

August 24, 2017

State of Connecticut  
Office of Health Care Access



Re: Positive Choices Therapy IOP SUD CON Determination

Dear Reviewer:

I have done quite a bit of licensing work over the years however it is with a particular and exceptional degree of excitement that I am submitting this CON Determination Form on behalf of and with Dr. Michael Hinkley and Positive Choices Therapy. You will find the completed application, CON and all related materials attached however I would be remiss if I did not say a few words about him and the population he will be serving.

As you'll see in the documentation, Dr. Hinkley has a long, varied and impressive professional career and holds three credentials (PhD, LMSW and LADC) ensuring from the top down the program will be clinical focused and therapeutically driven. He's bringing in exceptional, credentialed clinical talent to work alongside and serve the vulnerable population he specializes in. His private practice thrives and it's with this experience and excellence in services delivery that he expands into this venture. Dr. Hinkley is Vatican City-trained in spiritual theology and family development which are essential ingredients in the necessary spiritual development and oft-times beneficial family reunification needs so important to enhanced treatment outcomes.

Positive Choices Therapy seeks to serve the LGBTQ+ community, a grossly underserved population desperately in need of SUD services. Case in point, courtesy of incisive research and reporting by Jeff Zacharias, LCSW, CSAT, CADC, BRI-I, one of the professions renowned clinicians:

- An estimated 30% of the LGBTQ+ community struggles with some aspect of addiction versus about 9% of the general population
- Use of multiple substances concurrently is 2-4 times more prevalent than in the general population
- Gay and lesbian persons are twice as likely to not have medical insurance than the general population, with that number skewing significantly higher for the transgender population.
- The LGBTQ+ population experiences at vastly disproportionate levels discrimination, bullying (overt and covert) both in the workplace and in the community, unsafe/transient housing, relationship inequality and other issues which elevate the likelihood of substance abuse and dependence and impedes receiving services.
- Alcohol abuse is 2.5-5 more common than in the general population.
- Gay men are nearly 13 times more likely to use amphetamines than heterosexual men which is connected to a marked increase in unsafe sexual practice and increased exposure to and contraction of STD/HIV while under the influence.

- While difficult to quantify, the LGBTQ+ population appears to also be at elevated risk of cross addiction to myriad other substances, activities and practices.

The local community Positive Choices Therapy will serve is made up of primarily Madison, Guilford, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Branford, and Old Lyme. Besides these local clients, the facility will serve clients from Recovery at Wildwood Farm, LLC, which is an LGBTQ+ specific sober living program drawing clients from all over the United States. This collaboration between Positive Choices Therapy and Recovery at Wildwood Farm is one of only a handful of LGBTQ+ programs in the country. Positive Choices Therapy will treat the complexities of gay, queer and Transsexual Clients who often have even more complicated recovery paths with difficult personal challenges like dysphoria, involvement in sex work, and difficult family histories.

In the final analysis, SUD treatment must be measured by outcomes as a result of program completion. Dr. Hinkley understands the recidivistic nature of SUD, the challenges in producing optimal outcomes and the necessity to craft the clinical offering so it speaks directly to the population served in such a way as to enhance those outcomes. His expertise with this population ensures he's in an uncommon position to create those outcomes with a community that has precious few resources to turn to.

Please let me know if you have any questions, if you need anything additional to what's provided in this application or if I can in any way assist in the licensing process of this facility.

In appreciation,



CADC-II, ICADC

David Skonezny, CADC-II, ICADC



**State of Connecticut  
Office of Health Care Access  
CON Determination Form  
Form 2020**

All persons who are requesting a determination from OHCA as to whether a CON is required for their proposed project must complete this Form 2020. The completed form should be submitted to the Director of the Office of Health Care Access, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#13HCA, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, Connecticut 06134-0308.

**SECTION I. PETITIONER INFORMATION**

If this proposal has more than two Petitioners, please attach a separate sheet, supplying the same information for each Petitioner in the format presented in the following table.

