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April 16, 2009

Mary Gillette  
VP of Organizational Performance  
Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.  
29 Russell Street  
New Britain, CT 06052

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31303-EXM  
Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.  
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Terryville

Dear Ms. Gillette:

On February 2, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 58 Main Street in Terryville.

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

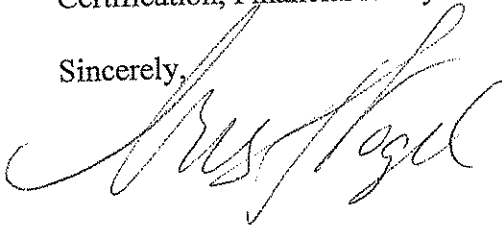
1. Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. ("CMHA") is a non-profit facility providing outpatient psychiatric treatment for adults and children at 29 Russell Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
2. CMHA is proposing to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 58 Main Street in Terryville. This license would be as a satellite of the children's outpatient program located in New Britain and will serve children and youth from Plymouth, Terryville, and surrounding towns.
3. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter received April 13, 2009, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, JD, MSW endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.

4. DCF states that CMHA is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation headquartered at 29 Russell Street in New Britain, Connecticut that currently operates a licensed outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at the agency headquarters. The Terryville site is currently licensed by the Department of Public Health as an outpatient clinic. CMHA proposes to provide an array of outpatient behavioral health evaluation and treatment services, with a focus on youth with mental health and substance abuse disorders and their parents. They anticipate serving approximately 60 children, ages 4 through 17, and their families annually.
5. DCF also states that through their experience of providing services to adults in Terryville, CMHA is aware of the need for children's services that has been confirmed by meeting with local leaders and surveys of school age youth conducted by the local prevention council.
6. DCF states that the proposed establishment of a new satellite service site is consistent with DCF's efforts to improve access to needed behavioral health treatment and support services throughout the state and particularly in Northwestern Connecticut. The need for this type of service is well established given the significant gap between statewide service capacity and scientific estimates of children and youth in need of treatment.
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$700.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.'s request to establish a new satellite outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 58 Main Street in Terryville, 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,



Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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

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