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Holly Dreger, LCSW
Director of Behavioral Health Services
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc.
331 Main Street
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31240-EXM
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Two Outpatient Psychiatric Clinics for Children in New London and Portland

Dear Ms. Dreger:

On September 24, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish two outpatient psychiatric clinics for children at 22 Masonic Street, New London and 553 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland.

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

1. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc. ("CCDN") is a non-profit facility providing outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse services to children and adolescents at 331 Main Street in Norwich, Connecticut.
2. CCDN is proposing to establish two outpatient psychiatric clinics for children at 22 Masonic Street, New London and 553 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland.
3. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter received February 18, 2009, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, MSW, JD endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
4. DCF states that CCDN is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation headquartered in Norwich, Connecticut that currently provides an array of mental health and substance abuse

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services. CCDN is the recipient of DCF grant funds for the provision of adolescent substance abuse treatment under the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) licensure as a facility for the care and treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons. CCDN would like to extend the provision of outpatient mental health services for children and youth from their licensed Norwich site to their newly acquired site in Portland and their existing program for adults in New London.

5. DCF also states that CCDN proposes to provide a full array of outpatient behavioral health evaluation and treatment services including psychiatric consultation and medication management to children and families under DCF licensure as an outpatient clinic for children (“OPCC”).
6. CCDN proposes to serve approximately 83 unduplicated children and youth from Portland, Cobalt, East Hampton, Middletown, Cromwell, and Middlefield at their Portland site. They propose to serve approximately 98 unduplicated children and youth from New London, Groton, Waterford, and East Lyme at their New London site.
7. DCF states that the proposed establishment of new service sites is consistent with DCF’s efforts to improve access to needed behavioral health treatment and support services throughout the state and particularly in Eastern Connecticut.
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc.’s request to establish two outpatient psychiatric clinics for children at 22 Masonic Street, New London and 553 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b 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 March 4, 2009

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, MSW., J.D. Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, FLIS

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