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RE: Justin Cianci - Emergency Discharge

DETERMINATION AND ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE OF RESIDENT JUSTIN CIANCI AND NOTICE OF HEARING

On February 13, 2025, the Department of Public Health (the "Department") received from High Chase, LLC, 140 River Road, Willington, Connecticut ("Facility"), a request for a determination as to the need for an immediate discharge of Justin Cianci ("Resident"), pursuant to §19a-535a(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Statutes"). On February 13, 2025, the Department notified Justin Cianci and the Facility that Kevin Hansted, Esq., was designated to make the determination in this matter and issue an Order.

DETERMINATION: It is hereby determined that a failure to effect an immediate transfer or discharge of the Resident from the Facility would endanger the health or safety of individuals in the Facility.

ORDER: An immediate transfer or discharge of the Resident from the Facility is hereby **ordered** subject to the Facility providing assistance in finding appropriate placement and also providing a complete discharge plan to the Resident, as indicated below.

ORDER: In accordance with §§ 19a-535a(d)(1) and 19a-535a(c) of the Statutes, it is hereby ordered that the Facility (1) notify the Resident and, if known, his legally liable relative, guardian or conservator about this



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hearing as provided below regarding the involuntary transfer or discharge; (2) assist the Resident in finding appropriate placement by obtaining and providing to the Resident, a list of all appropriate facilities within the geographical area of interest to the Resident; (3) prepare and provide the Resident with a discharge plan that, at a minimum, describes the Resident's current medical conditions, identify any medications the Resident is currently using, explain any social or emotional conditions of the Resident that might impact his placement in a particular level of facility, and identify the type of facility (e.g., long-term care facility, another residential care facility, home placement, etc.) that is most appropriate for the Resident; (4) provide a sworn statement from the Facility Administrator that indicates that the Facility provided assistance and the discharge plan to the Resident at the time of the discharge in accordance with this Order, and (5) submit a copy of the discharge plan and the sworn statement to the Hearing Officer on or before by February 20, 2025.

In accordance with §19a-535a(d)(1) and (2) of the Statutes, a hearing will be held in this matter. Kevin Hansted has been designated as the hearing officer in this matter, to rule on all motions, determine findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue a final Order. The hearing will be held on:

Date: Monday, February 24, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
By Video Conference: at the following link:

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The Facility will assist the Resident in connecting to the hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the discharge/transfer of the Resident is being effected by the Facility in accordance with statute.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 54 of the General Statutes and §19a-9-1, *et seq.*, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Justin Cianci and High Chase, LLC are hereby designated as parties to this hearing. Each party may be represented by an attorney and may, in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §§4-177c and 4-178, present evidence and argument on all issues involved and conduct cross-examination. It is the parties' obligation to call any person they desire as a witness or to offer any documentary evidence they wish to be considered.

Please note if you are a corporation: Corporations must be represented by an attorney. If a corporation is not represented by an attorney at the hearing, the persons who attend the hearing from the corporation may only testify as witnesses and may not make legal arguments, cross examine witnesses, or in any way engage in the practice of law.

If you are not a legal entity, you may appear *pro se* (i.e. on your own behalf) or you may opt to have counsel represent you at the hearing. Any counsel appearing on behalf of a party must file an appearance with this office.

The Facility shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it has complied with the applicable provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §19a-535a.

Order Re: Filings

The parties are hereby ordered, when submitting any pleadings, documents, motions or other papers to the Hearing Officer, to file electronically pursuant to the attached Notice of Submissions at the following address:
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Public Health Hearing Office
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All communications to the Hearing Officer shall be submitted in this fashion. The parties shall provide a copy of each document filed to each of the other parties and shall certify such to the Hearing Officer.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 13th day of February 2025.

Kevin Hansted

Kevin Hansted, Esq.
Hearing Officer

c: Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities