

I. Exhibit "A" – Approval of Special Considerations/Temporary Approvals "Bundles" "A"

Item #	PROVIDER LIC. #	FAMILY/AGENCY /REQUESTED BY	REG. #	Regulation	APPROVED ✓	NEEDS ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION MY QUESTION IS: If further clarifications is needed, please write/type your question in the box below and email the form back to Patrick Isokpunwu. Your question will be answered and returned to you for your consideration.	MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD ✓
1	DCFS 100	Brittany M./ Susan Katy Townsend	209.7	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.			
2	DCFS 100	Joanna & Akeo M./ Judy Olinger	209.1	Each household shall have a bedroom that provides privacy.			
3	DCFS 100	Robert & Amy B./ Keisha Smith	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			

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4	DCFS 100	Donald & Amy M./ Susan Katy Townsend	211.6	Foster home shall not have more than two (2) children under the age of two (2) years, including the foster parent's own children.			
5	Mid-South Health Systems	Paul and Ellie K./ Destiny McGee	311.6	The number of children placed into a therapeutic foster home shall not exceed two (2), except to keep a sibling group together, in that case up to a maximum of three (3) children may be placed into the home			
6	Mid-South Health Systems	Dathney & Kelly G./ Destiny McGee	311.6	The number of children placed into a therapeutic foster home shall not exceed two (2), except to keep a sibling group together, in that case up to a maximum of three (3) children may be placed into the home			
7	DCFS 100	Aaron & Bailey H./ Carey Tjapkes	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50			

				square feet of floor space per occupant.			
8	DCFS 100	Rodger & Cynthia C./ Kayla Ward	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant			
9	DCFS 100	Ashtan S./ Kasey Tolbert	206.2	Foster parents shall be at least twenty - one -(21) years of age.			
			209.10	Foster children, except infants under the age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults; this age would increase through age four (4) for a grandparent to the child to the child and a teen parent in foster care with her child.			
			209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			

10	DCFS 100	Debra W./ Athalia Dismuke	209.7	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.			
11	Connected Foster Care	Allen & Elizabeth E./ Ashley Spinks	211.5	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care			
12	DCFS 100	Valarie T./ Yvonne Peeler	209.1	Each household shall have a bedroom that provides privacy.			
13	DCFS 100	Wanda L./ Kenneth Reid	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
14	DCFS 100	Kevin A./ Susan Katy Townsend	209.10	Foster children, except infants under age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults; this increase through age four (4)			

				for a grandparent to the child and a teen parent in foster care with her child.			
15	DCFS 100	Jill & Randy D./ Yalanda Alderson	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
16	DCFS 100	Dalena S./ Whitley Bond	209.1	Each household shall have a bedroom that provides privacy			
17	DCFS 100	Michael & Cathy D./ Kimberly King	209.7	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.			
18	DCFS 100	Janalee O. & Leesa D.	209.10	Foster children, except infants under age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults; this would increase through age four (4) for a grandparent to the child and a teen parent in foster care with her child.			
19	DCFS 100	Tucker & Moore G./ April Faughn	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			

20	DCFS 100	Roger & Kimberly V./ Erin Smith	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
21	DCFS 100	Jeremy & Elizabeth B./ Danielle Sims	209.7	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years or older, except for parent in foster care with her child.			
22	DCFS 100	Christian Childers & Ruben F./ Caitlin Sammons	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
23	DCFS 100	Ruby F. / Brittany Garth	209.7	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child			
24	DCFS 100	Dianna S./ Alicia Toney	209.10	Foster children, except infants under age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults, this age would increase through age four (4) for a grandparent to child and a teen			

				parent in foster care with her child.			
25	DCFS 100	Elizabeth & Robert L./ Dea Garrison	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
26	DCFS 100	Christina V. & Jose T./ Rave'en Taylor	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
27	DCFS 100	Kameshi L./ Gwendolyn Hawkins	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
28	DCFS 100	Mary V./ Carey Tjapkes	209.1 209.2	Each household shall have a bedroom that provides privacy Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			
29	DCFS 100	Laura T./ Rave'en Taylor	209.2	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.			

STATE OF ARKANSAS
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY REVIEW
BOARD MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
700 WEST MAIN STREET
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

December 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Altom, Chair, Foster Care
Charles Flynn, Emergency Shelters
David Whatley, Residential Care
Andrew Watson, Adoptions
Sandi Doherty, DCFS
Beverly Foti, Psychiatric Residential Care

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe West, DCFS Designee Attorney for the Board
Dawn Jeffrey, Assistant Director
Sharra Litzey, PRLU Program Manager
Ebony Russ, DCC/ECE Program Manager

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PROCEEDINGS

(THEREUPON, the meeting began at 1:30 p.m. on December 8, 2021.)

MS. EBONY RUSS: Welcome to the Child Welfare Agency Review Board meeting. We've done a little thing -- some things a little bit differently. So we'll have our clients -- have the public come in and sit here at the table and hopefully you'll be able to have -- be able to hear them much better than before. And we'll just kind of move through that situation. And so I will -- let me first explain it to the crowd over here and then I will turn it over to Mr. Altom.

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

(THEREUPON, Ms. Ebony Russ addressed those in attendance, located on the other side of the divided room, and out of the hearing of the reporter.)

MS. EBONY RUSS: I'll turn it over to Mr. Altom.

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. I'll call the Child Welfare Agency Review Board meeting to order for December 8, 2021. First item of business is the approval of minute -- meeting minutes for October 27, 2021. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: There's a motion. Is there a

1 second?

2 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second. Any
4 discussion?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All in favor say, "Aye."

7 (CHORUS OF AYES)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Motion carries. First up is
11 Permission to Work For (sic) Children, Number 1. Can
12 they hear us in there?

13 MS. EBONY RUSS: They're calling them.

14 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 1:

15 MR. ANDREW DEVAULT: I'm Andrew Devault. I'm an
16 area 3 resource worker, here for Mr. Chad for
17 permission to work with children.

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: This is the first time we're
19 seeing this information, so it will take a few
20 minutes for us to look over. If you want to go ahead
21 and say anything to address the Board, we'll listen
22 as we try to read. Otherwise, just bear with us,
23 okay?

24 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Three

1 grandchildren, huh?

2 MR. CHAD W.: Pardon me?

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Three
4 grandchildren?

5 MR. CHAD W.: Three grandchildren.

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: All right. So what
7 -- that one year old. How is that --

8 MR. CHAD W.: Well when we got them, it was
9 four, two and seven months.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. Seven
11 months. So that's been a fun year, hasn't it?

12 MR. CHAD W.: It's been a fun year. We were
13 just glad to keep them together.

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. That's
15 great.

16 MR. CHAD W.: Their mother gets their last
17 hearing next Monday or Tuesday. And so she's
18 completed her entire case plan. I've helped her get
19 her house set up and moved in. Yard cleaned up some
20 and she's got a job. Kept a job. She's had all that
21 completed since early summer and -- no, maybe
22 midsummer. So she's been allowed to come to the
23 house now on a daily basis for --

24 MR. ANDREW DEVAULT: I'm not sure on that.

25 MR. CHAD W.: Well it's been three months since

1 the last hearing.

