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April 15, 2004

Mr. Jeffrey Walter
President and CEO
Rushford Center
1250 Silver Street
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 03-30224-DTR
Rushford Center
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Relocation of a 12 Bed Residential Treatment Program/Four Bed Expansion of the
Residential Treatment Program

Dear Mr. Walter:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting a Certificate of Need ("CON") determination for the relocation of Rushford Center 12 Bed Residential Treatment Program for adolescent males from 1250 Silver Street, Middletown, to 25 Marlborough Street, Portland, CT.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted and makes the following findings:

1. The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") has reviewed your request and finds that the relocation of the existing office will not change the area served by your program, the licensing category of your program, or any aspects of program delivery. There will be no expansion of services at this time and the capital expenditure to be incurred as a result of the relocation will be less than the statutory limit of \$1,000,000.
2. DCF, in a letter dated March 4, 2004, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, supports the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
3. DCF stated in its letter, "The Rushford Dual Diagnosis Residential Treatment Program is part of the state's initiative to prevent out of state placements and is consistent with the plan to build the capacity within the state to serve the adolescent population... A significant need exists for additional dual diagnosis beds in the Rushford Center Program."

4. The Rushford Center proposes to expand the Residential Treatment Program from 12 beds to 16 beds
5. The Rushford Center Residential Treatment program will serve adolescent males ages 13-17 who has substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to relocate an Adolescent Residential Treatment Program at 25 Marlborough Street in Portland, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b, C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process. Also OHCA has determined that the four-bed expansion does not represent the provision of an additional function or service, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, it will not be necessary for you to obtain further permission from OHCA in order to proceed with the proposed four-bed expansion of Rushford Center.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding the proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Honorable Darlene Dunbar, MSW, Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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