	Petitioner	Petitioner
Full Legal Name		Dr. Michael F. Hinkley
Doing Business As		Positive Choices Therapy LLC
Name of Parent Corporation		Positive Choices Therapy LLC
Petitioner's Mailing Address, if Post Office (PO) Box, include a street mailing address for Certified Mail		11 Woodland Rd. Suite 2, First Floor Madison CT 06443
What is the Petitioner's Status: P for profit and NP for Nonprofit		P
<b>Contact Person at Facility</b> , including Title/Position: This Individual at the facility will be the Petitioner's Designee to receive all correspondence in this matter.		Dr. Michael F. Hinkley Executive Director

Contact Person's Mailing Address, if PO Box, include a street mailing address for Certified Mail		11 Woodland Rd. Suite 2, First Floor Madison CT 06443
Contact Person's Telephone Number		203-800-6159
Contact Person's Fax Number		203-421-2090
Contact Person's e-mail Address		drmichael.hinkley@gmail.com

## SECTION II. GENERAL PROPOSAL INFORMATION

- a. Proposal/Project Title:: Positive Choices Therapy LLC Intensive Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility
- b. Estimated Total Project Cost: \$ \$49,000, funding in place
- c. Location of proposal, identifying Street Address, Town and Zip Code:  
11 Woodland Rd. Suite 2, First Floor, Madison CT 06443
- d. List each town this project is intended to serve:  
Madison, Guilford, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Branford, and Old Lyme on a local level, national reach due to scope of program (see attached)
- e. Estimated starting date for the project: October 30, 2017 or sooner if possible

## SECTION IV. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

Please provide a description of the proposed project, highlighting each of its important aspects, on at least one, but not more than two separate 8.5" X 11" sheets of paper. At a minimum each of the following elements need to be addressed, if applicable:

1. If applicable, identify the types of services currently provided and provide a copy of each Department of Public Health license held by the Petitioner.
2. Identify the types of services that are being proposed and what DPH licensure categories will be sought, if applicable.
3. Identify the current population served and the target population to be served.

**SECTION V. AFFIDAVIT**

**(Each Petitioner must submit a completed Affidavit.)**

Petitioner: Dr. Michael F. Hinkley

Project Title: Positive Choices Therapy LLC Intensive Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility

I, Dr. Michael F. Hinkley, Executive Director/CEO  
(Name) (Position – CEO or CFO)

of Positive Choices Therapy LLC being duly sworn, depose and state that the  
(Organization Name)

information provided in this CON Determination form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Michael Hinkley 8/18/17  
Signature Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 8/18/2017

[Signature]  
Notary Public/Commissioner of Superior Court

**MARA I JOHNSON**  
Notary Public  
Connecticut

My commission expires: My Comm. Expires 04/30/2021

## **Positive Choices Therapy LLC – CON**

### **General Program Information**

Section II d. additional detail: Project will serve local clients on the Shoreline made up of Madison, Guilford, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Branford, and Old Lyme. This demographics is second to our clients that come from all over the Nation to be part of Recovery at Wildwood Farm, LLC, in Madison, CT. Recovery at Wildwood is a specialized extended care program for clients from the LGBTQ+ community with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. This is one of only several programs in the United States equipped to treat the complexities of Transsexual Clients who often have complicated recovery paths with difficult personal challenges like dysphoria, involvement in sex work, and difficult family histories.

Other clients will come area sober homes like Shoreline Recovery in East Haven, CT, which offers affordable sober living to 15 men and 8 women. Another prospective sober house is Right Path House, LLC that serves 10 women in an upscale recovery program.

### **Program Description**

Section IV:

1. If applicable, identify the types of services currently provided and provide a copy of each Department of Public Health license held by the Petitioner:

Phase One Outpatient is 3 hours of group, 1 hour of individual psychotherapy and 1 hour of life skills development. Groups consist a DBT processing group, relapse prevention group and LGBTQ+ life and sexuality group.

Phase Two Outpatient is 1 hour of relapse prevention group, 1 hour of individual psychotherapy and 1 hour of optional life skills development.

