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Mr. Cary David Ostrow, LMFT
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 04-30321-DTR
Clarification of Status of Partial Hospital Program

Dear Mr. Ostrow:

On July 2, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received LMG Programs, Inc.'s response to OHCA's June 25, 2004 inquiry regarding a possible discontinuation of a partial hospital program at 276 Union Avenue in Bridgeport. OHCA makes the following findings in this matter:

1. LMG Programs, Inc. is currently a licensed provider of various substance abuse services in the Bridgeport area. LMG Programs, Inc. does not currently have a Day and Evening (Partial Hospital) Program and a Day and Evening (Partial Hospital) Program has never been initiated by the entity, LMG Programs, Inc.
2. On September 29, 1998, under CON Determination Report Number 98-B5, OHCA determined that the merger of Guenster Rehabilitation Services, Inc. with and into Liberation & Meridian: Partners in Prevention and Recovery, Inc., did not require a CON as it met the waiver requirements of Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
3. Guenster Rehabilitation Services, Inc., was the provider of day and evening (Partial Hospital Program) services at 276 Union Avenue in Bridgeport. When LMG Programs, Inc. merged with Guenster Rehabilitation Services, Inc., in March 1999, the previous license for the Guenster services contained the Day and Evening Treatment line item. LMG Programs, Inc. mistakenly believed that their Intensive Outpatient Program (9 hours a week) was considered Day/Evening Treatment so LMG Programs, Inc. kept that line item on its license each time it was renewed.

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4. With the merger, Liberation & Meridian: Partners in Prevention and Recovery, Inc. became LMG Programs, Inc. and Guenster Rehabilitation Services, Inc. ceased as a legal business entity.
5. On August 5, 2003, under Report Number 03-30070-DTR, OHCA issued a Certificate of Need Determination for the relocation of the substance abuse outpatient and ambulatory chemical detoxification treatment programs offered by LMG Programs, Inc. d/b/a Guenster Rehabilitation Services at 276 Union Avenue in Bridgeport to 399 Mill Hill Avenue in Bridgeport. LMG Programs, Inc.'s license had previously included a Day and Evening (Partial Hospital) Program component.
6. When LMG Programs, Inc. moved services to the new Mill Hill Avenue location, it came to LMG Programs, Inc.'s attention that Partial Hospital Program was not the same as Intensive Outpatient and that in fact, LMG had never had a Partial Hospital Program at the 276 Union Avenue location. It is unknown when Partial Hospital Program services were last conducted at the 276 Union Avenue Bridgeport location by the previous license holder, Guenster Rehabilitation Services, Inc., since LMG inherited many clients from the previous administration and none were involved in a Partial Hospital Program.
7. Currently LMG Programs, Inc.'s Mill Hill site is licensed for Methadone (active program), Outpatient (active program, including Intensive Outpatient) and Ambulatory Methadone (active program).

Based on the above, OHCA determines that the previous provider at the 276 Union Avenue, Bridgeport location, Guenster Rehabilitation Services, Inc., was a provider of day and evening substance abuse services and may have discontinued such provision of services prior to the merger of Guenster with and into Liberation & Meridian. The surviving entity, LMG Programs, Inc., is not and has not been a provider of day and evening (or Partial Hospital Program) services and such service category should not appear on LMG Program, Inc.'s license. LMG Programs, Inc. has not terminated a health care service that they previously provided. Therefore, OHCA concludes that a Certificate of Need is not required pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a termination of services by LMG Programs, Inc.

Thank you for your cooperation in clarifying this matter for OHCA's records. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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