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Roberta Murtagh
Executive Director
Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc.
900 Watertown Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31220-DTR
Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc.
Two Bed Reduction at each of the Group Homes in Waterbury and Torrington

Dear Ms. Murtagh:

On August 14, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. d/b/a Kinsella Commons, Glenlunan, and Wynnewood Group Homes for two bed reduction at each of the above facilities. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

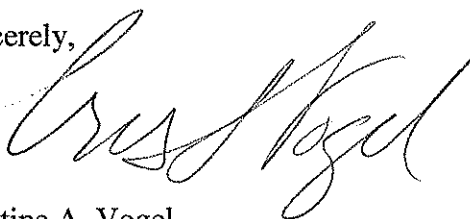
1. Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. d/b/a Kinsella Commons, Glenlunan, and Wynnewood is a non-profit facility licensed as Mental Health Community Residences.
2. Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. is proposing to reduce its licensed beds at their group homes from 8 to 6 at each of the following locations:
 - Kinsella Commons, 17 Arch Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
 - Glenlunan, 107 Tudor Street, Waterbury, Connecticut; and
 - Wynnewood, 44 Cook Street, Torrington, Connecticut.
3. The services provided at the group homes include individual, group and family counseling, educational groups focused on rehabilitation, supervised, structured activities of daily living, and discharge planning including referrals for suitable housing, financial support, and aftercare counseling.
4. Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. states that these programs do not provide any therapy or medical services.

5. Each of these 3 group homes is licensed for a capacity of 8 licensed beds, they only provide services to 6 individuals. Therefore, the Department of Public Health ("DPH") inspectors have insisted to change the licenses to reflect capacity for 6 licensed beds.
6. The population served at these programs are individuals who are over 18 years old and who have a prolonged mental illness.
7. Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. will continue to provide services, bill for the services, and lease property related to these programs. All facets of the programs and the agency will remain the same. There are no changes other than the number of licensed beds.
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. does not fall under the definition of health care facility pursuant to Section 19a-630, C.G.S. Therefore, Certificate of Need is not required for Central Naugatuck Valley Help, Inc. d/b/a Kinsella Commons, Glenlunan, and Wynnewood Wheeler Clinic, Inc. to proceed with the request to reduce its licensed beds from 8 to 6 at each of the above group homes.

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,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Rose McLellan, DPH

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