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June 11, 2008

Kristin Bonilla
Associate Director, CASA
Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc.
690 Arctic Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31170-EXM
Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc.
Establish three Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics for Adults in Bridgeport and New Haven

Dear Ms. Bonilla:

On May 27, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of three psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults in Bridgeport and New Haven, Connecticut.

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

1. Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc. ("CASA") is a private, non-profit facility providing substance abuse treatment for adults in Bridgeport and New Haven, Connecticut.
2. CASA is proposing to establish three psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults at the following locations:
 - CASA Hostos, 690 Arctic Street, Bridgeport,
 - Project Courage, 592 Kossuth Street, Bridgeport, and
 - Multicultural Ambulatory Addiction Services, 426 East Street, New Haven.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received June 10, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc. to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at the above locations.

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4. DMHAS states that the two sites in Bridgeport plan to serve 100 clients with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. The site in New Haven plans to serve 150 adults with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. CASA has a current human services and General Assistance contract with DMHAS to provide behavioral health services for clients.
5. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc.'s request to establish psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults at the three locations listed above meets the exemption requirements of Sections 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 June 11, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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