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Theresa Nicholson  
Behavioral Vice President  
Community Renewal Team, Inc.  
555 Windsor Street  
Hartford, CT 06120

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30949-EXM  
Community Renewal Team, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Merger between Community Renewal Team, Inc. and Asian Family Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Nicholson:

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 between Community Renewal Team, Inc. and Asian Family Services, Inc. at 1921 Park Street, Hartford.

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

1. Community Renewal Team, Inc. (“CRT”) is a non-profit facility providing psychiatric and substance abuse treatment for adults at 675 Tower Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.
2. Asian Family Services, Inc. (“AFS”) is a non-profit facility providing psychiatric and substance abuse treatment for adults and adolescents at 1921 Park Street, Hartford.
3. This proposal is for a CRT merger with AFS, which is an existing Behavioral Health Center located at 1921 Park Street in Hartford.
4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated June 5, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W. recommends an exemption be granted under CGS Section 19a-639b for the change in ownership between Community Renewal Team, Inc. and Asian Family Services, Inc. This action will provide administrative efficiencies while assuring continued and increased access to psychiatric and/or substance abuse outpatient services for adults.

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5. CRT and AFS currently have a contract with DMHAS. AFS location at 1921 Park Street, Hartford is currently funded by DMHAS.
6. DMHAS states that CRT will be the standing agency and, as such, AFS will cease to exist. DMHAS will transfer funds currently under contract with AFS to CRT for the purpose of continuing mental health and substance abuse treatment services for adults residing in the Hartford County area. CRT is committed to maintaining or increasing current service and staffing levels at the AFS site. The former AFS treatment clinic will continue to provide mental health and substance abuse outpatient services for adults. CRT will increase current AFS capacity from 100 to 200 unduplicated clients (adults and adolescents) receiving mental health co-occurring outpatient treatment services annually.
7. There is no associated capital expenditure with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the merger between Community Renewal Team, Inc. and Asian Family Services, Inc. at 1921 Park Street, Hartford 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: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS  
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