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Raymond J. Gorman
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Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.
29 Russell Street
New Britain, CT 06052

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30899-EXM
Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Merger of Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. with and into Community Mental
Health Affiliates, Inc.

Dear Mr. Gorman:

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."), for the merger of Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. with and into Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. at 92 Vine Street, New Britain, 47 Clapboard Hill Road, Guilford, 1890 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 5 Colony Street, Meriden, and 58 Main Street, Terryville.

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

1. Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. ("CMHA") is a non-profit facility providing psychiatric and substance abuse treatment for adults at various locations in Connecticut.
2. Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. ("FSCC") is a non-profit facility providing psychiatric and substance abuse treatment for adults with children/family members also served when appropriate at various locations in Connecticut.

3. CMHA and FSCC propose to merge with and into Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. at 92 Vine Street, New Britain, 47 Clapboard Hill Road, Guilford, 1890 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 5 Colony street, Meriden, and 58 Main Street, Terryville.
4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated March 14, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W. recommends an exemption be granted under CGS Section 19a-639b of the merger between Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. and Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. The merger will provide increased administrative efficiencies while assuring continued access to psychiatric and/or substance abuse outpatient services for adults.
5. DMHAS states that CMHA will be the standing agency and, as such, FSCC will cease to exist. CMHA is committed to maintaining all services and staffing levels at each FSCC location including those in New Britain, Meriden, Hamden, Guilford, and Plymouth. CMHA and FSCC have a current contract with DMHAS.
6. The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter dated January 19, 2007, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements. The merger of these programs will allow for the continuous, uninterrupted behavioral health care to be available to a broad geographic area in an economical fashion and is consistent with DCF efforts to provide such services within communities.
7. DCF states that the sites listed are all licensed by the Department of Public Health and in addition the New Britain site is licensed by DCF as a Child Placing Agency. The services provided at these sites are psychiatric outpatient, child placing and substance abuse treatment. The current population served is primarily adults, with children/family member also served when appropriate. CMHA intends to continue these services at the existing sites and does not envision a change in the target population. DCF contracts with these providers for all services stated.
8. The associated capital expenditure with this proposal is \$5,000.00.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the merger of Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. with and into Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. at 92 Vine Street, New Britain, 47 Clapboard Hill Road, Guilford, 1890 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 5 Colony street, Meriden, and 58 Main Street, Terryville 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 Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
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