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Kristen Isham
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Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31152-EXM
Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 17a-678 and 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish a 20-Bed Substance Abuse Intensive Residential Treatment Program, Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment and a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Waterbury

Dear Ms. Isham:

On August 1, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Sections 17a-678 and 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a 20-bed intensive co-occurring residential drug treatment facility and behavioral health outpatient clinic for adults in Waterbury.

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

1. Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. ("CRI") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment at various locations in Connecticut.
2. CRI is proposing to establish a 20-bed intensive co-occurring residential drug treatment facility and behavioral health outpatient clinic for adults at 70 Central Avenue, Waterbury, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received July 31, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. to obtain licenses for a facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons for intensive residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults at 70 Central Avenue, Waterbury, CT.

4. DMHAS states that CRI is proposing to operate a 20-bed intensive residential treatment program and provide substance abuse outpatient treatment services for adults having a substance use disorder alone or in combination with a mental illness. Both programs will be located at 70 Central Avenue, Waterbury with the residential program serving an estimated 240 unduplicated clients annually and the outpatient program 50 individuals. The residential and outpatient programs will serve the Greater Waterbury area as well as clients from across the state. CRI is a DMHAS funded agency.
5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter received July 31, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 70 Central Avenue, Waterbury, CT.
6. DMHAS states that CRI has current contracts with DMHAS and is proposing to provide a mental health outpatient treatment program for adults with psychiatric and/or co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders. The mental health outpatient treatment program, located at 70 Central Avenue, Waterbury, will serve 50 clients annually. The outpatient program will serve the Greater Waterbury area as well as clients from across the state.
7. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.’s request to establish a 20-bed substance abuse intensive residential treatment program, substance abuse outpatient treatment program and a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 70 Central Avenue, in Waterbury, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Sections 17a-678 and 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 Commissioner Vogel on August 12, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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