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COMMISSIONER

May 21, 2008

Alfreda Turner
CEO and President
Charter Oak Center, Inc.
21 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31166-EXM
Charter Oak Center, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish a Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for Adults at 21 Grand Street
in Hartford

Dear Ms. Turner:

On May 16, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received 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 establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 21 Grand Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

1. Charter Oak Center, Inc. (“COC”) is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric treatment at various locations in Connecticut. COC receives funds from The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
2. COC is proposing to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 21 Grand Street, Hartford, Connecticut.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter received April 24, 2008, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow The Charter Oak Center, Inc. to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons – outpatient treatment for adults at 21 Grand Street in Hartford. The program will serve primarily the Greater Hartford area.

4. DMHAS states that the outpatient program located at 21 Grand Street, Hartford will serve clients with co-occurring disorders. The program will serve 120 unduplicated clients in the first 18 months.
5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Charter Oak Center, Inc.'s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 21 Grand Street, Hartford meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 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 May 21, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS
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