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Ms. Shawna Schnitzke
Director of Counseling
Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.
155 West Main Street
Vernon, CT 06066

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31461-EXM
Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish a Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Facility at 27 Naek Road in Vernon

Dear Ms. Schnitzke:

On September 21, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults in Vernon.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. ("HVCC") is a non-profit, licensed behavioral health provider currently located at 27-29 Naek Road in Vernon, Connecticut.
2. HVCC is proposing to provide a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 13 Wolcott Street, Waterbury, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received August 19, 2009, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons-outpatient treatment at 27 Naek Road, Suite 4, Vernon, CT.
4. DMHAS states that HVCC operated under a psychiatric multi-service license and is seeking a substance abuse license as required by the Department of Public Health.
5. HVCC states that the program will serve 720 unduplicated clients annually with substance use or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders.

6. DMHAS also states that HVCC is funded under DMHAS' General Assistance program.
7. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.'s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 27 Naek Road, Suite 4, in Vernon, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 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.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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