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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

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STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOAH NO. 11-33721
AHCA NOs. 2011006466
2011006798

GENE COWLES¹ AND AMELIA COWLES d/b/a
HILLANDALE ASSISTED LIVING,

Respondents.

STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOAH NO. 13-3111
AHCA NO. 2013005360

GENE COWLES AND AMELIA COWLES d/b/a
HILLANDALE ASSISTED LIVING,

Respondents.

STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

AHCA NO. 2013011366

GENE COWLES AND AMELIA COWLES d/b/a
HILLANDALE ASSISTED LIVING,

Respondents.

¹ Mr. Cowles passed away on January 23, 2013.

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,**

Petitioner,

vs.

AHCA NO. 2013012853

**GENE COWLES AND AMELIA COWLES d/b/a
HILLANDALE ASSISTED LIVING,**

Respondents.

**GENE COWLES AND AMELIA COWLES d/b/a²
HILLANDALE ASSISTED LIVING,**

Petitioners,

vs.

**DOAH NO. 13-4783
AHCA NO. 2012010947**

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,**

Respondent.

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,**

Petitioner,

vs.

AHCA NO. 2013010232

**GENE COWLES AND AMELIA COWLES d/b/a
AMELIA'S HOUSE,**

Respondents.

² The applicants are reflected as the petitioners in the Final Order.

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,**

Petitioner,

vs.

AHCA NO. 2013010231

**MAPLE WAY COMMUNITY, INC. d/b/a
MAPLE WAY COMMUNITY,**

RENDITION NO.: AHCA-14-0098-S-OLC

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER³

Having reviewed the Administrative Complaint, Notice of Intent to Deny, and all other matters of record, the Agency for Health Care Administration finds and concludes as follows:

1. The Agency has jurisdiction over Gene Cowles, Amelia Cowles and Maple Way Community Inc. (hereinafter “the Respondents”), pursuant to Chapter 408, Part II, Florida Statutes, and the applicable authorizing statutes and administrative code provisions.

2. The Agency previously issued a Final Order against Gene Cowles and Amelia Cowles d/b/a Hillandale Assisted Living. (Ex. 1). The Cowles appealed the Final Order to the First District Court of Appeal, which stayed the license revocation. The administrative fine of \$20,000.00 was paid to the Agency and is non-refundable.

3. The Agency issued the attached Administrative Complaint, Notice of Intent to Deny and Election of Rights forms to the Cowles. (Ex. 2) The Election of Rights form advised of the right to an administrative hearing.

4. The parties have since entered into the attached Settlement Agreement. (Ex. 3)

Based upon the foregoing, it is **ORDERED**:

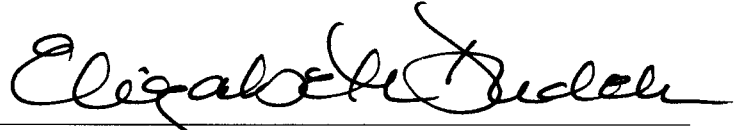
1. The Settlement Agreement is adopted and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The parties shall comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

2. The Respondents may not seek licensure nor operate any facility licensed by the Agency.

3. An additional administrative fine and fees of \$34,500.00 is imposed against the Respondents, but STAYED for purposes of collection as long as Respondents do not seek any new type of licensure from the Agency. In the event Respondents seeks licensure from the Agency, the Respondents will pay the \$34,500.00 before any application for license can be considered.

³ The Final Order acts as an Amended Final Order as to Case Nos. 2011006466 and 2011006798.

ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on this 13 day of February, 2014.


Elizabeth Dudek, Secretary
Agency for Health Care Administration

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review, which shall be instituted by filing one copy of a notice of appeal with the Agency Clerk of AHCA, and a second copy, along with filing fee as prescribed by law, with the District Court of Appeal in the appellate district where the Agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides. Review of proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida appellate rules. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Final Order was served on the below-named persons by the method designated on this 13th day of February, 2014.



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NOTICE OF FLORIDA LAW

408.804 License required; display.--

- (1) It is unlawful to provide services that require licensure, or operate or maintain a provider that offers or provides services that require licensure, without first obtaining from the agency a license authorizing the provision of such services or the operation or maintenance of such provider.
- (2) A license must be displayed in a conspicuous place readily visible to clients who enter at the address that appears on the license and is valid only in the hands of the licensee to whom it is issued and may not be sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred, voluntarily or involuntarily. The license is valid only for the licensee, provider, and location for which the license is issued.

408.812 Unlicensed activity. --

- (1) A person or entity may not offer or advertise services that require licensure as defined by this part, authorizing statutes, or applicable rules to the public without obtaining a valid license from the agency. A licenseholder may not advertise or hold out to the public that he or she holds a license for other than that for which he or she actually holds the license.
- (2) The operation or maintenance of an unlicensed provider or the performance of any services that require licensure without proper licensure is a violation of this part and authorizing statutes. Unlicensed activity constitutes harm that materially affects the health, safety, and welfare of clients. The agency or any state attorney may, in addition to other remedies provided in this part, bring an action for an injunction to restrain such violation, or to enjoin the future operation or maintenance of the unlicensed provider or the performance of any services in violation of this part and authorizing statutes, until compliance with this part, authorizing statutes, and agency rules has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the agency.

- (3) It is unlawful for any person or entity to own, operate, or maintain an unlicensed provider. If after receiving notification from the agency, such person or entity fails to cease operation and apply for a license under this part and authorizing statutes, the person or entity shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by authorizing statutes and applicable rules. Each day of continued operation is a separate offense.
- (4) Any person or entity that fails to cease operation after agency notification may be fined \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance.
- (5) When a controlling interest or licensee has an interest in more than one provider and fails to license a provider rendering services that require licensure, the agency may revoke all licenses and impose actions under s. 408.814 and a fine of \$1,000 per day, unless otherwise specified by authorizing statutes, against each licensee until such time as the appropriate license is obtained for the unlicensed operation.
- (6) In addition to granting injunctive relief pursuant to subsection (2), if the agency determines that a person or entity is operating or maintaining a provider without obtaining a license and determines that a condition exists that poses a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of a client of the provider, the person or entity is subject to the same actions and fines imposed against a licensee as specified in this part, authorizing statutes, and agency rules.
- (7) Any person aware of the operation of an unlicensed provider must report that provider to the agency.