



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

CRISTINE A. VOGEL
COMMISSIONER

December 1, 2008

Lynn Bishop
Assistant Executive Director
NAFI CT, Inc.
20 Batterson Park Dr., Third Floor
Farmington, CT 06032

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31253-DTR
NAFI CT, Inc. d/b/a Stepping Stone
Proposal to Decrease DCF Licensed Bed Capacity from 30 beds to 24 beds at its Residential
Treatment Facility in Waterbury

Dear Ms. Bishop:

On October 20, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning NAFI CT, Inc.'s ("Applicant") proposal to decrease the licensed bed capacity from 30 beds to 24 beds in its Stepping Stone program, a Residential Treatment Facility in Waterbury, with no associated capital expenditure.

1. NAFI CT, Inc. ("Applicant") operates a 30-bed Residential Treatment Facility, known as Stepping Stone ("Program"), at 63 Prospect Street in Waterbury.
2. The State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families ("DCF") licenses the program as a Residential Treatment Facility having a licensed bed capacity of 30 beds.
3. The program provides residential treatment to girls aged 12 to 18 who are in the care or custody of DCF.
4. The Applicant is under contract with DCF to provide the program. All referrals to the program originate from DCF.
5. The Applicant proposes to decrease the bed capacity of the program from 30 beds to 24 beds with no change in services.

6. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.
7. Section 19a-638 (3) of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states that:

“Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution or reduce substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination or decrease, a request to undertake such termination or decrease.”

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that NAFI CT, Inc. is a health-care facility and its proposal to decrease the licensed bed capacity of its Stepping Stone program in Waterbury at no associated capital expenditure represents a reduction of bed capacity. Therefore, NAFI CT, Inc.’s proposal to reduce the number of licensed beds in its Stepping Stone program requires Certificate of Need authorization by OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638 (3), C.G.S.

The Applicant may file a Letter of Intent with OHCA to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need Process. The Applicant may also seek a determination of eligibility for exemption from the Certificate of Need Process from the Department of Children and Families, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S., a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Kimberly Martone, Certificate of Need Supervisor, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on December 1, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

CAV:lkg

Enclosure

C: Susan I. Hamilton, Commissioner, DCF
Karl Kemper, Chief of Staff, DCF
Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH