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COMMISSIONER

November 17, 2004

Barry Kasdan  
President/CEO  
Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc.  
949 Bridgeport Avenue  
Milford, CT 06460

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04-30363-DTR  
Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.  
Establish Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Programs.

Dear Mr. Kasdan:

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."), to obtain outpatient substance abuse treatment licenses at 949 Bridgeport Avenue in Milford, 270 Center Street in West Haven, and 606A Orange Center Road in Orange.

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

1. Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc. is non-profit facility providing primary substance abuse treatment under existing multi-service psychiatric outpatient licenses at the above locations.
2. Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc. is proposing to obtain outpatient substance abuse treatment licenses at 949 Bridgeport Avenue in Milford, 270 Center Street in West Haven, and 606A Orange Center Road in Orange.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated October 22, 2004, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc., to obtain outpatient substance abuse treatment licenses at three sites located in Milford, West Haven and Orange.

4. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that establishing outpatient substance abuse treatment programs at three sites located in Milford, West Haven and Orange meet the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, are 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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

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