2. Identify the types of services that are being proposed and what DPH licensure categories will be sought, if applicable:

Current DPH license held by Executive Director Michael Hinkley:

- LMSW 833, Current through 1/31/18, attached
- LADC 001118, Current through 1/31/18, attached

Current DPH license held by Clinical Director Laura Shires:

- LCSW 5557, Current through 5/31/18, attached

This will be a very unique IOP program, specifically designed for difficult recovery cases and containing alternative sessions for the LGBTQ+ clients. Expanding our Phase One Outpatient Program to 9 hours of group. This would allow more time for psychosocial education, patterns of triggers and relapse, formal 12 Step education, and more in-depth DBT Processing. Clients will have several options during the week in the program allowing for specific programming for the LGBTQ+ clients, such as personal use and sexual history.

Thus, this means making our current Phase One as a new Phase Two Program, and our Phase Two Program will become a Phase Three Program.

3. Identify the current population served and the target population to be served:

Currently the general local public attends individual sessions and the two phases of our Out Patient Programs. This demographic is second to our clients that come from all over the United States to be part of Recovery at Wildwood Farm, LLC, in Madison, CT. Recovery at Wildwood is a specialized extended care program for clients from the LGBTQ+ community with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. This is one of only several programs in the United States equipped to treat LGBTQ+ individual and the complexities of Transsexual Clients who often have complicated recovery paths with difficult personal challenges like dysphoria, involvement in sex work, and difficult family histories.

Other clients come from area sober homes like Shoreline Recovery in East Haven, CT, which offers affordable sober living to 15 men and 8 women. Another prospective sober house is Right Path House, LLC that serves 10 women in an upscale recovery program.

The IOP will further develop our ability to serve the needs of all our clients, but especially the LGBTQ+ clients that typically complete In Patient Programs at various addiction treatment centers, like local CT programs: Mountainside, High Watch, Silver Hill Hospital, Tunbridge and Burlington Center, Burlington, VT, Caron Center, Wernersville, PA.

MICHAEL HINKLEY  
PO Box 1029  
Madison, CT 06443

Dear Licensed Professional: This is your validated license for the coming year. Should you have any questions about your license renewal, please do not hesitate to write or call:

Department of Public Health (860) 509-7603  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308 <https://ct.gov/dph/license>

Sincerely,



Raul Pino, MD, MPH, COMMISSIONER  
Department of Public Health


EMPLOYER'S COPY

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NAME  
MICHAEL F HINKLEY, LMSW

VALIDATION NO.	LICENSE NO.	CURRENT THROUGH
11868389	833	01/31/2018

PROFESSION  
Master's Level Social Worker  
ACTIVE

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_  


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WALLET CARD

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NAME  
MICHAEL F HINKLEY, LMSW

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11868389	833	01/31/2018

PROFESSION  
Master's Level Social Worker  
ACTIVE

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Dear MICHAEL F HINKLEY, LADC,

Attached you will find your validated license for the coming year. Should you have any questions about your license renewal, please do not hesitate to write or call:

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Sincerely,

RAUL PINO, MD, MPH, COMMISSIONER  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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**EMPLOYER'S COPY**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NAME  
MICHAEL F HINKLEY, LADC

LICENSE NO. 001118      CURRENT THROUGH 01/31/18

PROFESSION  
LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR

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BY THIS DEPARTMENT AS A  
**LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR**

MICHAEL F HINKLEY, LADC

LICENSE NO. 001118  
CURRENT THROUGH 01/31/18  
VALIDATION NO. 03-558951

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LICENSE NO. 001118      CURRENT THROUGH 01/31/18

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LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW IS LICENSED

BY THIS DEPARTMENT AS A

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

ACTIVE

LICENSE NO.

5557

CURRENT THROUGH

05/31/2018

VALIDATION NO.

