

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SCIOTO COUNTY OHIO**

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF	:	
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, <i>et al.</i>	:	
	:	CASE NO. 25CIH00553
Plaintiff,	:	
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vs.	:	JUDGE HOWARD H. HARCHA, III
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STEP WELLNESS CENTER, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	
Defendants.	:	
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**PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING IN PART PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

This matter came before the Court on November 14, 2025, on Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary and Permanent Injunction under R.C. 5119.392(B) and Civ. R. 65. Plaintiff seeks to prohibit Defendants STEP Wellness, LLC, AYG Properties, Inc., AYG Properties, LLC, and Cynthia Mild (aka Cindy Mild), and those acting in concert with them or on their behalf, from operating recovery housing residences, as defined in R.C. 5119.01(A)(17) in the State of Ohio.

At the hearing, Plaintiff was represented by counsel from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. Defendants were represented by Crucita Flecha, Esq.

The Court, having considered the complaint, the motion, and accompanying affidavit and exhibits, grants in part Plaintiff’s motion and finds as follows:

1. Under R.C. 5119.392(B), the Director of the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health is entitled to an order enjoining the operation of recovery housing residences in the State of Ohio that are determined to be operating in violation of this section.


2. Defendants are engaged in the improper operation of recovery housing residences in Scioto County, Ohio by operating seven (7) recovery housing residences without first obtaining Department-accepted accreditation as required by R.C. 5119.392(A)(1)(b) or demonstrating that they are in the process of obtaining accreditation as required by R.C. 5119.392(A)(2);
3. Defendants have not timely filed the required form for a recovery housing residence operator as required by R.C. 5119.391(B) and (C).
4. It is substantially likely that Plaintiff will prevail on the merits;
5. Denying the injunction will cause Plaintiff and Ohio consumers to suffer irreparable injury, including:
 - a. Preventing the Department from keeping track of the locations of existing and potential recovery housing residences; and
 - b. Allowing residents to live in unaccredited facilities that do not meet minimum guidelines for resident health, safety, sobriety, and recovery; and
 - c. Allowing residents to live in unaccredited facilities without clearly identified entities accountable to the Department for violations of recovery housing standards.
6. Granting the injunction will not cause third parties to suffer unjustifiable harm; and
7. The injunction will serve the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND DECREED that Defendants STEP Wellness, LLC, AYG Properties, Inc., AYG Properties, LLC, and Cynthia Mild (aka Cindy Mild) and their agents, representatives, employees, successors, and/or assigns, through any corporate or other device and

all persons in active concert and participating with them directly or indirectly, shall be preliminarily enjoined from:

Operating an unaccredited “recovery housing residence” in Scioto County, Ohio at: 1) 1541 7th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662; 2) 1808 Grandview Avenue, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662; 3) 1019 20th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662; 4) 1502 Franklin Avenue, Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662; 5) 1316 Hutchins Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662; 6) 2424 SR 335, Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662; 7) and 2424 ½ SR 335, Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662.

This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until final judgment is issued by this Court. In addition, Plaintiff has moved for a permanent injunction, which will be set for _____ . The Clerk is instructed to serve this Order upon Defendants by certified mail in accordance with Civ. R. 4.3.



JUDGE HOWARD H. HARCHA, III