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Donna Campbell  
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Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health, Inc.  
315 Main Street  
P.O. Box 153  
Lakeville, CT 06039

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30558-EXM  
Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health, Inc.  
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish Candlewood Children's Clinic in New Milford

Dear Ms. Campbell:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a community based clinical assessment center for children at 35 Park Lane Road in New Milford.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health, Inc. ("NCFSMH") is a non-profit facility located at 315 Main Street in Plainville, Connecticut.
2. NCFSMH is proposing to establish a community based clinical assessment center for children 0-11 at 35 Park Lane Road in New Milford.
3. NCFSMH has been awarded a contract from The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), to fund the operation of this clinical assessment center and is in partnership with Candlewood Valley Pediatrics ("CVP") which will provide the physical health evaluations while the staff of NCFSMH provides mental health developmental assessments.

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4. DCF, in a letter dated January 25, 2007, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
5. DCF states that the newly established New Milford site will operate a children's mental health clinic that offers individual, group, and family psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluations and medical management, psychological testing and evaluation, parent education, and school and pediatric consults. The expansion of services of this program is consistent with DCF effort to develop appropriate clinical behavioral and physical health evaluations within communities.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$20,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health, Inc.'s request to establish a community based clinical assessment center for children at 35 Park Lane Road in New Milford, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

C: Honorable Darlene Dunbar, MSW, Commissioner, DCF  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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