

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

May 23, 2013

VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION ONLY

William A. Aniskovich Chief Executive Officer Stonington Institute 75 Swantown Hill Road North Stonington, CT 06359

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 13-31834-DTR

Stonington Institute

Expansion of Behavioral Health Services

Dear Mr. Aniskovich:

On April 26, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of Stonington Institute ("the Applicant") with respect to whether a CON is required to expand the hospital's existing inpatient behavioral health services to include a 4-inpatient bed Hospital for Mentally Ill Persons.

The beds would be located on the North Stonington campus; proposed services include aftercare inpatient psychiatric and detoxification treatment to be provided to veterans and active duty service members already patients of the hospital.

In a series of May 15, 2013 responses to inquiries from OHCA you confirmed that the Applicant has 58 Department of Public Health licensed beds and that the proposed expansion of inpatient behavioral health services will be implemented utilizing the existing license bed capacity.

Expanding the Applicant's inpatient behavioral health services to include a 4-inpatient bed Hospital for Mentally III Persons utilizing existing licensed bed capacity as the Applicant described it is not an increase in licensed bed capacity as defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-638 (11). Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is not required for the service expansion.

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

Sincerely,

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