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May 21, 2008

Mr. Jeffrey Walter
President and CEO
Rushford Center, Inc.
384 Pratt Street
Meriden, Connecticut 06450

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 08-31159-DTR
Rushford Center, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Relocation of the Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse Program from Portland to
Durham

Dear Mr. Walter:

On May 12, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter requesting a Certificate of Need ("CON") determination for the relocation of Rushford Center, Inc.'s Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse Program from 25 Marlborough Street, Portland, to Stonegate Springs, 459 Wallingford Road, Durham, CT.

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

1. Rushford Center, Inc. ("RCI") is a private non-profit facility that provides adolescent residential substance abuse treatment at 25 Marlborough Street in Portland, Connecticut.
2. RCI is proposing to relocate its Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program from 25 Marlborough Street, Portland, Connecticut, to Stonegate Springs, 459 Wallingford Road, Durham, Connecticut.
3. RCI is relocating the proposed service due to expiration of the lease at the current address.
4. The primary service area and target population will not change as a result of the relocation of the program.

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5. No additional programs are proposed and no programs will be terminated.
6. The Department of Children and Families, (“DCF”), in a letter received April 8, 2008, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, JD, MSW, supports the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
7. DCF stated in its letter, “The Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program, currently located at 25 Marlborough Street in Portland, Connecticut, is both funded and licensed by DCF and provides treatment to 12 adolescent males with substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders. The program serves children from across the state.”
8. DCF also stated that the proposed relocation of service is consistent with DCF’s efforts to maintain access to needed substance abuse and mental health services for children, youth and families.
9. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to relocate an Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program from 25 Marlborough Street, Portland, to Stonegate Springs, 459 Wallingford Road, Durham, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b, C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s Certificate of Need process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding the proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on May 21, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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

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