2 MR. ANDREW DEVAULT: Since the last hearing,
3 yeah.

4 MR. CHAD W.: And so we're hoping the next phase
5 is, you know, her unsupervised. Whether it be, you
6 know, still coming to the house every day, during the
7 week, but one day, four hours to take them to the
8 park or whatever. Then the next step -- whatever
9 that be. If it be weekend and, you know, stays
10 unsupervised.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: That's -- that's a
12 good start. I'm glad to hear the rest of it.
13 Sometimes we don't get that part. So...

14 MR. CHAD W.: Yeah. And, I mean --

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Thank y'all for
16 stepping up and keeping them together until she got
17 ready for them to come back home.

18 MR. CHAD W.: Pardon me?

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Thank you for
20 stepping up --

21 MR. CHAD W.: Yes.

22 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- you and your
23 wife and keeping them together until mom was ready
24 for them again.

25 MR. CHAD W.: Yes.

1 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion
2 that we approve this request.

3 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion from Charles
5 to approve.

6 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And a second from Andrew.

8 All those in favor say, "Aye."

9 (CHORUS OF AYES)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: (ABSTAINS).

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

14 MR. CHAD W.: Thank you.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thank you. Next up is Number
16 2. You're free to leave.

17 MR. ANDREW DEVAULT: I've got the next two.

18 So...

19 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Thank you.

20 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 2:

21 MR. ANDREW DEVAULT: Again, I'm Andrew Devault
22 here with Ms. Candi for permission to work with
23 children.

24 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: How long have you been seeing

1 the new doctor?

2 MS. CANDI G.: Which one? I have a whole new
3 team.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: The one that changed your
5 medication that was --

6 MS. CANDI G.: Dr. Cloud. I've been seeing him
7 since, roughly, August, September, when my disability
8 came into play. When I was able to get -- I had no
9 doctor for a year. I was off all medications and
10 then Dr. Cloud, when I went in, he -- he revamped my
11 meds and has got me back on track.

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You're not having any of the
13 issues with memory or any of that?

14 MS. CANDI G.: Nope. I also am seeing a
15 neurologist for my migraines and for what we -- what
16 my former primary care was calling seizures. They
17 were not actually seizures. It was rebound effects
18 of all my medications. So my neurologist -- actually
19 yesterday I went for my first Botox treatment for my
20 migraines.

21 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So this is a family
22 friend. Is that the 16-year-old?

23 MS. CANDI G.: Yes, sir.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So how did -- I'm
25 always interested, when someone who is willing to

1 come down here and sit in front of this group, and
2 for a family friend, not even a family member.

3 MS. CANDI G.: Right.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So how do you know
5 this --

6 MS. CANDI G.: I know her mom through -- her mom
7 was my barber before I got cancer. And so what's
8 underneath here is what she would take care of and we
9 just became friends and ended up, just by
10 coincidence, they lived about three blocks from us
11 when we first met. And I kind of noticed as --
12 because I was formerly a nurse before I became
13 disabled. And I kind of had, like, a few little
14 yellow flag, red flags, but there was always an
15 excuse and always a good -- a good reason why
16 something was happening. You know? It just didn't
17 sit right. And then they lost their home. They'd
18 always come up with different excuses. And it's a
19 kid, you know? You can't --

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Well, thank you for
21 stepping up for somebody --

22 MS. CANDI G.: -- you can't say no to a kid.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- that had no one
24 else.

25 MS. CANDI G.: And I let them in and her mom --

1 her mom disobeyed the rules that I had set when they
2 came in. And so I had -- when [REDACTED] was -- she was
3 about 10, I think, when that start -- when I first
4 met them. And I had to make them leave and it tore
5 me up, because I felt like I let her down. And
6 nothing is ever by coincidence. I don't think. Her
7 and my -- me and her mom remained friends and she
8 always had, like, excuses for [REDACTED]. And when I
9 would ask her things she would, like, dart it --
10 evade it, you know? And I was, like, something's not
11 right. And I couldn't -- you know, and then she went
12 into long-term care. And I was, like, why are they
13 putting her in long-term care? What for? Where'd
14 this come about? I couldn't put the pieces together.
15 And then, the night that I found out about her, it
16 was a Saturday -- Sunday, and I was with my fiancé
17 and one of our mutual friends; he was messaging her
18 and said, "Oh, my God, I just got a message about can
19 I be a foster -- a foster parent for a 16-year-old
20 girl." And I thought that it was a picture of Kenya
21 in the messages and she said Kenya Kemp and I was,
22 like, "Why do I know that name?" because I hadn't
23 talked to them in about a year. And I was, like,
24 "Why do I know [REDACTED]?" And I went, "Oh, my God,
25 that's [REDACTED] daughter." And I said, "Find out what's

1 wrong." And I told him, I said, "We don't have an
2 option." I said, "That girl has no business having
3 her in her home." I knew the friend. And I said,
4 "She can't be there." So Monday I knew -- I said, "I
5 let her down the first time." And I truly felt that
6 way; that I had let her down, because I didn't keep
7 her, and I didn't say what I -- I didn't speak out.
8 And so I just went Monday. I knew that that's where
9 I was supposed to go was to [REDACTED]. And then, when
10 they talked about possibly being able to open my home
11 full-time, I've always wanted to do that. And my
12 former husband, you know, he was, like, "No, we've
13 got enough kids." Well now I have a big enough
14 house. I have property. I have the means to do it
15 now and so I told my fiancé, I was, like, "Get ready.
16 We don't have to have grandbabies. We're going to
17 have foster babies." You know, "If they continue and
18 approve us, we're going to have foster babies." And
19 he said, "Okay." He said, "If we have to add on, if
20 we have to build, if that's what you want to do." I
21 said, "Look out, because our house might just be
22 full."

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Well thank you for
24 stepping up for her.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll make a motion

1 to approve the request.

2 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there any discussion?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,

6 "Aye."

7 (CHORUS OF AYES)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains. Thank you.

9 MS. CANDI G.: Thank you.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I -- she looks at
11 me and I go, like, (hand signals).

12 MS. CANDI G.: Y'all have a good day.

13 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: You too.

14 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 3:

15 MR. ANDREW DEVAULT: On the bottom of this stack
16 of paperwork that she has, I have a letter that Mr.
17 Randy just gave me. It was written by the foster
18 daughter and we didn't have time to make copies of
19 it. So if you want to see that, I guess we can pass
20 that around to read it. So this is Mr. Randy here
21 for permission to work, as well.

22 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

23 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Those were some
24 expensive stuffed animals, weren't they?

25 MR. RANDY C.: Yes, ma'am. They were.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'm just curious. What was
2 the animal that made you want to go do that?

3 MR. RANDY C.: It wasn't me. It was -- I was
4 with somebody that wanted to -- that was their idea.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Oh. Okay.

6 MR. RANDY C.: You know, so I went along with
7 them. But I'm still just as guilty.

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: 39 years is a long time to --

9 MR. RANDY C.: Yes -- yes, sir, it is.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- to get some good water
11 under your bridge. I make a motion we approve this
12 request.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second that.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,
15 "Aye."

16 (CHORUS OF AYES)

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And DCFS abstains.
18 Congratulations.

