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January 3, 2012

Ms. Nicole Ellermeier, Executive Director
Whispering Creek Assisted Living
2607 Nicklaus Boulevard
Sioux City, IA 51106

**RE: Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report – Whispering Creek
Assisted Living, Sioux City, IA**

Dear Ms. Ellermeier:

Enclosed is the **Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report** completed by the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 231C and Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) chapters 481–67 and 481–69. **No Regulatory Insufficiencies were found during this evaluation.**

The review of the recertification documents you submitted has been completed and are accepted. In addition, the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) inspection report has been received as well as the Facility Engineer's approval of the Evacuation Plans for your program.

Enclosed you will find the Assisted Living Program Certificate **S0307** with effective dates of **January 4, 2012** through **January 3, 2014**.

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact me at 515/281-4116.

Sincerely,

Jim Berkley

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Program Coordinator
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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS
Assisted Living Program
Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report

Assisted Living Program:

Nicole Ellermeier, Executive Director
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2607 Nicklaus Boulevard
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Date of Monitoring Visit:

October 26, 2011

Monitor(s):

Lori Miner, RN BSN
Hal Chase, RN BSN MPH

Definitions: *The following definitions are relevant:*

Assisted Living Program – A program certified under 481 IAC 69 that provides housing with contracted services to three or more tenants in a physical structure that provides a homelike environment. Services may include but are not limited to health-related care, personal care, and assistance with instrumental activities of daily living. A General Population Program is an Assisted Living Program that is not dementia-specific but may have tenants with cognitive disorder.

Dementia-Specific Assisted Living Program - An assisted living program certified under 481 IAC 69 that serves fewer than fifty-five (55) tenants and has five (5) or more tenants who have dementia between Stages 4 and 7 on the Global Deterioration Scale (GDS), or serves 55 or more tenants and 10 percent or more of the tenants have dementia between Stages 4 and 7 on the GDS, or holds itself out as providing specialized care for persons with dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, in a dedicated setting.

Regulatory Insufficiency - A violation of a statutory or rule provision within the Code of Iowa (2011) or the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) governing assisted living programs. A regulatory insufficiency requires a plan of correction to be presented to and approved by the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA).

Plan of Correction - A written response to one or more regulatory insufficiencies that are statutory or rule violations. The plan should identify how and by what date each regulatory insufficiency will be corrected, and what measures will be taken to ensure the problem does not recur. The plan is due to DIA within ten (10) working days of the program's receipt of a Complaint/Incident Investigation Report. Depending on the circumstances, DIA may revisit the assisted living program to confirm progress in fulfilling a plan's corrective measures.

Overview: *In preparing this report, the following information was considered:*

Current Program Census

Assisted Living Programs are defined by the type of population served. The census numbers were provided by the Program at the time of the on-site.

General Population Program	
Number of tenants without cognitive disorder:	27
Number of tenants with cognitive disorder:	4
Total Population of Program at time of on-site	31
Dementia-Specific Program by Dedication	
Number of tenants without cognitive disorder:	16
Number of tenants with cognitive disorder:	16
Total Population of Program at time of on-site	47
TOTAL census of Assisted Living Program	

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – A meeting was held with 26 tenants. Housekeeping was completed to the tenants' satisfaction. The building and grounds were reported to be clean, safe, and sanitary. Call pendants were used to request assistance. Staff members were reported to arrive in less than one minute. The care received was described as good. The tenants reported being treated well and the way they want to be treated. The food was described as good with hot food being served hot. There were enough activities offered with no suggestions for further activities. The tenants felt safe at the program and would generally recommend it to others.

Program History – The program did not receive any regulatory insufficiencies during this certification period.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – The monitor(s) made observations detailed in the following areas. There were no regulatory insufficiencies noted during this onsite investigation.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2011.