



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
*Office of Health Care Access*

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

William A. Aniskovich  
Chief Executive Officer  
Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute  
75 Swantown Hill Road  
North Stonington, CT 06359

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 10-31520-DTR  
Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute  
Increase in Number of Licensed Beds for the Residential Detoxification and Evaluation  
Service from 13Beds to 18 Beds

Dear Mr. Aniskovich:

On January 6, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter regarding the proposal of Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute ("Stonington") to increase the number of licensed beds for its Residential Detoxification and Evaluation Service ("RDE") from 13 beds to 18 beds. The RDE is located at 75 Swantown Hill Road, North Stonington. There is no associated capital expenditure with the proposal. Upon review of the information contained in your request, OHCA makes the following findings:

1. Stonington is a free-standing substance abuse treatment center located at 75 Swantown Hill Road, North Stonington, Connecticut.
2. In addition to the RDE service Stonington operates a 45-bed Intensive Treatment ("IT") Service and a 10-bed Adolescent Residential Treatment Center ("RTC") for 12-18 year old boys with a developmental delay or disability. The Connecticut Department of Public Health licenses the RDE and the IT service; the Connecticut Department of Children and Families licenses the RTC.
3. Stonington is accredited by the Joint Commission.
4. In 2005, Stonington reduced the number of staffed RDE beds from 18 to 13 beds in order to accommodate the newly authorized four-bed acute adolescent inpatient psychiatric service.

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5. On April 3, 2008, as part of a Corrective Action Plan, the State of Connecticut's Department of Public Health requested that Stonington reduce its licensed RDE bed number from 18 to 13 to match the number of staffed RDE beds.
6. On December 31, 2009, Stonington received Certificate of Need approval from OHCA to terminate its adolescent four-bed acute care inpatient psychiatric service.
7. Stonington proposes to restore the number of licensed beds for its RDE service from 13 to the original 18 beds.
8. Stonington is not proposing any new services to be added.
9. There is no associated capital expenditure.
10. Stonington expects that the payer mix will remain unchanged.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal of Stonington will not transfer its ownership or control, will not introduce an additional function or service, will not terminate a service, and will not reduce its total bed capacity. Additionally, there is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal. Therefore, under Sections 19-638 and 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute does not require Certificate of Need approval from OHCA to increase the number of licensed beds for its Residential Detoxification and Evaluation Service ("RDE") from 13 beds to 18 beds at 75 Swantown Hill Road, North Stonington.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Melanie Dillon at (860) 418-7060.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel,  
Commissioner

C: Rose McLellan, License & Applications Supervisor, FLIS, DPH

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