19 MR. RANDY C.: Thank you, sir. I appreciate
20 y'all. Thank you.

21 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 4:

22 MS. EBONY RUSS: You want to introduce yourself
23 for the court reporter?

24 MS. O'SHANEIA NELSON: I'm O'Sha Nelson,
25 resource worker from Area 3, and this is David J.,

1 who is asking for permission to work with children.

2 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion to the

4 Board?

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion

6 to approve this request.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion. I'll

8 second it. Is there any discussion, questions?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor, say

11 "Aye."

12 (CHORUS OF AYES)

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 COURT REPORTER: I didn't hear the second.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I abstain.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You abstain.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I abstain.

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

20 COURT REPORTER: Mr. Altom, I didn't hear the

21 second.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I was the second.

23 COURT REPORTER: You were the second?

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yes. You're free to go.

25 Congratulations.

1 MR. DAVID J.: Thank you, sir. I appreciate
2 y'all.

3 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 5:

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You want to go ahead and
5 state your name?

6 MS. DEA GARRISON: I'm Dea with the Division of
7 Children and Family. I'm here with Odis M.

8 COURT REPORTER: Ms. Dea, what's your last name?

9 MS. DEA GARRISON: Garrison.

10 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

11 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: How many grandchildren are
13 you looking at fostering?

14 MR. ODIS M.: Three.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Three? What are the ages?

16 MR. ODIS M.: Seven. I think -- no, I'm sorry.

17 [REDACTED] is five. [REDACTED] is three. And we have a --
18 it's a -- oh my God -- I can just -- she will sit --
19 She with me every day -- [REDACTED]. I had a little --
20 and so, it was up to me. I need to get the other two
21 with me. That's what I'm working on. Trying to get
22 them with me and take care of them. And so if I need
23 to assist with other kids, to help, I will. That's
24 not a problem.

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion from the

1 Board?

2 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll make a
3 motion to approve the request.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion to approve.
5 Is there a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll second.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Andrew seconds. DCFS will
8 abstain on this vote. All those in favor say, "Aye."

9 (CHORUS OF AYES)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

13 MR. ODIS M.: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you
14 everyone. Thank you.

15 MS. DEA GARRISON: You're welcome.

16 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 6:

17 MS. DEA GARRISON: I'm Dea Garrison with DCFS.
18 Here with Ms. Tracy G.

19 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Tell us about how you became
21 willing to be a fictive kin foster.

22 MS. TRACY G.: I've known [REDACTED] since she was
23 born. Her parents -- my husband and her dad have
24 been friends since we moved back to Hot Springs 20
25 years ago. And when her brother called me that they

1 were having issues there, I told them I would take
2 her and I had -- I had already talked to them -- when
3 Roman passed away and we knew that the kids were
4 going into foster care -- about helping.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We appreciate you willing to
6 do that -- your willingness. No issues for over 30
7 years -- or almost 30. I'll make a motion to approve
8 the request.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Have a second. All those in
11 favor, say "Aye."

12 (CHORUS OF AYES)

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains. You're free
16 to go.

17 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 7:

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Good afternoon. If you'll
19 got ahead and state your name for the court reporter?

20 MS. JUDY HOUFF: Okay. I'm Judy Houff and I'm
21 the resource worker for Miller County. And I have
22 Rico M. with me. He's also from Miller County.

23 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: How many grand-kids do you
25 have?

1 MR. RICO M.: Seven. Seven.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Seven?

3 MR. RICO M.: Yeah.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And how many are you
5 proposing to foster?

6 MR. RICO M.: Three.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Three?

8 MR. RICO M.: Yeah.

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

10 MR. RICO M.: Actually, you know, I've been
11 married for 15 years, May the 17th. I'm not
12 paternal. I've just been there since they were
13 birthed.

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Oh, okay. Well
15 what do they call you? Do you have a special name?

16 MR. RICO M.: Yeah. Pop-pop.

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Oh okay.

18 (INAUDIBLE) pop-pop (INAUDIBLE).

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve
20 the request. Is there a second?

21 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

22 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Second from Beverly. All
24 those in favor, say "Aye."

25 (CHORUS OF AYES)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And DCFS abstains.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstains.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

4 MR. RICO M.: Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Take care of those
6 grandbabies.

7 MR. RICO M.: You know it.

8 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Pop-pop.

9 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 10:

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: If you'll go ahead and state
11 your name for the court reporter?

12 MS. DANIELLE SIMMS: Danielle Simms.

13 MS. EBONY RUSS: There were a few on here that
14 could not appear.

15 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 8 AND 9:

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So is the Board
18 going to approve letting these that had temporaries
19 move to February and continue as a temporary?

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Which ones cannot?

21 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: They're number 8
22 and number 9.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Oh. What's the Board feeling
24 on these two? Do you want to push these to the next
25 meeting? Is there a motion?

1 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Yes.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I would make that
3 motion that we do.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion and a second
5 from Beverly. All in favor, say "Aye."

6 (CHORUS OF AYES)

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstains.

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right.

10 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 10 (CONTINUED):

11 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Takes a minute to read the
13 whole -- your narrative gives a lots of information.
14 Thanks.

15 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: How about telling us --
17 sharing a little bit of your story about how you came
18 about making the decision to do this?

19 MR. PETER S.: To become a foster parent --

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yes.

21 MR. PETER S.: -- and looking at adoption?

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yes.

23 MR. PETER S.: Well my wife and I had been
24 thinking about it for a couple of years actually. It
25 wasn't just on a whim that we decided to do this.

1 Our kids are both grown, you know, they're 19 and 17.
2 And, you know, about three years ago we looked into
3 about doing this, because, you know, we have a large
4 house, plenty of room, you know, and, you know, we've
5 got plenty to offer to a child that could use a good
6 family. You know, like I said, our children are
7 older. You know, they're graduated and moving on in
8 life and we're still pretty young. So we have a lot
9 to give still.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So how old is the child
11 you're -- you're looking at for adoption?

12 MR. PETER S.: She's currently 11; will be 12 in
13 January.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. Is there a motion from
15 the Board?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any questions?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion
20 we approve this request.

21 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I second that.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion and a
23 second. All those in favor say, "Aye."

24 (CHORUS OF AYES)

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

5 MR. PETER S.: All right. Thank you for your
6 time.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You bet.

8 PERMISSION TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 11:

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Go ahead and state your name
10 for the court reporter.

11 MS. DANIELLE SIMMS: Danielle Simms.

12 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Nothing since 1995?

14 MR. GARY G.: It was -- I actually caught the
15 case in '92, but it was '95 before I got locked up
16 over it. I was 17 years old when I caught the case.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion that we
18 approve this request. Is there a second?

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll second.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Charles seconds. All in
21 favor, say "Aye."

22 (CHORUS OF AYES)

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations. You're free
3 to go.

4 MR. GARY G.: Thank you, sir.

5 MS. EBONY RUSS: Ms. Simms, can you state your
6 client's name when you introduce yourself as well?

7 MS. DANIELLE SIMMS: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. EBONY RUSS: Okay. Thank you.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: No. The first and
10 last initial.

11 COURT REPORTER: Go ahead.

12 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 12:

13 MS. DANIELLE SIMMS: Danielle Simms, here with
14 Daniel.

15 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: How old is your niece?