11867590

Laura M. Shires, LCSW

*Laura M. Shires LCSW*

SIGNATURE

*R. Rayburn*

COMMISSIONER

**Assistant Pastor** Greater Hartford, CT  
 Archdiocese of Hartford Jan 1987-Nov 2001

- St. Gabriel Church and School, Windsor (1993-1997).
- St. Anne Church, New Britain (1997-1998).
- St. Paul Church, Glastonbury (1998-2001).
- United States Navy Reserve Chaplain, Europe (1987-1989).

**EDUCATION:**

*A balance of science, psychotherapy and spirituality.*

<b>College of the Holy Cross</b> Political Science/Pre-Law (BA)	Worcester, MA June 1982 – 1986
<b>Middlebury College</b> Certificate in Italian Studies	Middlebury, VT Summer 1986
<b>North American College Seminary</b> Seminary Formation and training	Vatican City State 1986-1990
<b>Gregorian University</b> Licenses in Theology (STL-MA) and Spirituality (STL-MA)	Rome, Italy 1986-1990
<b>Academia Alphonsiana of the Lateran University</b> Doctorate in Moral Theology and Ethics (STD-PhD)	Rome, Italy 1991-1993
<b>Fordham University</b> Clinical Social Work - Addiction (MSW-LMSW) (LADC/CT)	New York, New York 2012-2014

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

*A balance of science, psychotherapy and spirituality.*

<b>DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy)</b> DBT National Certification and Accreditation Association	Nov 2016
<b>The Seven Challenges Program</b> Certified Instructor for Alternative Interventions to 12 Step Certified Trainer for Instructors of The Seven Challenges	Spring, 2013 Summer, 2014
<b>Motivational Interviewing Therapy (MIT)</b> Certificate in MI Studies	Fall 2013
<b>CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)</b> State of Connecticut, DMHAS Education and Training Program	2012-2014

**REFERENCES:**

*A varied group of colleagues available by request.*

- Developed an extensive adolescent ministry and worship program.
- Founded and coordinated the Day School's interdenominational children's choir through a partnership with the Connecticut Community Foundation.
- Founded the Shrine's ecumenical music series, including Christian churches from the greater Connecticut.
- Facilitated a new outreach to local undocumented persons and families, collaborating with the Honduran Consulate, New York, NY.

**Adjunct Professor of Healthcare Ethics, Morals and Spirituality** Sept 1994 – 2009  
Extensive teaching experience in Undergraduate and Graduate levels

- Seminar: Pastoral/Clinical Dilemmas, St. Joseph College, West Hartford (Summer 1995)
- Intro to Spirituality, Moral Theology I, II, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield (1993-2009)
- Intro to Spirituality, Healthcare Ethics, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield (1993-2000; 2009-2009)

**Founder of a Not-for-Profit Corporation**  
Loyola Development Corporation

Waterbury, CT  
Dec 2005 – 2009

In response to grave conditions of local housing, founded a community development corporation for the South End of Waterbury, Connecticut.

- Organized the local community stakeholders, including varied faith communities, likeminded agencies and government interests.
- Selected a mix of residents and local civic and corporate leaders to form a board of directors.
- Facilitated the incorporation and erection of the organization as a 501-c3
- Secured start-up funding from city government, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and LISC.
- Facilitated the collaboration of several non-profits to fund and execute a HUD approved neighborhood study and redevelopment plan.

**Senior Healthcare Ethicist**  
Archdiocese of Hartford

Hartford, CT  
Nov 1993 – 2010

Manage the ethics programs of three Catholic hospitals in the Archdiocese and answered all professional and public inquiries regarding the provision of care.

- Reported directly to the Archbishop and hospital CEOs.
- Organized professional ethics development for all hospital staffs.
- Coordinated key interests in hospital systems risk management.
- Acted as senior resource for ethics committees in State of Connecticut.
- Wrote a monthly column in the Archdiocesan Newspaper.
- Served on varied interdenominational committees for ethics planning.
- Co-chair, Mount Sinai Medical Ethics Committee (1993-1998).
- Religion Commentator, WTIC Radio (1995-2005).

