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July 22, 2004

Mr. Vincent Brescia
Chief Executive Officer
Regional Network of Programs, Inc.
144 Golden Hill Street, Suite 301
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 04-30335-DTR
Regional Counseling Services
Expansion of Outpatient Services to Second Location in Bridgeport
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Addition of Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Service

Dear Mr. Brescia:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your application 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 a substance abuse outpatient treatment service at 1549 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted and makes the following findings:

1. Regional Network of Programs, Inc. ("RNP") is a non-profit facility providing mental health and substance abuse services in the greater Bridgeport area. RNP receives funding from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS").
2. RNP d/b/a Regional Counseling Services is currently licensed by the Department of Public Health as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons providing outpatient treatment at 480 Bond Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
3. RNP proposes to add a substance abuse outpatient treatment service at 1549 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and be licensed as a Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment facility.
4. The establishment of a second location will alleviate overcrowding at the Bond Street program and allow RNP to reassign clients to the new location, as well as accommodate more clients.
5. DMHAS, in a letter dated June 18, 2004, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., supports the proposal and grants the exemption of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
6. There is no associated capital expenditure for this proposal.

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Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to add substance abuse outpatient treatment service at 1549 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport, Connecticut meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678, C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding the proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7032.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
Donna Stimpson, Planning Specialist, DMHAS
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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