17 MR. DANIEL P.: She's 10 months old now.

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Wow.

19 MR. DANIEL P.: Actually, I say that -- 11. I'm
20 sorry. Her birthday is January -- January the 6th.
21 So... Yeah. My first infant.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Are there any motions from
23 the Board?

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion
25 to approve this request.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion to approve.

2 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll second.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Andrew seconds. All those in
4 favor say, "Aye."

5 (CHORUS OF AYES)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

11 MR. DANIEL P.: All right. Perfect. Thank you.
12 You all have a great day.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thank you for coming in.

14 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 13:

15 MS. DANIELLE SIMMS: Danielle Simms and I'm here
16 with Crystal.

17 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion that we
19 approve this request. Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Have a second from Charles.
22 All in favor say, "Aye."

23 (CHORUS OF AYES)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

2 Congratulations.

3 MS. CRYSTAL B.: Thank you.

4 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 14:

5 MS. MELVA JONES: Hello.

6 MS. EBONY RUSS: How are you doing?

7 MS. MELVA JONES: Hello, I'm Melva Jones from --
8 a resource worker from Pulaski County and this is
9 Angela B.

10 MS. ANGELA B.: Angela, yes. Uh-huh.

11 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: How old is your grandson?

13 MS. ANGELA B.: 16.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: 16?

15 MS. ANGELA B.: Uh-huh.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion from the
17 Board?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion to
20 approve. Is there a second?

21 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll second.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from Andrew.
23 All those in favor say, "Aye."

24 (CHORUS OF AYES)

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

3 Congratulations.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.

5 MS. ANGELA B.: Well thank you. Y'all have a
6 wonderful day.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You, too.

8 MS. ANGELA B.: Okay.

9 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 15:

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: If you'll go ahead and state
11 your name for the court reporter and also the
12 individual's first name and last initial.

13 MS. JENNIFER WATKINS: All right. Jennifer
14 Watkins, DCFS, and we're here for a special
15 consideration for Ms. Janice W. Ms. Janice and her
16 wife have completed kinship training and are in the
17 process of getting opened as a relative foster home
18 for their niece.

19 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah. Want to make a motion?

21 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I make a
22 motion that we approve this request.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion to approve.
24 Is there a second?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll second. All those in
2 favor say, "Aye."

3 (CHORUS OF AYES)

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

7 Congratulations.

8 MS. JANICE W.: Thank you.

9 MS. JENNIFER WATKINS: Thank you.

10 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 16:

11 MS. SONYA PIERCE: I'm Sonya Pierce and I'm
12 resource worker for Lawrence County. Jimmy H. is
13 with me. We're trying to get approval for a kinship
14 placement for his granddaughter, who is four years
15 old. She lives with him, but it's her two-year-old
16 sister. And we have a special consideration on a
17 background check. And I will allow Jimmy to tell you
18 the circumstances around that.

19 MR. JIMMY H.: Well me and my wife, of almost 10
20 years, was having a rough patch and we had -- she was
21 a postmaster. And we were living pretty upscale at
22 the time. We had quite a bit of property. We'd
23 bought a thousand acres of land and things, you know,
24 together, and had it going on, and a new car in the
25 garage. And she started coming in late, you know,

1 like three hours late, and different things going on
2 that were really making me wonder, you know, if she
3 wasn't seeing somebody else, or whatever. And -- but
4 we had -- basically had a very good relationship.
5 But she comes in three hours late one night, after
6 the kids had been on the phone, for that whole three
7 hours, trying to get her to answer the phone, and she
8 wouldn't answer it. She come in, said she'd been to
9 Walmart for three hours, just walking around. And we
10 needed bread and milk in the house. Didn't bring
11 anything. Didn't buy anything. And I was so upset
12 by that point that I sprayed her down with a bottle
13 of ketchup. Got ketchup everywhere. My dad was
14 called in. Then, later on, this other thing
15 happened. She had been down here to Little Rock to
16 do some training, like a two-day-training, on the
17 weekend. I had been to church. And I've got four
18 sisters. We were singing a special. Really had a
19 good time. Went home, she was drunk and just
20 throwing a fit. We kind of got things calmed down
21 later on and went to bed. And she got up in the bed
22 fighting me and I got -- I just rolled out of bed and
23 I found my britches, and she was hitting me in the
24 back. Found my britches and kept trying to get my
25 leg in my britches, and she was hitting me, and I

1 couldn't get my leg in. Finally -- finally, I
2 realized that I had my belt in my hand on both sides.
3 And I pulled that belt out and I -- I whipped her
4 with it. And -- but I -- but I was so upset with
5 her, because we had so much, and things were going so
6 well, and that she just absolutely was just throwing
7 it all out the window. And that's -- that's the only
8 -- I look back on that and I can't believe it
9 happened. Still don't understand it to this day.
10 But it did. And that's pretty much -- I will say
11 this. It took almost three years to get this thing
12 finalized in court and get it finished out. And,
13 between that time, I went back to her and we stayed
14 together for another few months. And, finally, after
15 another trip to Newport, and getting a motel, and
16 staying for a few days, and this and that, I finally
17 just said it's enough, and we split. And then we had
18 to sell basically everything and start over. And
19 that was my second time that I had had to do that.
20 My first marriage lasted 10 years and basically had
21 to do that. And we had -- we had a telephone
22 company. Had a home up at Heber Springs and
23 everything was going great, and then, next thing you
24 know, it's just like a bomb went off. You just don't
25 have any control of these things. I'm on my third

1 marriage now. I've got -- I've been with her 21
2 years. We've got two kids. We've raised them.
3 We've got four grandbabies, counting this baby here,
4 and that's about -- that's the story.

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion
6 to approve this request.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion to approve
8 the request. Is there a second?

9 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from Andrew.
11 All those in favor say, "Aye."

12 (CHORUS OF AYES)

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

18 MR. JIMMY H.: Thank you.

19 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Congratulations.

20 MS. SONYA PIERCE: Thank you. I appreciate it.

21 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 17:

22 MS. LINDA GULLINGS: Good afternoon. My name is
23 Linda Gullings. I am Area 2, east, resource and I am
24 here today with Mr. Denton O. to ask for approval for
25 him to have -- be a relative placement for his

1 seventh month old nephew. And, while you're looking
2 at that, we have kind of a unique situation. There's
3 two -- two issues. But the first one, on the top,
4 with the highlighted mark, we just -- he went to the
5 ACIC this morning. He was a juvenile when that took
6 place. It's no longer on his record. So I just kind
7 of wanted to let you know about that. If you have
8 any questions for him, there he is.

9 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion from the
11 Board? Any questions?

12 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: No other issues?
13 No other issues except for when you were --

14 MR. DENTON O.: I haven't. The only thing I've
15 gotten since then is a speeding ticket.

16 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay. I might have
17 gotten a couple of those myself. So this was when
18 you were 18?

19 MR. DENTON O.: 17.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: 17?

21 MR. DENTON O.: 17.

22 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: It didn't get
23 through court until you were 18?

24 MR. DENTON O.: Yes.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll make a motion

1 to approve this request.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion from Andrew
3 to approve. Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Charles seconds. All those
6 in favor say, "Aye."

