additional smoke detection units as required by administrative rule.

The Marquette County Health Department inspected the septic system and the water supply of the home on 10-23-07. No rule violations were found with the septic system. The water supply was found to be unsafe during the initial inspection. Subsequently, McDonald Pump and Well Service conducted repair work. The water was retested by the Health Department and it was certified as safe on 11-14-07.

B. Program Description

As requested in their application, Adult Learning Systems, UP INC will provide personal care, supervision and protection to six developmentally and/ or mentally ill individuals. This facility will focus on developmentally disabled men with behavioral issues. Single occupancy bedrooms will be a distinct advantage.

The home is barrier free and may accommodate residents that ambulate via wheelchair.

Staff trained by Adult Learning Systems, UP INC, will provide direct care services. Pathways to Healthy Living will provide case management services. Adult Learning Systems will provide individualized programming through the person centered planning process.

Adult Learning Systems, UP INC has a well-defined process for determining good moral character. Employees will be screened in accordance with MCL 400.734b. This responsibility has been discussed with Karen LaFave, Licensee Designee.

Adult Learning Systems, UP INC, is aware of licensee responsibility to safeguard resident funds and valuables. Mrs. LaFave is aware of R400.14315, and has agreed to comply with the administrative rules in this section of the licensing rules for Small Group Homes.

C. Rule/Statutory Violations

An acceptable corrective action plan for the initial inspection conducted on 11-27-07, the home is now in full compliance with the administrative rules and applicable statute.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Issuance of a temporary license and certification effective 12-1-07, capacity of 6 ambulatory or non-ambulatory persons in need of adult foster care services.



11/30/2007

Mark Muscoe
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



11/30/2007

Deborah Clark
Area Manager

Date