

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Linda S. Smith, LCSW Director of Quality Assurance Catholic Charities, Inc. – Archdiocese of Hartford 839-841 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

RE:

Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31336-DTR Termination of licensed adult outpatient psychiatric services at 290 Grand Avenue in New Haven

Dear Ms. Smith:

On March 18, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a determination from OHCA whether the discontinuance of licensed adult outpatient psychiatric services at 290 Grand Avenue, New Haven requires the filing of a Certificate of Need Application with OHCA. Additional information was provided on June 16, 2009. OHCA has reviewed the request for CON Determination and makes the following findings in regard to this matter:

- 1. Catholic Charities, Inc. Archdiocese of Hartford ("CCAOH") currently operates Centro San Jose, a licensed adult outpatient psychiatric clinic at 290 Grand Avenue in New Haven. This service location is licensed by the Department of Public Health ("DPH") as a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults. It also provides child day care and Latino neighborhood outreach services.
- 2. CCAOH also provides licensed services (both outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse services) at its 501 Lombard Street in New Haven.
- 3. CCAOH is proposing to move the psychiatric outpatient adult clinic services from the Centro San Jose, 290 Grand Avenue, New Haven to 501 Lombard Street, New Haven. All other services at Centro San Jose will stay.
- 4. In its June 16, 2009 submission, CCAOH states that "The Lombard Street site is within ½ ¾ mile of Centro San Jose, both are within the predominantly Latino Community, and the bi-lingual staff continues to serve clients that may have once been served at Centro San Jose."

- 5. CCAOH states that the DPH psychiatric outpatient license for Centro San Jose would expire on June 30, 2009.
- 6. OHCA finds that CCAOH is terminating outpatient psychiatric services at Centro San Jose and the DPH psychiatric outpatient license for that location expired on June 30, 2009.
- 7. OHCA finds that CCAOH will continue to provide outpatient psychiatric services at 501 Lombard Street to those clients previously served at Centro San Jose.

Based upon the findings presented above, OHCA has determined that the proposal of Catholic Charities, Inc. – Archdiocese of Hartford ("CCAOH") to terminate outpatient psychiatric services at Centro San Jose requires Certificate of Need authorization pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §19a-638 (a) (3). Catholic Charities, Inc. – Archdiocese of Hartford may file a Letter of Intent with OHCA to request initiation of the Certificate of Need process for the termination of outpatient psychiatric services at Centro San Jose.

If you have any questions concerning the above or the CON process, please contact Melanie Dillon, Staff Attorney at OHCA at (860) 418-7060.

Sincerely

Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

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