

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

June 1, 2009

Richard Bilangi, MS
President/Executive Director
Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc.
60 Beaver Brook Road
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31375-EXM Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc. d/b/a Danbury Clinic CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S. Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Danbury

Dear Mr. Bilangi:

On May 21, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to provide a mental health outpatient treatment program for adults with co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders in Danbury, Connecticut.

Upon review of the information contained in your request, OHCA makes the following findings:

- 1. Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc. ("CCC") is a non-profit organization providing psychiatric outpatient treatment and substance abuse treatment at various locations in Connecticut.
- 2. Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc. is proposing to establish psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 60 Beaver Brook Road in Danbury.
- 3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received May 5, 2009, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under Section 19a-639b, C.G.S. for Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc. to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at the site noted above.

- 4. DMHAS states that Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc., a DMHAS funded agency will provide a mental health outpatient treatment program for adults with co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders. The mental health outpatient treatment program, located at 60 Beaver Brook Road in Danbury, will provide dual diagnosis outpatient treatment and ongoing co-occurring outpatient therapy to over 40 clients. The outpatient program will serve adults in the Greater Danbury area.
- 5. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc.'s request to establish outpatient psychiatric treatment services for adults at 60 Beaver Brook Road in Danbury 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, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

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Cristine A. Vogel

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