- Teach an annual course for Addiction and Substance Abuse covering medical background, clinical diagnosis, relapse and treatment theories, cultural and family influences, and current treatment modalities.
- Assess and document student progress in research,

**Lead Clinician**

Turnbridge (Formerly Turning Point)

New Haven, CT  
March 2015- 2016

Reorganized and developed the IOP group program for a large recovery program.

- Introduced DBT, Motivational Interviewing, CBT and Seven Challenges.
- Improved documentation and clinical scheduling of client interventions.
- Diagnosed and assigned complex client cases with co-occurring disorders.

**Clinician III**

Rushford at Stonegate/Hartford Hospital

Waterbury, CT  
July 2014- Mar 2015

As a Clinician III for the Stonegate adolescent male residential program, coordinated client intakes and discharges, creating bio-psych-socials, treatment plans, and client and family group educational curriculum.

- Served on the Rushford Development and Advancement Committee.
- Organized new group format and curriculum.
- Developed innovation in client policy and procedures.
- Instituted new MSW-intern program in collaboration with management.
- Reorganized and expanded curriculum for the family education program.

**Clinician III**

Rushford Center/Hartford Hospital

Middletown, CT  
Feb 2012- July 2014

As a Clinician III for the IOP and the Men's Inpatient 28-Day Residential, maintained a caseload of 10-12 clients, prepared Treatment Plans, offered psychotherapy, coordinated Family Education Program, and served as an active member of the Hartford Healthcare program for professional development.

- Organized curriculum development for the client education programs.
- Developed a new educational program for client families.
- Participated in on-going clinical education offered by Rushford and DMHAS.

**Pastor/Rector**Blessed Sacrament Church and Catholic Day School  
The Shrine of Saint Anne for MothersWaterbury, CT  
Nov 2001- 2011  
June 2005- 2011

As Pastor and Rector of two inner-city parishes, responsible for facilitating all programs of education, organizing social justice initiatives, planning the weekly services and social activities.

- Collaborated with city authorities in addressing illegal drug trafficking in local community and consequences for disadvantaged populations.
- Organized an ecumenical mentoring program for teen mothers.

## **Dr. Michael F. Hinkley, PhD, LMSW, LADC**

PO Box 1029 - Madison, CT 06443 - Cell: 203-800-6159 - Email: drmichael.hinkley@gmail.com

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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*Effective collaborative clinical leadership at every level of administration, staff and community development in a complex service environment.*

**Founder/Owner/Executive Director**  
Positive Choices Therapy, LLC

Madison, CT  
Feb 2015- Present

Offering alcohol and drug addiction, recovery and treatment outpatient programs serving at once private clients, residents at local extended sober living programs and clients at Wildwood Farm through a combination of DBT, Motivational Interviewing, Adventure Based Interventions, Animal Therapies, in both group and individual sessions.

- Created a diverse program for local clients to answer recovery needs in small, personalized groups and treatment programs.
- Established interventions and services for both adolescent and adult clients.
- Organized small interactive weekly groups that address targeted local needs: DBT process group, Relapse Prevention, and LGBTQ life in recovery.
- Structured a business plan employing third party payers that include both private payers and Husky.

**Founder/Owner/Executive Director**  
Recovery at Wildwood Farm, LLC

Madison, CT  
Aug 2015- Present

Understanding the great shortage in specialized recovery services for the LGBTQ population, researched and opened an extended living sober program with residents staying from 4 to 12 months in a three phased program of structured recovery based in the 12 Steps Programs.

- Secured Government SBA funding with Webster Bank and the Community Investment Corporation, Hamden, CT
- Developed regional and national referral resources with numerous drug rehabilitation centers
- Organized and trained an informed LGBTQ staff of MSWs and MSW candidates to provide a 24/7 supervision
- Collaborated with program manager to develop a sober living program and schedule based on SAMHSA directives.

