

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Fox Ridge of Bryant

File # HSPA (1270)-10

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND ORDER**

Findings of Fact

The applicant, **Agecare, LLC dba Fox Ridge Estate**, an existing 55 bed ALF, located at 4216 Fox Ridge Dr, Bryant, AR (Saline County) is seeking a Permit of Approval (POA) for additional eighteen (18) Assisted Living Level II beds. The applicant will convert nine (9) existing independent living apartments to nine (9) double - occupancy assisted living rooms. This will give Fox Ridge Estate a total of 73 ALF beds. Projected capital expenditure for this conversion is \$6,000. The Agency makes the following findings of fact:

NEED: The net need for Assisted Living beds in Saline County is 245. There are two other licensed ALFs in the county for a total of 165 beds and one 32 bed RCF in the county, there are currently no approved POAs. There are no competing applications.

The need requirement is met for eighteen (18) beds.

STAFFING: The Agency has no objective reason to believe the proposed facility could not be adequately staffed. Fox Ridge Management Company has orientation every Thursday to orient the new staff members. Referrals, ads in the paper and walk-in applicants have been satisfactory for staffing all of the current locations including Fox Ridge of Bryant.

ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY The applicant wishes to convert nine (9) independent living apartments into eighteen (18) ALF II beds. This conversion will give the existing facility a total of 73 ALF beds.

The rooms are already constructed. The projected capital expenditure for this project is \$6,000. This cost will be financed by the company's Retained Earnings. The applicant has provided three-year balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements dated December 31, 2009.

COST CONTAINMENT: By adding the additional beds for Fox Ridge at Bryant, the Bryant facility will continue to meet the growing need for assisted living. Assisted living enables individuals to live longer healthier lives with the care and assistance at the same location with transition from independent living. Being able to provide care and assistance on site helps the community, state and federal health care system to contain cost as well as help the individual to remain independent.

Conclusions of Law

The application **DOES SATISFY** the statutory and regulatory requirements for the issuance of a Permit of Approval.

ORDER

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency hereby orders that the Applicant be **APPROVED** for a Permit of Approval (POA) for the purpose of converting nine (9) independent living apartments to eighteen (18) Assisted Living Level II beds at **Fox Ridge of Bryant**, an existing 55 bed Assisted Living Facility to create a 73 bed ALF II located at 4216 Fox Ridge Dr, Bryant, AR (Saline County). Projected capital expenditure is \$0.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 15th DAY OF April, 2010

DIRECTOR, HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT AGENCY