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Stephen W. Larcen, Ph.D.  
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31291-EXM  
Relocation of the Joshua Center from 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, to 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Larcen:

On December 30, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the relocation of the Joshua Center from 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, to 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.

- 3) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. is requesting the relocation of the Joshua Center from 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, to 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut.
- 4) The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter dated December 15, 2008, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, JD, MSW endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
- 5) DCF states that Natchaug Hospital, Inc. is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation headquartered in Mansfield Center, Connecticut that provides a continuum of inpatient, residential, day treatment, Extended Day Treatment (“EDT”), partial hospital and other mental health services. Many of Natchaug Hospital’s behavioral health treatment programs are licensed and under contract with DCF, including the EDT program in Brooklyn. Natchaug Hospital proposes to seek licensure as an EDT program at the 934 North Main Street site, which is a relocation of a current EDT program located in Brooklyn, Connecticut. The program will remain licensed and funded for 12 treatment slots. Last year the program served 35 clients and their families.
- 6) DCF also states that the proposed relocation of Natchaug Hospital’s EDT program from Brooklyn to Killingly (Danielson) is consistent with DCF’s efforts to improve access to needed behavioral health treatment and support services throughout the state and, in particular, access to intermediate levels of community based care such as EDT services. DCF supports this CON exemption request with regards to the relocation of EDT to the service site at 934 North Main Street in Danielson, CT.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Natchaug Hospital, Inc. states no changes in services are proposed.
- 10) The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$206,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Natchaug Hospital, Inc.'s request to relocate the Joshua Center from 7 Providence Turnpike, Brooklyn, to 934 North Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 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, Certificate of Need Unit, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on December 31, 2008*

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, MSW., J.D. Commissioner, DCF  
Sandra Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, FLIS

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