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Mr. Jeffrey Walter
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rushford Center
Administrative Offices
384 Pratt Street
Meriden, CT 06450

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04-30268-DTR
Closure of the Rushford Center facility located at 384 Pratt Street, Meriden

Dear Mr. Walter:

On March 30, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your response to OHCA’s March 11, 2004 Certificate of Need Determination inquiry regarding the discontinuation of the Rushford Center satellite facility located at 384 Pratt Street in Meriden. OHCA has reviewed the information provided and makes the following findings:

1. Rushford Center is a provider of behavioral health services in Connecticut. Rushford Center assumed operation of the MidState Behavioral Health System on July 1, 2003.
2. Rushford Center currently holds Department of Public Health facility licenses to serve its client population, as follows:

883 Paddock Avenue, Meriden
Partial Hospital Program
Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic
Substance Abuse Services

1250 Silver Street, Middletown
Partial Hospital Program
Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic
Substance Abuse Services

43 St. Casimir Drive, Meriden
Transitional Care/Halfway House

136 New London Turnpike,
Glastonbury
Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic
Substance Abuse Services

3. The adult outpatient psychiatric clinic license for the 384 Pratt Street location originally had been issued to cover the provision of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), a service model that involves a team of clinicians and case managers who provide integrated services to clients with severe and persistent mental illness.
4. Rushford Center indicates that there has been no clinical activity at the 384 Pratt Street Meriden location, other than the ACT services prior to or after July 1, 2003. Outpatient clinic services had not been offered at that location.
5. The 384 Pratt Street Meriden location had been used by Rushford Center for social rehabilitation and community support services to clients and such services were not of a clinical nature.
6. Rushford Center determined that the ACT team, along with other case management services, could be more efficiently and effectively delivered by moving them to the 883 Paddock Avenue, Meriden location. The 883 Paddock Avenue site is the location of Rushford Center's outpatient clinic, where most clients receiving ACT and other case management services also receive their clinical care. The co-location of case management (including the ACT team) and clinical services facilitates better integration on behalf of clients.
7. The relocation of the ACT team to the 83 Paddock Avenue Meriden location did not cause a change in the number of clients served or staffing and did not disrupt the continuity of care. The 883 Paddock Avenue Meriden site is accessible to clients by municipal bus and Rushford Center also provides transportation for clients who cannot take the bus.
8. Rushford Center has moved its administrative offices to the 384 Pratt Street location.

Based on the findings, OHCA has determined that the consolidation of the services previously offered at 384 Pratt Street in Meriden into the existing Rushford Center services located at 883 Paddock Avenue in Meriden represents a reconfiguration of services and not a termination of services. Therefore, a CON is not required in this matter pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this matter. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at OHCA at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely,

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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