

Arkansas Health Services Permit Commission
Permit of Approval Meeting
Mosaic Templars State Temple- 2nd Floor Conference Room/ Microsoft TEAMS
December 9, 2025
10:00 A.M.

Minutes

Presiding: Mr. Eric Bell (TEAMS)

Members Present:

Ms. Jamie Ewing (TEAMS)
Mr. John Montgomery
Mr. Haden Gilder (TEAMS)
Mr. David Deaton (TEAMS)
Mr. Murry Reagor (TEAMS)
Mr. Greg Wood (TEAMS)

Member(s) Absent: Dr. Jack Robertson

Health Services

Agency Staff: Director Sandra Hollowell
Ms. Traci Harris
Ms. Jennifer Cooper

Legal Counsel: Will Puddephatt for Jessica Kloss

Guests: Attendance Sheet attached

I. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. After roll call, Chairman Bell called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2025 meeting.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilder . A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

AGENCY REPORT: Director Sandra Hollowell reviewed the Agency Application Decisions of September Review Cycle.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Deaton to approve the Agency Application Decisions Report for the September Review Cycle. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ewing. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE

Will Puddephatt,(in for Jessica Kloss) Attorneys General Office Liaison, updated the Commission on Step by Step, Inc. filing a petition for a Judicial Review (of the Commission decision to overturn the Agency decision to grant Step by Step a POA to provide Home Health services in Faulkner County) in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Agency filed a brief on October 20, 2025. No other actions for the Agency to take at this time.

Mr. Puddephatt also reported on Collage Home and Community which filed appeals in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County to overturn the Commission's decision to uphold the Agency's denial of their application to provide Home Health Services Class "B" to be located at 400 W. Capitol Ave, Little Rock, Arkansas, to serve Pulaski County and the Commission's decision to uphold the Agency's decision to deny their application to provide Home Health Services Class "B" to be located at 2894 N. McKee Circle, Fayetteville, Arkansas, to serve Washington County. In the process of filing Administrative Reviews.

Mr. Puddephatt also reported on 1st Choice Home Care which filed appeals in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County to overturn the Commission's decision to overturn the Agency's decision to approve the 1st Choice Home Care, File# HSPA (1643)25 application to provide Home Health Services Class "B" License location to be determined, Arkansas, to serve Phillips County. Also, the Commission's decision to overturn the Agency's decision to approve the 1st Choice Home Care, File# HSPA (1644)25 application to provide Home Health Services Class "B" License location to be determined, Arkansas, to serve Union County.

II. EXTENSION REQUESTS

1. **Grand Oaks Assisted Living, Jefferson Co., File# HSPA (1615)** - requested their **fourth** six-month extension to complete the foundation. Applicants request an extension to complete the foundation of the Grand Oaks Senior Living project located at 200 Erica Lane, White Hall, Arkansas 71602. While the project is on schedule currently, with the upcoming holidays and potential for inclement weather conditions, I think it is better to be safe than sorry. Ms. April Spencer participated through TEAMS and gave an update.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Deaton and seconded by Ms. Ewing to grant the fourth six-month extension to complete the foundation. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

2. **Mitchell's Nursing Home, Yell Co., File# HSPA (1573)** - requested their **ninth** six-month extension to complete the foundation. Mitchell's Nursing Home, Inc. offers the following to demonstrate "good cause" for extending the initial time to complete the foundation. This Permit of Approval is for the expansion of the facility located in Danville, Arkansas. As you know, the Permit Holder continues to operate its current facility and serve the residents of the community. In furtherance of this project, the Permit Holder has previously demolished an existing structure on site, which ultimately required asbestos abatement. The Permit Holder was able to secure an appropriate construction contract for this project as well. Ms. Kerri Kobbeman participated through TEAMS and gave an update.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Reagor to grant the ninth six-month extension to complete the foundation. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

3. **Mission Ridge, Craighead Co., File# HSPA (1565)** – requested their **tenth** six-month extension to complete the foundation. Mission Ridge offers the following to demonstrate "good cause" for extending the time to complete the foundation for this project. As you know, the Mission Ridge project was licensed for a 23-bed assisted living facility that will be located in Jonesboro next door to the NEA Baptist hospital. The Permit

Holder has determined to use a residential care concept that it believes best serves the needs of the community. The Permit Holder continues to make progress in its design concept. Per the September 10, 2025, progress report provided to the AHSPA, in order to overcome challenges that the industry has seen in financing. Commission requested a three (3) month progress report on the project. Ms. Kerri Kobbeman participated through TEAMS and gave an update.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Gilder and seconded by Mr. Reagor to grant the tenth six-month extension to complete the foundation and the Commission requested a 3-month progress report. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. MOVEMENT OF BEDS

- 1. Mulberry Lodge, Sebastian County Retirement Center and Greenwood Retirement Center,** requested to transfer of twelve (12) beds from Mulberry Lodge RCF in Crawford County; six (6) beds to Sebastian County Retirement Center: and six (6) beds to Greenwood Retirement Center both facilities are located in Sebastian County. Ms. Ashley Hudson participated through TEAMS and gave an update.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Montgomery to grant the transfer of the twelve (12) beds from Mulberry Lodge RCF in Crawford County, transferring six (6) beds to Sebastian County Retirement Center; and six (6) beds to Greenwood Retirement Center both facilities are located in Sebastian County, Arkansas. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

- 2. Brooken Hill Health and Rehab** requested an intercounty movement of beds. To move sixteen (16) beds from the closed facility, Clarksville Nursing and Rehab, LLC in Johnson County; to move two (2) beds from the closed facility, Deerview, LLC in Yell County; and to move an additional seven (7) beds from the closed facility, Abbey Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center located in Garland County, a total of twenty-five (25) beds to their facility located in Sebastian County. Ms. Amy Wilbourn participated through TEAMS and gave an update.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Gilder to grant the movement of sixteen (16) beds from the closed facility, Clarksville Nursing and Rehab, LLC in Johnson County; to move two (2) beds from the closed facility, Deerview, LLC in Yell County; and to move an additional seven (7) beds from the closed facility, Abbey Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center located in Garland County, a total of twenty-five (25) beds to their facility located in Sebastian County. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

- 3. Rogers Health and Rehabilitation Center** requested an intra-county transfer of twenty-three (23) beds from The Green House Cottages of Northwest Arkansas, LLC to their facility. Both facilities are located in Benton County. Commissioner Montgomery recused himself the discussion and vote and gave an update.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Reagor and seconded by Mr. Deaton to grant the intra-county transfer of twenty-three (23) beds from The Green House Cottages of Northwest Arkansas, LLC to their facility. Both facilities are located in Benton County. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Reagor to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.