

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

April 10, 2013

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

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Jose Ortiz Executive Director Hispanic Health Council 175 Main St. Hartford, CT 06106 Yvette Bello Executive Director Latino Community Service, Inc. 184 Wethersfield Ave. Hartford, CT 06114

RE:

Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 13-31827-DTR Hispanic Unidos, Inc., Hispanic Health Council & Latino Community Service, Inc. Merger of Three Non-Profit Organizations to provide Outpatient Behavioral Health Services

Dear Messrs. Castillo and Ortiz and Ms. Bello:

On March 18, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Hispanos Unidos, Inc., Hispanic Health Council and Latinos Community Service, Inc. ("Applicants"), to merge organizations into a sole surviving entity to be licensed as an outpatient behavioral health services provider.

Attached to the request was a letter from the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS") confirming that it is partnering with at least one of the applicants to provide supportive community-based services, which include outreach and engagement, clinical support and psychosocial services to a growing Hispanic population and many DMHAS-eligible clients. The partnership will continue with the surviving entity of the merger. Also, on March 27, 2013 the applicants provided to OHCA a copy of a subcontract between Hispanos Unidos Inc., and CommuniCare, Inc. ("CCI"), an agent of DMHAS. The agreement affirms CCI, on behalf of DMHAS, has contracted with Hispanos Unidos, Inc. to be part of the Connecticut Latino Behavioral Health System to provide direct clinical/psychotherapeutic services to the adult Latino population from January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

Hispanos Unidos, Inc., Hispanic Health Council & Latino Community Services April 10, 2013 Merger to Provide Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Page 2 CON Det.; Report No. 13-31827-DTR

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-638(b)(14), a CON is not required for any non-profit facility, institution or provider that has a contract with, or is certified or licensed to provide a service for a state agency or department for a service that would otherwise require a CON. Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is *not required* for the applicants to merge and for the surviving entity to obtain a license to provide outpatient behavioral health services.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Olga Armah, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7070.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Martone

Director of Operations, OHCA

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Cc: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR

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