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October 17, 2007

Sharon Laliberte  
Director of Quality and Risk Management  
United Community & Family Services, Inc.  
34 East Town Street  
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-31039-EXM  
United Community & Family Services, Inc.  
Establish a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults and Substance Abuse Outpatient  
Treatment Services in Jewett City

Dear Ms. Laliberte:

On September 19, 2007 and October 5, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults and a substance abuse outpatient treatment services for adults at 76 Main Street, Jewett City, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. United Community & Family Services, Inc. ("UCFS") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located at 34 East Town Street, Norwich, Connecticut.
2. United Community & Family Services, Inc. is proposing to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults and substance abuse outpatient treatment services for adults at 76 Main Street, Jewett City, Connecticut.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated October 9, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to United Community and Family Services, Inc.

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at 76 Main Street, Griswold, to provide outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults. DMHAS states that this site will serve clients presently served at the 47 Town Street Norwich office who live in the Greater Griswold area. Services will be provided to residents of Baltic/Sprague, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Griswold, North Stonington, Plainfield, Preston, Sterling, and Voluntown. It is estimated that 150 unduplicated adults will be served annually.

4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated October 9, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for United Community and Family Services, Inc. at 76 Main Street, Griswold to provide outpatient psychiatric treatment for adults. DMHAS states that this site will serve clients presently served at the 47 Town Street Norwich office who live in the Greater Griswold area. Services will be provided to residents of Baltic/Sprague, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Griswold, North Stonington, Plainfield, Preston, Sterling, and Voluntown. It is estimated that 150 unduplicated adults will be served annually.
5. The capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$150,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that United Community and Family Services, Inc.’s request to establish psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults and substance abuse outpatient treatment services at 76 Main Street in Griswold meets the exemption requirements of Sections 19a-639b and 17a-678 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 17, 2007***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

C: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS  
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