

## **Investment Case Study**

March 2020







### **Proactive Search for Autism Services Investment**





- In 2015, Shore identified autism services as an attractive area for investment following extensive industry research and refined the target criteria to focus on the center-based model
  - Secular Growth Dynamics: Industry tailwinds driven by growing recognition of Autism Spectrum Disorder ("ASD")
     and the importance of continuous ABA therapy. Model shifting towards center-based clinical care setting
  - Increasing Prevalence: As of 2018, approximately 1 in 59 children fall somewhere on the autism spectrum, having increased 5.3% on average every year since 2000
  - Expanded Insurance Access: Since 2001, 50 states have passed autism insurance reform legislation



Note: (1) CDC 2018 Estimate

## **Building a World Class Board of Directors**





• Shore Capital recruited independent industry experts with meaningful behavioral health experience and broader expertise scaling healthcare services companies

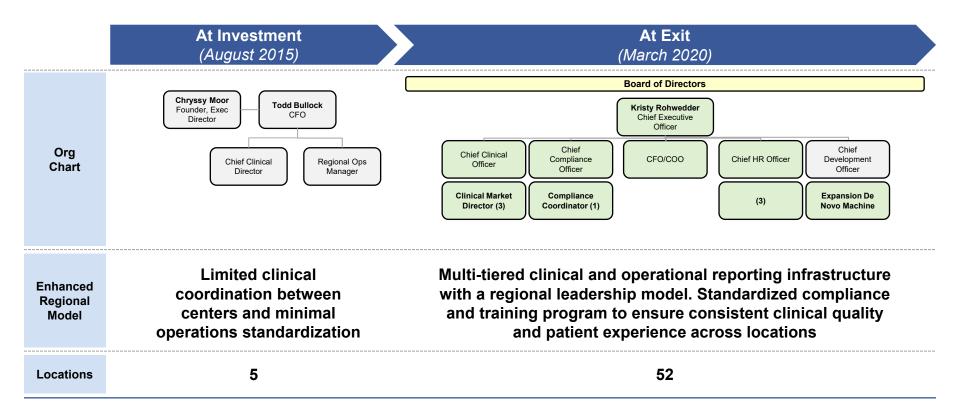
Director Background & Expertise			
	Board Member	Specific Value-Add to FAC Strategy	Background and Experience
Behavioral Health	Ned Murphy  CIVITAS SOLUTIONS  Tim Nicholson  behavioral INNOVATIONS	<ul> <li>Served as Lead Independent Director, providing additional mentorship to the CEO and other management team members</li> <li>Helped refine the organizational structure to facilitate accelerated growth</li> <li>Expert on Multi-Site Pediatric Care</li> <li>Industry expert in Home and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Youth Services</li> <li>Helped develop a best-in-class clinical compliance program and Board subcommittee to ensure continuous improvement and quality</li> <li>Experience in coordination between operations and clinical</li> <li>Direct Industry expertise in center-based pediatric autism services and developmental disabilities</li> <li>Significant experience with government payor dynamics and de novo opening process</li> </ul>	Portfolio Companies Behavioral Innovations and
General Healthcare and Multi-Site Operations	Joseph Giles ATHLETICO PHYSICAL THERAPY	<ul> <li>Extensive background in Multi-Site Standardization and tiered clinical staffing model through his executive roles in the physical therapy industry</li> <li>Provided meaningful guidance on center-level utilization and operational staffing model</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Currently serves as President and CEO of Mission Vision Partners, a provider of eye care service in the Midwest</li> <li>Joseph previously served as President and COO of Atheltico, the third largest physical therapy company in the US</li> </ul>

## **Established Corporate Infrastructure for Growth**





- Shore and the Board of Directors recruited talented executives to help rapidly scale and professionalize the business
  - In addition, established local and regional leadership structure to transition the business from a "line of sight" management model to a scalable infrastructure capable of transformational growth



# **Growth Story:** Transforming into the Leading Center-Based Autism Services Provider in the Southeast





 Shore Capital developed a rigorous market selection and de novo opening process, refined the growth model and expanded geographically, including a new state expansion:

#### At Entry August 2015

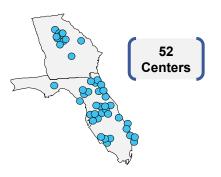
At Exit – March 2020

New Process-Driven De Novo Clinic Model Bootstrapped, primarily qualitative site selection around where Founders had existing relationships

Data-driven approach to market and site selection with cutting edge technology

Geographic Expansion to Become Leader in Florida and Georgia





Clinical Support Network and Scaling Center BCBAs Reporting to Single Corporate Clinical Leader Tiered Clinical Leadership Structure and Continued Development Opportunities

## Attractive and Scarce Asset of Scale in a Highly Fragmented **Market: Sale Dynamics**





- Florida Autism Center matured into a highly attractive target for a number of potential buyers in an active M&A environment
  - Management built a scarce asset in the marketplace with a predictable and repeatable growth model
  - High interest in differentiated behavioral health and autism therapy assets

#### **Active Industry Consolidation**





April 2018

September 2017

has been acquired by

# fragmented **kadiant** has been acquired by

January 2019

#### **Buyer Consideration**

- Autism services market is large, growing, and highly
- Recent industry consolidation led to strong demand for autism therapy companies with scale
- FAC's consistent and repeatable growth model provides opportunity for significant capital deployment
- Ultimately sold to BlueSprig Pediatrics (or "BSP")
  - BSP had experience and success in the autism services market with clinics across most of the country
  - Realized that FAC allowed them to enter an attractive geographic market that they had previously not penetrated (Florida and Georgia)