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415 Silas Deane Highway
Suite 400
Wethersfield, CT 06109

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30837-DTR
Carucci Chiropractic Center
Termination of Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Dear Dr. Carucci:

On August 24, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your response to the August 2, 2006 Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") inquiry regarding the termination of your Substance Abuse Facility license effective June 27, 2006. Additional information was submitted regarding this matter on September 18, 2006. OHCA is reviewing this matter under Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination Report Number 06-30837-DTR. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed this matter and makes the following findings:

1. On April 12, 2004, under CON Docket Number 03-30175-CON, OHCA granted a Certificate of Need to Carucci Chiropractic Center ("Applicant") to establish the Mountain Top Recovery Program, which is an outpatient substance abuse recovery program, at 415 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield.
2. The program was initially licensed effective September 10, 2004. On July 11, 2006, OHCA received a licensure change sheet from the Department of Public Health, Facility Licensing & Investigations Unit which indicated that the program closed effective June 27, 2006. On August 2, 2006, OHCA initiated an inquiry regarding this closure.
3. The Applicant indicates the following in its August 24, 2006 and September 18, 2006 submissions:

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- a. The program no longer has an on site counselor and they now refer out of qualified providers based on the individual's need and mental status and biopsychosocial exam completed on intake.
 - b. During the time that it was operating, the program only saw one patient, during the period April 2005 to June 2005.
 - c. The Applicant indicates that the time and expense to respond to the licensure process exceeded what was gained from the program.
4. Section 19a-638 (3) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") states that
"(3) Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution or reduce substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination or decrease, a request to undertake such termination or decrease."

OHCA determines that Carucci Chiropractic Center's June 27, 2006 termination of its substance abuse license for the Mountain Top Recovery Program at 415 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield constitutes a termination of services pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S. and therefore a Certificate of Need application is required related to this matter.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on August 24, 2006 as the Letter of Intent for this matter. Carucci Chiropractic Center may file a completed CON application with OHCA between October 23, 2006 and December 22, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041. If you have any questions regarding the Letter of Intent and Certificate of Need application process, please contact Kimberly Martone, Supervisor of Certificate of Need at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on October 3, 2006

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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