**Part-time Clinical Faculty**  
Quinnipiac University, School of Social Work

North Haven, CT  
Sept 2015- Present

As a member of the Quinnipiac University Part-time Faculty I serve as a Professor in the Graduate Social Work Program.

## Olejarz, Barbara

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**From:** Hansted, Kevin  
**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 2:07 PM  
**To:** Olejarz, Barbara  
**Subject:** FW: OHCA Determination Report #17-32189-DTR

Please add to the record.

Kevin T. Hansted  
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Office of Health Care Access  
Connecticut Department of Public Health  
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Hartford, CT 06134  
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**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** Hansted, Kevin <[Kevin.Hansted@ct.gov](mailto:Kevin.Hansted@ct.gov)>  
**Cc:** Michael Hinkley <[drmichael.hinkley@gmail.com](mailto:drmichael.hinkley@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHCA Determination Report #17-32189-DTR

Hi Kevin, I am consulting with Dr Hinkley in this effort. Please find a screenshot of the DPH licenses we are applying for below. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the application to DPH for your records and please let me know if you have any additional questions, thanks!

**DPH**

- Private Freestanding Mental Health Day Treatment Facilities Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-491 and/or 19a-506
- Private Freestanding Mental Health Community Residence Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-491 and/or 19a-506
- Private Freestanding Mental Health Residential Living Centers Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-491 and/or 19a-506
- Private Freestanding Facilities for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abuse or Dependence Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-491 and/or 19a-506
- Private Freestanding Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics for Adults Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-491 and/or 19a-506

**DCF**

- Extended Day Treatment Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-147
- Out-Patient Psychiatric Clinic for Children Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-20
- Residential Treatment Connecticut General Statutes Sections 17a-145 & 17a-151
- Residential Education Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-145
- Group Home Connecticut General Statutes Sections 17a-145 & 17a-151
- Temporary Shelter Connecticut General Statutes Sections 17a-145 & 17a-151
- Child Placing Agency Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-150

**DDS**

- Community Living Arrangement for persons with intellectual disability and/or person with autism spectrum disorder Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-227

**THIS APPLICATION WILL BE PROCESSED FOR (check one choice from below)**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Application       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adding an Additional Site      | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Location (DCF)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Capacity             | <input type="checkbox"/> Removing a location/Site  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation of facility (DPH)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation of Parent Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in age range (DCF)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Ownership       |

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**Subject:** OHCA Determination Report #17-32189-DTR

Good morning Dr. Hinkley:

I am in receipt of your determination request pertaining to Positive Choices Therapy LLC. Please identify the specific license(s) you will be requesting from the Department of Public health in order to operate the proposed program.



Thank you,

Kevin T. Hansted

Staff Attorney

Office of Health Care Access

Connecticut Department of Public Health

410 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06134

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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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Commissioner

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Governor  
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Lt. Governor

### Office of Healthcare Access

September 11, 2017

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Dr. Michael F. Hinkley  
Executive Director  
Positive Choices LLC  
11 Woodland Rd.  
Madison, CT 06443

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 17-32189-DTR  
Establishment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility

Dear Dr. Hinkley:

On September 6, 2017, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your Certificate of Need (“CON”) Determination request on behalf of Positive Choices LLC (“Petitioner”) with respect to the establishment of a Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility.

The Petitioner is a for-profit entity that currently provides individual and group psychotherapy services in Madison, Connecticut. The Petitioner is proposing the establishment of a Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility to be located at 11 Woodland Road, Madison, Connecticut. The Petitioner will seek the following licenses from the Department of Public Health: Private Freestanding Mental Health Day Treatment Facility and Private Freestanding Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abuse or Dependence.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-638(a)(1), a certificate of need is required for the “establishment of a new health care facility”. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-630(11) defines a health care facility as “(G) mental health facilities; (H) substance abuse treatment facilities;” Consequently, the proposed facility is a health care facility. Therefore, a **CON is required** for the Petitioner’s proposal.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by Kimberly  
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Dr. Hinkley,

Please see attached Determination for Report Number: 17-32189-DTR for the establishment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility.

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