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January 23, 2008

John Hamilton  
CEO  
Regional Network of Programs, Inc.  
2 Trap Falls Road  
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Shelton, CT 06484

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-31077-EXM  
Regional Network of Programs, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.  
Obtain a Chemical Maintenance Treatment License in Ansonia

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to obtain a Chemical Maintenance Treatment License in Ansonia.

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

1. Regional Network of Programs, Inc. ("RNP") is a non-profit facility providing individualized case management, crisis intervention, on-site medical and psychiatric services, community networking and life skills training to men and women, aged 18 and over, in Bridgeport and Stratford.
2. RNP is proposing to provide methadone/chemical (buprenorphone) treatment service for adults at 158 Main Street, Ansonia, CT.

3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated January 11, 2008, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Regional Network of Programs, Inc. to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons-methadone/chemical (buprenorphine) treatment service for adults at 158 Main Street in Ansonia, CT. The program will serve primarily the Lower Naugatuck Valley area including the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Naugatuck, Beacon Falls, and Shelton.
4. DMHAS states that the proposed outpatient substance abuse treatment program located at 158 Main Street, Ansonia will serve over 200 clients who presently receive services at RNP programs in Bridgeport and Stratford but reside in the Lower Naugatuck Valley area. With the transfer of existing clients, over capacity at the Bridgeport and Stratford sites would be eased and clients will benefit from improved access. RNP is funded under DMHAS’ Humans Services contract and General Assistance program.
5. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$40,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Regional Network of Programs, Inc.’s request to establish a chemical maintenance treatment service at 158 Main Street in Ansonia, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Section 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 January 23, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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