7 (CHORUS OF AYES)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I abstain.

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

13 MR. DENTON O.: Thank you.

14 MS. LINDA GULLINGS: Thank you.

15 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 18:

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: If you'll go ahead and state
17 your name, as well as your individual requesting the
18 waiver's first name and last initial --

19 MS. ERIN SMITH: Okay.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- for the court reporter.

21 MS. ERIN SMITH: My name is Erin Smith and I'm
22 asking for special consideration for Steven H. to be
23 able to move forward to open as a relative foster
24 home for his three grandchildren.

25 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any questions from the Board?
2 (NO RESPONSE)
3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion from the
4 Board?
5 (NO RESPONSE)
6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve
7 the request. Is there a second?
8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.
9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from
10 Charles. Any discussion?
11 (NO RESPONSE)
12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,
13 "Aye."
14 (CHORUS OF AYES)
15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?
16 (NO RESPONSE)
17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.
18 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.
19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.
20 MR. STEVE H.: Thank you, sir.
21 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: This is the second
22 area that are printing these front and back. I
23 wonder if something's gone out on conservation or
24 something.
25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Uh-huh. They may

1 have.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And the paper is
3 different.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: It's area 3, all
6 their's are front and back and printed. They've
7 never submitted front and back, but these packets are
8 all front and back.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: From area 3 and
11 this one.

12 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 19:

13 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Hi everybody. My name is
14 Kristen Swafford, with Area 2, resource, Sebastian
15 County, and I am here with Brenda H. Here requesting
16 that she get permission to work with children,
17 specifically her two grandchildren.

18 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You're a homebody now, you
20 say?

21 MS. BRENDA H.: I am.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: It'll be a lot of fun with a
23 three year old and a 10 month old, if you weren't
24 busy, I bet.

25 MS. BRENDA H.: For me, I was with them before

1 all this took place. I just hadn't -- wasn't home
2 when it took place.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

4 MS. BRENDA H.: I was with them ever since
5 they've been born. They're good babies. And I've
6 also had other children in my home. I had my three
7 nieces and nephew in my home in 2003. And then I had
8 my other three grandchildren in my home 2013 to 2019.
9 And I -- they was turned over to me from DHS. And
10 they closed the case on the last -- the other three.

11 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion to approve
12 the request?

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion
14 to approve the request.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion.

16 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from
18 Beverly. All those in favor say, "Aye."

19 (CHORUS OF AYES)

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Abstain.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

25 MS. BRENDA H.: Thank you.

1 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: She was nervous. So...

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Next up is Exhibit A.

3 MS. EBONY RUSS: Did you want to -- do we want
4 to go ahead and move 20. Mr. C., with Compact, up or
5 leave --

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Oh, I'm sorry. That's right.

7 MS. EBONY RUSS: -- leave that with --

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We can go ahead and do Mr. C.

9 MS. EBONY RUSS: Okay.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Compact. I was going down
11 the numbers and didn't see it.

12 MS. EBONY RUSS: It was newly added.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Right.

14 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 20:

15 MR. AUSTIN CLOWERS: Good afternoon, Board. I
16 am Austin Clowers. I am program coordinator for the
17 licensing unit. I am here on behalf of Compact
18 Family Services with Mr. Israel and Ms. Kim and Mr.
19 Brian, our representatives from Compact. Compact
20 Family Services is requesting a special consideration
21 for regulation R105.1, child caring staff shall be at
22 least 21 years old and have a high school diploma or
23 the equivalent. Mr. C. who attended high school in
24 Mexico was unable to obtain a copy of his diploma due
25 to the school that he attended shut down. Mr. C. is

1 dedicated to work with Compact and will be attending
2 a local college to obtain a GED. Compact Family
3 Services feels that Mr. C. is capable of being a
4 house parent in their residential program. A
5 temporary approval was granted on 11/01 of '21 and
6 the licensing unit supports this request.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any questions from the Board?

8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Make a motion to
9 approve this request from Compact.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion. Is there a
11 second?

12 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll second.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from Andrew.
14 All those in favor say, "Aye."

15 (CHORUS OF AYES)

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

19 MS. KIM ROCKWELL: Thank you. I appreciate it.

20 ITEM I. Exhibit "A" - Approval of Special

21 Considerations/Temporary Approvals "Bundle" "A":

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Next up on the agenda is item
23 -- Exhibit A, approval of special
24 considerations/temporary approvals, Bundle "A".

25 MS. EBONY RUSS: So you all received Bundle "A"

1 previously, through your email. We did have to go
2 back and send number -- item number nine. And we did
3 receive feedback on those.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion
6 that we approve this bundle.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion to approve
8 Exhibit "A".

9 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I second
10 that.

11 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from
12 Beverly. Any discussion?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I will say, Beverly, I
15 appreciate your keen eye on finding those issues.

16 MS. EBONY RUSS: Good catch.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Good catch. But... All
18 those in favor say, "Aye."

19 (CHORUS OF AYES)

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 Item I. GRACE ADOPTIONS - REQUEST TO TRANSFER LICENSE:

23 MS. EBONY RUSS: Please be advised that Grace
24 Adoptions, they withdrew their request to transfer
25 their license. There was some documentation that was

1 not provided for licensing.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: They withdrew it or
3 they're going to be back?

4 MS. EBONY RUSS: For now, it's a withdrawal.

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I was just curious.

6 MS. EBONY RUSS: Uh-huh.

7 ITEM II. EMMANUEL HOUSE - REQUEST FOR A NEW LICENSE:

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. Next up is Item 2 --
9 Emmanuel House request for a new license.

10 MS. EBONY RUSS: Actually we're going to go out
11 of order. We're going to do Timothy Hill first.

12 ITEM III. TIMOTHY HILL - CHANGE OF LICENSE STATUS:

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. Timothy Hill. Item 3.

14 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Good afternoon. I'm Sharra
15 Litzey, Program Manager for PRLU and with me I have a
16 representative from Timothy Hill. Timothy Hill
17 Children's Ranch received a provisional license in
18 September of 2020. The Agency has maintained
19 substantial compliance with minimum licensing
20 standards and the placement and residential licensing
21 unit. Timothy Hill has request -- has met the
22 requirements to move from provisional licensure to a
23 regular license status. PRLU supports this request.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Make a motion to
25 approve.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Have a motion to approve. Is
2 there a second?

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll be glad to
4 second that.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Charles seconds. All those
6 in favor say, "Aye."

7 (CHORUS OF AYES)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

11 MR. JIMMY BROOKS: Thank you. All I'll say is
12 we are grateful to be able to partner with the State
13 of Arkansas and we're grateful for the last year, and
14 the guidance that we've received, and we hope to be a
15 long-term partner, as we both hope to serve and want
16 to serve this population of people. So thank you for
17 your support.

18 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Thank you.

19 MR. JIMMY BROOKS: Is there anything else I need
20 to do?

21 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: That's it. You can exit
22 through that door.

23 MR. JIMMY BROOKS: Thank you for your time.

24 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: You're welcome.

25 MR. JIMMY BROOKS: Thank you all.

1 MS. EBONY RUSS: Immerse.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Immerse?

3 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Immerse.

