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Stephen W. Larcen, Ph.D.  
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Natchaug Hospital, Inc.  
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31265-DTR  
Termination of the Joshua Center at 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, and Establishment  
of the Joshua Center at 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Larcen:

On October 20, and November 7, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your letter requesting a Certificate of Need (“CON”) determination with respect to whether a Certificate of Need is required for your facility for the termination of the Joshua Center at 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, and establishment of the Joshua Center at 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut.

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

- 1) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. is a health care facility or institution pursuant to Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2) Since 1992, Natchaug Hospital has provided the following services at the current location:
  - The Department of Public Health (“DPH”) licenses Partial Hospitalization (“PHP”), Intensive Outpatient (“IOP”) and other outpatient services to support the PHP and IOP programs,
  - The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”) licenses the Extended Day Treatment (“EDT”) program, and
  - The Connecticut State Department of Education (“SDE”) special education school program.

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- 3) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. is requesting the termination of the Joshua Center at 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, and establishment of the Joshua Center at 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut.
- 4) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. states that the relocation of the program from its current location in Brooklyn to the adjacent town of Danielson will improve access for the majority of clients. It will not diminish access for existing clients since all youngsters are served by the program transportation system already in place.
- 5) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. also states the following:
  - The relocation is based on the termination of the current lease, and affords the program both a better geographic location and an improved facility,
  - The program will operate on a single level of the building, rather than the current four levels,
  - Room sizes will be larger, built to specifications, and more suitable for the clinical and educational services provided, and
  - More private office spaces will be available, thus facilitating the provision of individual and family therapy.
- 6) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. states no changes in services are proposed.
- 7) Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states, in part, that
  - (2) *Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution, including any inpatient rehabilitation facility, which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service.*
  - (3) *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 the termination of the Joshua Center at 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, represents the termination of a health service and establishment of the Joshua Center at 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut, represents the introduction of an additional function or service. Consequently, Natchaug Hospital, Inc’s proposal requires Certificate of Need approval pursuant to Sections 19a-638(2) and (3), C.G.S. Natchaug Hospital, Inc. may file a Letter of Intent with Office of Health Care Access to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need Process.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 12, 2008*

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

Enclosure

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