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Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 06-30746-DTR
Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc. d/b/a Stonington Institute
Relocation of Adult Ambulatory Detoxification Program in Groton

Dear Attorney Groves:

On May 17, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your Certificate of Need (“CON”) determination concerning Stonington Institute’s proposal to relocate its adult ambulatory detoxification program in Groton.

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

1. Stonington Institute (“Stonington”) is a for-profit 72-bed psychiatric hospital that offers a full continuum of substance abuse and mental health services to adolescents and adults in Southeastern Connecticut.
2. Stonington currently operates an adult ambulatory detoxification program at 333 Long Hill Road in Groton. The program is licensed by the Department of Public Health as a “Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons”.
3. The adult ambulatory detoxification program (“program”) provides medically monitored ambulatory detoxification services to adults ages 18 to 65 who are physiologically dependent on opiates and for whom methadone maintenance is not desired or medically appropriate.
4. Clinical services provided by the program include individual assessment and evaluation, medication management, group therapy, psycho-education, case management, and relapse prevention.

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5. Clients of the program are permitted to reside in Stonington's off-campus housing during the course of treatment. Free transportation to and from the 333 Long Hill Road clinic is provided.
6. Stonington proposes to relocate the program to 1353 Gold Star Highway in Groton in order to enhance the quality of care for the program's clients.
7. The facility at 1353 Gold Star Highway will support the needs of the clients by providing a more appropriate environment for treatment and the space is significantly larger than the existing location. It will be the only treatment program offered at the new location.
8. The new location is 3.7 miles from the existing location. All patients impacted by this relocation are offered and utilize transportation services offered by Stonington. The proposed site is located on a public bus route.
9. This proposal will have no impact on facility fees, current or target populations served, service providers, or service payers.
10. No additional programs are proposed and no programs will be terminated.
11. There is no capital expenditure associated with the proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that relocating the adult ambulatory detoxification program from 333 Long Hill Road in Groton to 1353 Gold Star Highway in Groton and acquire a licensed as a "Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons" does not require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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