

APPENDIX “F”

Licensure

1. Seek legislative changes to s. 429, F.S. that are resident-care focused (Alzheimer’s secured units, safekeeping of residents funds) and ensure that regulations are appropriately and consistently enforced (keep violations in s. 429, F.Ss) yet streamlined where appropriate (advertising – use of “ALF”, combined adverse incidents reporting).
2. Revise regulations to be appropriate for specific persons served in an ALF including persons with serious mental illness and those serving geriatric or medical needs.
3. The ALF licensure and regulatory provisions be placed back into Part I of s. 429, F.S.
4. Examine the current array of ALF specialty licenses and determine if they are still needed or should be modified.
5. Evaluate expectations for quality of life and care in an ALF. Focus cannot be limited to physical health and safety – it must extend to other quality of life factors, including staff who are kind and focused on the individual wants / needs of each resident. Consider questions raised during public testimony “Would I want to live in this facility?” or “Would I place my mother in this facility?” No lower expectation should exist for other individuals.

