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Harry Evert
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31300-DTR
Middlesex Hospital
Relocation of Outpatient Behavioral Health Services from Essex to Old Saybrook

Dear Mr. Evert:

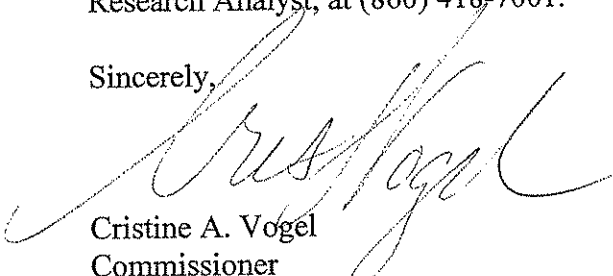
On January 22, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Middlesex Hospital to relocate its outpatient behavioral health services from Essex to Old Saybrook. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Middlesex Hospital ("Hospital") operated outpatient behavioral health services ("services") at its Shoreline Medical Center, 260 Westbrook Road, Essex until November 2004.
2. In November 2004, the Hospital relocated the services to a larger office space at 1250 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, which was the closest suitable space available at the time.
3. The service area and the target population did not change as a result of the relocation from Essex to Old Saybrook. The Hospital continued to provide services to patients from Clinton, Essex, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook.
4. The cost of the relocation did not exceed \$11,000.

Based on these findings, Middlesex Hospital should have obtained a CON in 2004 when they terminated services in Essex and established the services in Old Saybrook. However, since more than four (4) years has lapsed, OHCA will not require CON approval for Middlesex Hospital to continue providing outpatient behavioral health services in Old Saybrook. However, any future relocation of these services may require CON approval from OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638, Connecticut General Statutes. In addition, termination of outpatient behavioral services programs or the establishment of additional new services, whether or not related to the outpatient behavioral services programs, will also require CON approval from OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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