

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Office of Health Care Access

### Final Decision

### Modification of a Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

**Applicant:** NR Connecticut, LLC d/b/a Retreat at South Connecticut  
915 Ella Grasso Boulevard, New Haven, CT

**Docket Number:** 17-31828-MDF

**Project Description:** Modification of previous Certificate of Need authorization 13-31828-CON

**Procedural History:** On May 13, 2015, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) issued a Certificate of Need (“CON”) to NR Connecticut, LLC d/b/a Retreat at South Connecticut (“Retreat”) under Docket Number 13-31828-CON, for the establishment of an 80-bed residential substance abuse treatment facility.

On April 18, 2017, OHCA received a Request for Modification from Retreat seeking to modify the expiration date of the CON from May 13, 2017 to June 30, 2018. As required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-639b(b), OHCA noticed this request on its website for 30 days and notified the other parties involved. OHCA did not receive any written comments or requests for a public hearing. Deputy Commissioner Addo reviewed the entire record in this matter.



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## Findings of Fact

1. The CON issued under Docket Number 13-31828-CON (the “CON”) permitted Retreat to establish an 80-bed residential substance abuse treatment facility in New Haven, Connecticut.
2. The CON was valid until May 13, 2017.
3. The building in which the facility is to be established was built in 1973 and requires significant retrofitting to meet current building codes and Retreat’s planned use.
4. Retreat engaged the services of an Architect in September, 2015 to begin work on the redesign and plans necessary for approval by the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) Facility Licensing and Investigations Section (“FLIS”) Building and Fire Safety Unit and the City of New Haven Building Department.
5. Retreat submitted the Plans to FLIS on July 11, 2016 and received approval on March 10, 2017 after diligently pursuing approval of its Plans.
6. Retreat received its Building Permit from the City of New Haven on December 15, 2016.
7. The General Contractor is presently in the process of completing demolition work and staging the commencement of the renovation work.
8. Additional time is needed due to unforeseen delays in the approval of the Plans and the bidding process.
9. It is anticipated that the construction will be completed in or about February, 2018 with a Certificate of Occupancy and necessary inspections by the FLIS to follow.

## Discussion

Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a (b) provides in relevant part: “On a showing of changed conditions, the agency may reverse or modify the final decision, at any time, at the request of any person or on the agency’s own motion.” Retreat has sufficiently demonstrated a change in conditions brought upon by unforeseen delays in the approval of its Plans and the bidding process.

## Order

Based upon the foregoing, the request to modify the expiration date of the CON issued under Docket Number 13-31828-CON from May 13, 2017 to June 30, 2018 is hereby **APPROVED**. All other conditions entered under Docket Number 13-31828-CON remain in effect.

5/25/17

Date



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Deputy Commissioner