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Terence R. Dougherty  
President & CEO  
Mountainside Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 717, Route 7  
187 South Canaan Road  
North Canaan, CT 06018

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30729-EXM  
Mountainside Foundation, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Bed Capacity Expansion of Substance Abuse Intermediate and Long Term Treatment and  
Rehabilitation Facility/Program in North Canaan

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

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 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to provide additional bed capacity at the Substance Abuse Intermediate and Long Term Treatment and Rehabilitation facility at 187 South Canaan Road in North Canaan.

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

1. Mountainside Foundation, Inc. ("MFI") is a non-profit facility that operates a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons at 187 South Canaan Road in North Canaan.
2. MFI is proposing to expand the Substance Abuse Intermediate and Long Term Treatment and Rehabilitation Beds, from 50 to 66, at 187 South Canaan Road in North Canaan.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated June 7, 2006, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Mountainside Foundation, Inc. to provide

additional bed capacity for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abuse or Dependent Persons as an Intermediate and Long Term Treatment and Rehabilitation.

4. DMHAS states that with the additional 16 beds, the facility estimates it will serve an additional 491 unduplicated adults a year. The facility serves clients statewide as well as from surrounding states.
5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$485,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Mountainside Foundation, Inc.'s proposal to expand treatment capacity/beds of the Intermediate and Long Term Treatment and Rehabilitation facility at 187 South Canaan Road in North Canaan meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

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: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR  
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