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Marty McLaren  
Director, Behavioral Health  
Family & Children's Services Agency, Inc.  
9 Mott Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06850

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04-30298-DTR  
Family & Children's Services Agency, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.  
Establish Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Services for Adults

Dear Mr. McLaren:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), for the establishment of intensive outpatient substance abuse services for adults at 165 Flax Hill Road in Norwalk, CT.

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

1. Family & Children's Services Agency, Inc. ("Applicant") is a non-profit agency providing day and evening treatment for substance abusive/dependent adults and outpatient psychiatric multi-services treatment (mental health and substance abuse services) for adult clients.
2. Program services are provided to substance abusive/dependent women eighteen years of age and older, who primarily reside in the towns of Norwalk, Darien, Stamford, Wilton, Westport, and New Canaan and are predominantly very low income, pregnant and/or parenting women.
3. The Applicant is proposing to establish intensive outpatient substance abuse services for female clients at its Project Rewards Program site, located at 165 Flax Hill Road in Norwalk, CT.

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4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated July 26, 2004, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Family & Children’s Services Agency, Inc. to establish intensive outpatient substance abuse services for adults at 165 Flax Hill Road in Norwalk, CT.
5. DMHAS states that the proposal will provide needed services, as well as continuity of care for approximately 80 to 100 Applicant clients.
6. There is no capital expenditure associated with the proposal.
7. Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that establishment of intensive outpatient substance abuse services for adults at 165 Flax Hill Road in Norwalk, CT., meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack Huber, Health Care Analyst, Certificate of Need and Compliance, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS  
Al Bidorini, Director, DMHAS, OPAS  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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