4 (COURT REPORTER MAKES NAME REQUEST)

5 ITEM IV. IMMERSE ARKANSAS:

6 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: I'm Sharra Litzey, Program
7 Manager with the Placement and Residential Licensing
8 Unit. I am here today to request a conversion of a
9 license for Immerse Arkansas. Immerse Arkansas was
10 issued a provisional license in August of 2020 and
11 has maintained substantial compliance with minimum
12 licensing standards. Immerse Arkansas is requesting
13 to move from a provisional status to a regular
14 license status. PRLU supports this request and here
15 we have a representative from Immerse Arkansas if
16 anyone has any questions.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Does the Board have any
18 questions?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I make a motion we approve
21 this request.

22 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I'll second it.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sandi seconds. Any
24 discussions?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,
2 "Aye."

3 (CHORUS OF AYES)

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

7 MR. JUSTIN SANDERS: Thank you.

8 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: And that is it.

9 MR. JUSTIN SANDERS: Okay.

10 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: And your name is --

11 MR. JUSTIN SANDERS: Justin --

12 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Justin --

13 MR. JUSTIN SANDERS: -- Sanders.

14 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: -- Justin Sanders. Thank
15 you. Have a good day.

16 ITEM V. LEWISVILLE TREATMENT CENTER - CHANGE OF LICENSE STATUS:

17 DR. DEIDRA HAYMAN: Good afternoon.

18 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Good afternoon. Hello. I'm
19 Sharra Litzey, Program Manager with PRLU, and we are
20 here with Lewisville Treatment Center to convert
21 their regular provisional license to a regular
22 license. And with us is Dr. Deidra Hayman to answer
23 any questions as a representative for Lewisville
24 Treatment Center. Rite of Passage, owner of ROAR, is
25 requesting to transition from a provisional license

1 to a regular license. The agency has maintained
2 substantial compliance since opening. PRLU supports
3 this request.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Does the Board have any
5 questions?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Would you like to address the
8 Board in any way?

9 DR. DEIDRA HAYMAN: Okay. So far, since we got
10 there, we've made so many changes to the facility
11 itself. We have been working on our CARF
12 accreditation for our program -- our substance abuse
13 treatment program for the teen boys. At this
14 particular moment, we've got six boys on campus and
15 we will be -- we usually get referrals at the
16 beginning of the month, so we should be getting some
17 more referrals in pretty soon. And the kids are
18 doing well. They are happy and we're having a good
19 time down there.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Great.

21 MS. DEIDRA HAYMAN: Yeah.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations on seeking
23 that CARF accreditation. That's not easy.

24 DR. DEIDRA HAYMAN: Yeah. That's really
25 important. Yeah.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah.

2 DR. DEIDRA HAYMAN: It's very important.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve
4 this request. Is there a second?

5 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: And I'll
6 second.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from
8 Beverly. Any more discussion or questions?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,
11 "Aye."

12 (CHORUS OF AYES)

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

16 DR. DEIDRA HAYMAN: Thank you. Thank you, so
17 much.

18 DR. DEIDRA HAYMAN: Thank you, ma'am.

19 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: You're welcome.

20 (REPORTER ASKS FOR SPELLING OF THE TYPE OF
21 ACCREDITATION.)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Next up is Compact Family
23 Services.

24 MS. EBONY RUSS: No, sir. Compact Family
25 Services requested to be moved at the end. So we did

1 that for Item 20. So we can mark through this one.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So mark through this one?

3 MS. EBONY RUSS: Uh-huh.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right.

5 MS. EBONY RUSS: So we should be on Emmanuel
6 House.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right.

8 ITEM II. EMMANUEL HOUSE - REQUEST FOR A NEW LICENSE:

9 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Good afternoon. I'm Sharra
10 Litzey, with the Placement and Residential Licensing
11 Unit, here to request a new license for Emmanuel
12 House of Hope. And representing Emmanuel House of
13 Hope is Marilyn Johnson and Belinda Price, to answer
14 any questions that the Board may have. Emmanuel
15 House of Hope is requesting an emergency residential
16 childcare facility license to serve 12 children
17 between the ages of six and 17. Emmanuel House is
18 located at 1705 2nd Street in Earle, Arkansas.
19 Emmanuel House wishes to provide the following
20 services: They want to provide a safe and stable
21 environment for at risk children; they want to
22 provide group therapy, social life skills group,
23 parenting skills and parenting support groups; and
24 build a link between the community and families
25 needing services. Emmanuel House of Hope does not

1 hold any other license in any other states. Marilyn
2 Johnson will serve as the administrator for Emmanuel
3 House and Belinda Price will serve as the social
4 services director. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Price plan to
5 work at Emmanuel House on a day to day basis with the
6 hopes of incorporating a third staff to come in and
7 assist when needed. Medication will be provided to
8 the children -- if there's anyone that takes
9 medication -- by a staff assigned to do those duties.
10 Included in this packet are a list of the agency's
11 board of directors. For financial soundness for
12 Emmanuel House, they plan to accept children from the
13 community, but do not currently have any contracts
14 with any Arkansas state agencies to provide care for
15 kids. Emmanuel House has a certain amount of money
16 in their checking account and they will use those
17 funds for a daily -- day to day operations to pay for
18 those expenses. Emmanuel House plans to apply for
19 grants and provide group therapy housing for
20 children. Their projected budget and earnings are
21 attached. Emmanuel House, as I stated earlier, is
22 located at 1705 South 2nd Street, in Earle. The home
23 has three large bedrooms that would accommodate the
24 number of children that have been requested. The
25 home has a washroom, a kitchen, a dining area, a

1 living room, a visitation area, a study room, an area
2 for recreation and TV, and a patio, as well. The
3 home has passed a fire, health and zoning
4 inspections, which are also included in the packet.
5 Emmanuel House appears to be able to operate in full
6 compliance with licensing standards. Emmanuel House
7 is requesting a new provisional license for one year,
8 to provide residential care for 12 children between
9 the ages of 12 and 17. PRLU does not support this
10 request.

11 MS. EBONY RUSS: Can you let them know, based on
12 what?

13 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: And PRLU is not supporting
14 this request, based on the financial information that
15 has been submitted by Emmanuel House. There is money
16 in their accounts, but there is no -- the plan does
17 not list fringe benefits for their employees and some
18 of the other areas. The funding that's listed in
19 there is a small amount for the program -- the number
20 of children that they want to serve in the program.

21 MR. ANDREW WATSON: Yeah, that was actually a
22 question that I was going to have, is where would the
23 funding -- the continuing funding come from -- the
24 ongoing funding?

25 MS. BELINDA PRICE: I have some personal money

1 that I could use.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Did you say
3 residential for 12 children?

4 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Yes.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: The space doesn't
6 seem --

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Right.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- right. The
9 bedroom space or -- is there -- seems like the house
10 would not fit 12 children --

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Right.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- that 12 children
13 would not fit in that house. And I didn't bring the
14 packet down with me. I'd have to look back on it and
15 see. There was something about the house.

16 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Here it is.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: There was an error on
18 (INAUDIBLE); it looks like.

19 MS. BELINDA PRICE: It's a 4,000 square feet
20 house.

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Right.

