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October 2, 2007

Susan Schnitzer
Director of Programs
The Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County, Inc.
753 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30938-EXM
The Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Bridgeport

Dear Ms. Schnitzer:

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 an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 753 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport.

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

1. The Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County, Inc. (“CWFEFC”) is a non-profit facility that provides comprehensive services addressing the numerous issues resulting from the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault located at 753 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2. CWFEFC is proposing to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 753 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport.
3. The Center currently receives DCF funding for a Multiple Investigation Team (“MIT”) and Family Violence Outreach programming.
4. The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter received September 18, 2007, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, MSW, JD endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.

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5. DCF states that the proposed expansion of service is consistent with DCF's efforts to expand access to community based outpatient psychiatric services for children, youth and families.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that The Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County, Inc.'s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 753 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport, 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 Commissioner Vogel on October 2, 2007

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, MSW, JD Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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