

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

October 20, 2009

William A. Aniskovich Chief Executive Officer Stonington Institute 234A Bank Street, 5th Floor New London, CT 06320 VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31476-DTR
Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute
Relocation of a Substance Abuse/Mental Health Treatment Facility in Groton

Dear Mr. Aniskovich:

On September 29, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter regarding the relocation of your substance abuse/mental health Treatment Facility from 333 Long Hill Road in Groton to 1353 Gold Star Highway in Groton, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed this matter and makes the following findings:

- 1. Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute ("Petitioner") is a for-profit behavioral health provider currently offering the licensed mental health and substance abuse services at its facility located at 333 Long Hill Road in Groton.
- 2. The 333 Long Hill Road office of Stonington Institute is currently providing the following services:
 - Mental health multi-outpatient services for adults through its Mental Health Day Treatment Facility License; and
 - Day and evening treatment, outpatient treatment and ambulatory chemical detoxification treatment services for adults through its Facility for the Care and Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons License.
- 3. The Petitioner is proposing to relocate all of its existing licensed services with the exception of the ambulatory chemical detoxification service from 333 Long Hill Road in Groton to 1353 Gold Star Highway in Groton, Connecticut.
- 4. The proposed relocation is necessary due to the expiration of the Petitioner's lease at the Long Hill Road office.

- 5. The Petitioner has filed a separate Form 2030 Letter of Intent with OHCA regarding the relocation of its ambulatory chemical detoxification service from Groton to a site located in North Stonington, Connecticut.
- 6. The service area and target population will not change as a result of the relocation of the designated licensed services.
- 7. No additional programs are proposed and no services will be terminated.
- 8. There is no capital expenditure associated with this relocation.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute to proceed with the relocation of its existing licensed mental health day treatment and licensed substance abuse day and evening treatment and outpatient treatment services from 333 Long Hill Road in Groton to 1353 Gold Star Highway in Groton, Connecticut. 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 regarding this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely

Cristine A. Yogel

Deputy Commissioner

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