22 MS. BELINDA PRICE: There's one extremely large
23 bedroom and each bedroom has four beds in it.
24 There's a bathroom -- it's like a master bath --
25 bedroom that has its own bathroom. And then two

1 smaller bathrooms -- no, bedrooms that have this
2 bedroom as -- a bedroom -- a bathroom for it. And
3 then there's a hallway in between them. But they're
4 pretty spacious.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: You did check the
6 square footage though and it will accommodate --

7 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Yes.

8 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah, that's what I
9 was wondering was --

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Well they've got the
11 measurements of the -- I would say the drawing is not
12 to scale --

13 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Uh-huh. It's not.

14 MR. ANDREW WATSON: -- to what the measurements
15 that are indicating. So I think that's maybe part of
16 it.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: That might be what
18 it was. Plus the ages -- 6 to 18. That's --

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: None of it seems to
22 fit.

23 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: You know one of --

24 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- fit.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- one -- one of

1 the things that I would caution is -- caution you all
2 on is these ages -- mixing the ages and the number of
3 kids --

4 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Uh-huh.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- you know, in a
6 --

7 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And of course
8 residential care, six years old -- I mean it's --

9 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: And -- and --

10 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- it's 6 to 18.

11 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- and, you know,
12 the layout of the home. Staff being able to see
13 what's going on, you know, from one end of the house
14 to the other, because you've got, you know, the
15 bedrooms are on opposite ends of the house.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Uh-huh.

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: And you've got --
18 you've got these bathrooms in bedrooms. You've got,
19 you know, if my math is correct, we're talking, you
20 know, 12 kids, that's four kids in each room.
21 There's just some -- I think some bad things could
22 happen pretty quickly.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So I have a question about
24 the financials. Number one is I was under the
25 impression that you had to give an annual budget.

1 Annualized budget --

2 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yes.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- in your application.

4 Right now we only have six months, it looks like.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Right.

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: The other thing is that I
7 don't see where -- I see where it says current income
8 on one page, donations, and then the other page that
9 we have in our packet, there's current income that
10 doesn't have -- it was -- was this an update? Did
11 they first submit this --

12 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Yes.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- and you said you've gotta
14 show your income. Okay. That's what I thought. The
15 other question, I get the fact that, you know, you're
16 going to ramp up the program, so obviously you
17 wouldn't start with 12 kids, but your line items on
18 your food and nutrition and stuff seem to be way low.
19 You know, I do -- I don't do a lot of shopping, but
20 when I do have to run to the grocery store, I don't
21 think I could -- and this is just me and my wife -- I
22 don't think we could, you know, survive on food and
23 nutrition of \$75.00 for a month.

24 MS. BELINDA PRICE: We've already talked with
25 the Mayor in Earle and he runs the food program and

1 that we can tap into.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah. That's not in the
3 application though, is it?

4 MS. BELINDA PRICE: No.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

6 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah, and the
7 problem with that is, you know, what happens if they
8 start running low and that kind of thing. So what we
9 need to see is, we need to see that y'all would have
10 the financial backing to be able to take care of the
11 needs whether it's toiletries, food -- all of the
12 above.

13 MS. MARILYN JOHNSON: Well we plan to tap into
14 our -- again, when we started, we started out with
15 our personal account and a budget of \$150,000, and,
16 with the building costs, and so forth, that -- the
17 water sprinkler that we had to put in kind of
18 absorbed some of it. So --

19 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah.

20 MS. MARILYN JOHNSON: -- again we went back, and
21 we have decided that we would go back into and revamp
22 and put some of our personal savings in again.

23 MS. BELINDA PRICE: You were saying that the --
24 we would not be able to monitor and supervise the
25 children because of how the structure is designed.

1 My concept of having a residential program is that
2 the bedroom part of the house is for sleeping. So,
3 at the other times, the rooms are designed so that
4 the staff can be with the children at all times. And
5 we plan to have them in structured activities, so
6 that they're with staff, doing things, except when
7 they go to bed.

8 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yes, ma'am. But
9 that's when things -- that's when bad things can
10 happen, because, you know, during bedtime, nighttime,
11 that kind of thing. And you're mixing, you know, you
12 start mixing ages in there, that adds to your risk.

13 MS. MARILYN JOHNSON: But staff will be there --
14 staff will be there to monitor. It's not like
15 they're gonna go to bed and staff would not be there.
16 Staff will be there to monitor.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You know, I don't know that
18 there's a requirement that you have to have a --

19 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: There's -- there's
20 -- I don't think there is, but --

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Well I was going to say is I
22 don't think there's a requirement that you have to
23 have a contract with anybody to get a license. But I
24 do think this Board has a fiduciary responsibility to
25 the State of Arkansas to basically look at a budget

1 -- a proposed budget of what you think you can do,
2 and it be realistic. And I just do not -- I do not
3 have confidence on six months. I don't think this is
4 realistic. I would also encourage you to maybe
5 explore -- following, you know, a GAAP format, which
6 is general accounting principals as far as, you know,
7 your income up front, but then your expenses, so it's
8 easier to read, so everybody kind of understands
9 exactly where that's coming from -- where the
10 resources are, whether it's personal, whether it's
11 donations, whatever. But I'm not -- I will tell you
12 that if we vote on this today, I would vote not to
13 approve this the way it is. And I guess I'm letting
14 the Board know that -- that that's the way I feel
15 about it. And I think, you know, you have an
16 opportunity to withdraw this and bring it back after
17 you work on it or we can go ahead and consider it
18 today. Unless the Board has other -- different
19 feelings.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I would be -- I
21 would be a no vote on this, as well. And, again, I
22 don't want to discourage y'all from not doing this, I
23 just -- I think that there's things that need to be
24 put in place --

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: One of the things also you --

1 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- such as the
2 budget and knowing there where that income, you know,
3 having a good idea where that income is going to come
4 from. Major legwork.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I would also be a
6 no vote today -- if we vote today.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So my recommendation to the
8 Board is that we offer you the opportunity -- I'll
9 make this a motion. We will -- I motion that we give
10 this individual an opportunity to withdraw this
11 application, rework it, resubmit it at a later date.
12 It could be the next meeting, whenever we -- whenever
13 you have it. But that's my motion. Is there a
14 second?

15 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll second that.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from Andrew.
17 All those in favor say, "Aye."

18 (CHORUS OF AYES)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So you have the opportunity
22 if you so choose -- you can withdraw this and then
23 resubmit it. It's up to you.

24 MS. MARILYN JOHNSON: We will withdraw and
25 resubmit it.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. And here again, if you
2 have questions, you can feel free to reach out to me
3 or any of the other members on the Board if you're
4 not sure about something or you have a question.
5 I'll be happy to, you know, give you what I know
6 about, you know, this type of information. It's not
7 a test, it's just that we want to see -- we want to
8 license good providers that come together with a good
9 plan.

10 MS. BELINDA PRICE: What do you consider to be
11 financially sound?

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You tell me that. Because I
13 don't know how much you pay your employees and I
14 don't know -- but that's where -- that's where we're
15 coming from, is, realistically, your budget needs to
16 spell that out, so we can look. You can tell us this
17 is where the revenue is. This is where -- where you
18 plan to -- you understand a pro-forma is not -- it's
19 not necessarily going to be exactly how it happens --

20 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Right.

