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September 19, 2008

Ms. Joan Margolis
Director of Operations and Community Programs
Jewish Family Services
333 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite A
West Hartford, CT 06117

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31238-DTR
Termination of a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults at 166 West Main Street, Avon
Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford

Dear Ms. Margolis:

On July 30, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your response to an inquiry initiated by OHCA related to the termination of License Number 0382 by Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford effective July 16, 2008. Upon review of this matter, OHCA finds the following:

- 1) Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford is a health care facility or institution pursuant to Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2) Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford was licensed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) as an outpatient psychiatric clinic for adults at its 166 West Main Street, Avon location under DPH license #0382. OHCA received a copy of a DPH change in facility licensure form which indicated that this license was closed effective July 16, 2008.
- 3) In response to OHCA’s inquiry related to this closure of a DPH licensed service, Jewish Family Services (“JFS”) indicated that it did, in fact, terminate this clinic in Avon and provided the following information:
 - a. The clinic was established and licensed in 2005. The clinic was established because one of its funding sources, the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, opened a leased branch location at that address and offered JFS the use of one room as a counseling suite.
 - b. JFS indicates that although it *“attempted to offer counseling services there, we never established a client base in the Farmington Valley, and in fact saw only a dozen clients there in the 3 years we held the license.”*
 - c. The Jewish Federation informed JFS that the Farmington Valley location would close in June of 2008 and this was decided with very short notice.

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- d. JSF indicates that, at the time of such notice, *“none of our staff members were treating clients at the facility, so there were no patient dispositions”*.
- e. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states, in part, that:

(a) (3) Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution or reduce substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination or decrease, a request to undertake such termination or decrease.

As the elimination of the outpatient psychiatric clinic for adults at this location is a termination of health care services, Jewish Family Services, a health care facility or institution, is required to file a Letter of Intent and a Certificate of Need application with OHCA specific to this termination of services pursuant to Subsection (a) (3) of Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Attached is OHCA’s Letter of Intent Form 2030 for these purposes.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at OHCA or if you have any questions regarding the CON Exemption, Letter of Intent, or Certificate of Need application process, please contact Kimberly Martone, Supervisor of the CON process, both at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on September 19, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Enclosure

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Kimberly Martone, Supervisor, Certificate of Need, OHCA