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- but it's your best guess
22 of how you see this operating as you start out. And
23 you've got to understand, this is also -- in the
24 licensing process, you don't immediately get the
25 license to be permanent. It's temporary for one year

1 --

2 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Exactly.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- until we see how it does.
4 But, even on the temporary, we're not going to
5 license something that we just -- that this is not
6 appropriate in my opinion. That's it.

7 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Thank you.

8 ITEM VII. REPORT OF TEMPORARY APPROVALS/ACTIONS (LOGS
9 PRESENTED):

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Next on the agenda, for
11 temporary approvals/actions - logs presented.

12 MS. EBONY RUSS: Yes, sir. So you all have the
13 temporary approvals and action logs presented from
14 October '21 and November of 2021. Those would have
15 been the items that Emmanuel House, Timothy Hill,
16 Immerse, Lewisville and Compact. You all have
17 reviewed that.

18 ITEM VIII. OTHER BUSINESS, (a) PRESENTATION OF PRTF UPDATES:

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Other business --
20 presentation of the PRTF updates.

21 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Good afternoon. I'm Sharra
22 Litzey, Program Manager for PRLU. I wanted to
23 provide the Board with some update on psychiatric
24 residential programs. The first program we'll
25 discuss will be Little Creek and we have a

1 representative from Little Creek, if the Board has
2 any questions of Mr. Matt Wilshire.

3 Little Creek Behavioral Hospital was placed on a
4 corrective action agreement on September 29, 2021.
5 The agency has continued to make improvements since
6 being placed on their corrective action agreement.
7 They have worked to begin to retrain all of their
8 staff in restraint holds. They have worked to ensure
9 that their staff are properly trained in all of their
10 policies and procedures before they are being placed
11 on the floor to work. And PRLU is making weekly
12 visits to Little Creek to monitor and check for
13 compliance. If the Board has any questions, again,
14 Mr. Matt Wilshire is here to answer any questions.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thanks for coming in Matt.

16 MR. MATT WILSHIRE: Sure.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I don't have any questions.
18 Does the Board?

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I don't have any.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

21 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: All right. Thank you.

22 MR. MATT WILSHIRE: Thank y'all.

23 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: And next I will give an
24 update on Perimeter Forrest City. And
25 representatives from Piney Ridge of Forrest City are

1 CEO Ms. Charlotte Lockhart, and Mr. Jackson, and Ms.
2 Pope -- Ms. Hope.

3 Perimeter of Forrest City was placed on a
4 corrective action agreement on July 19th of 2021.
5 Since being placed on that corrective action
6 agreement, Perimeter of Forrest City has made
7 improvements to their -- to their buildings and
8 grounds and they are continuing to make some
9 improvements to ensure that the children are safe.
10 There have been -- there have been some issues of
11 elopements, where kids are just kicking the -- they
12 know where the metal attaches -- the magnet attaches
13 -- and they're just kicking that, and they have been
14 eloping. But the parts have come in for that and
15 that has been replaced. Forrest City has worked to
16 retrain their staff and are continuing to work with
17 their staff. In the upcoming week they -- I'm sorry.
18 No -- this week they're doing a all staff training
19 and PRLU will be present to do some retraining on the
20 900 sections with their staff. We've done it via
21 video, but since they're doing this big training,
22 we've decided to go in and be a part of that training
23 with them. There have been some continued reports
24 coming in. It appears as though they have some
25 really violent clients that they serve and so we've

1 been trying to work with them on plans of when
2 somebody has to be restrained, of how they can
3 transition those other kids out of that area, to keep
4 them from being involved in that incident. So we're
5 continuing to work with them and monitor that. So if
6 you guys have any questions, they're here to answer
7 any of those for you.

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Does the Board have any
9 questions or comments?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Do you guys have any
12 information that you would like to provide to the
13 Board?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: All right. Thank you.

16 MS. CHARLOTTE LOCKHART: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thank you for being here.

18 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: And then, lastly, we have an
19 update on United Methodist in Little Rock and we have
20 a representative, Mr. Craig Gammon, here to answer
21 any questions that the Board may have.

22 United Methodist of Little Rock was placed on a
23 corrective action agreement at the beginning of
24 October of this year. The agency is receiving weekly
25 monitor visits. Some things that the agency has

1 done, as it being a part of this corrective action
2 agreement, is at one point they stopped accepting new
3 admissions to ensure that all of the their staff was
4 retrained in their restraint procedures. Since that
5 time, all staff have been trained. There has been a
6 decrease in restraint holds that have been reported
7 to licensing and we feel that United Methodist is
8 making progress on their -- towards the items listed
9 on their corrective action agreement.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Are there any questions from
11 the Board?

12 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Mr. Gammon, do you have
13 anything that you want to add?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: Thank you.

16 MR. CRAIG GAMMON: Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thank you, Craig.

18 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: And that concludes the
19 update on our PRTF programs.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. I understand the next
21 Child Welfare Review Board meeting is February 23rd?

22 MS. EBONY RUSS: Yes. That is correct.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And it will still be in this
24 building?

25 MS. EBONY RUSS: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

2 MS. EBONY RUSS: And just make note, the board
3 meetings will no -- no longer be available by Zoom.
4 So we're going back to the old ways of doing it.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So how is Sanford's
7 health? Is he -- I mean, he had been attending by
8 Zoom. Is he going to be able to join us?

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sanford called me today.
10 He's had -- he's had some major issues with his
11 family. He's had three immediate family members pass
12 away. He will be at the next meeting.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. I know we
14 still have an opening at -- the member at large
15 position?

16 MS. EBONY RUSS: Yes. Is that for -- so who
17 fills that position? Would it be the Governor's
18 office?

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Governor's office.

20 MS. EBONY RUSS: Okay.

21 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yes.

22 MS. EBONY RUSS: All right.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any other business before the
24 Board?

25 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: Did y'all like -- was this --

1 seem to work better, the way we had it set up this
2 time?

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: It's good. It's
4 easy to communicate, easy to hear. Got 'em close to
5 the reporter down there. So looks like it's a good
6 set up.

7 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah, it seems to
8 be good; sets people at ease when they come in, too.

9 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I did, too.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Yeah.

11 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I think they're more personal
12 with us. I like that.

13 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: And it was
14 well organized.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah. Great job.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Joe, you okay with it?

17 MR. JOE WEST: Uh-huh. As long is it -- hey,
18 it's an open public meeting. As long as anybody who
19 wants to come in can watch, it'll work.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

21 MS. EBONY RUSS: All right.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right. We're --
23 entertain a motion to adjourn.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So moved.

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Motion and second?

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BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right. We're adjourned.

(THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32
p.m. on December 8, 2021.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
BEFORE THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY REVIEW
BOARD
Wednesday, December 8, 2021

I, Laura L. Carnahan, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the aforesaid state, certify that I reported the proceedings in the aforementioned case; that said reporting has been reduced to a transcription by me, or under my direct supervision, and the foregoing pages numbered 1-65 constitute a true and correct transcript of the proceedings held, to the best of my ability.

WITNESS my hand and seal as such Court Reporter on this 10th day of January, 2022.

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