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March 29, 2005

The Rev. Claire W. Bamberg, D. Min
Executive Director
Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc.
12 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107-2433

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30427-DTR
Closure of two psychiatric outpatient clinics in Waterbury and Woodbury
Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc.

Dear Rev. Bamberg:

On March 22, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter, dated March 19, 2005, in response to OHCA's Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination inquiry letters dated January 13, 2005 and February 25, 2005 regarding the closing of two outpatient service locations of Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. ("PCCWH"). Please be advised that OHCA has made the following findings regarding this matter:

1. PCCWH is a non-stock corporation operating psychiatric clinic sites in Connecticut.
2. PCCWH is a health care facility or institution as defined in Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S").
3. PCCWH currently holds three licenses for Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults for the following service locations:

12 South Main Street, West Hartford

280 Country Club Road, Avon

2 North Eagleville Road, Storrs

An Equal Opportunity Employer
410 Capitol Ave., MS#13HCA, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Telephone: (860) 418-7001 Toll-Free: 1-800-797-9688
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4. Until November 19, 2004, PCCWH also held licenses for Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults for the following locations:

Main Street, Woodbury

2030 East Main Street, Waterbury

5. The licenses for these two service sites were returned to the Department of Public Health and the facilities were closed effective November 19, 2004.
6. None of the remaining operational locations of PCCWH are in the town of or in a town contiguous to Woodbury or Waterbury.
7. One year prior to the closing of these facilities, the Woodbury site was serving 5 clients and the Waterbury site was serving 7 clients. One month prior to the closing, the Woodbury site was serving 4 clients and the Waterbury site was serving 8 clients.
8. The towns of origin for these clients were Cheshire, Naugatuck, Northford, Plainville, Southbury, Waterbury, Woodbury and Wolcott.
9. The clinician who was providing services at these sites and to these clients on November 18, 2004 remains available to them in his private practice.
10. A letter was provided to clients of the Woodbury and Waterbury service locations which is dated November 18, 2004. Such letter indicates to the PCCWH clients that their therapist "*Ray Odiorne, is concluding his work here ... and PCCWH will no longer run the offices in Woodbury and Waterbury.*" It further asks clients to indicate to PCCWH whether or not they will be continuing counseling at this time, continuing counseling with the present counselor at a different location, continuing counseling with PCCWH with another counselor or wish to be referred outside of PCCWH.
11. Section 19a-638 (a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes states "*Each health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution ... shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination .. a request to undertake such termination ...*"

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc., a health care facility or institution, is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the termination of psychiatric outpatient services in Waterbury and Woodbury, pursuant to Section 19a-639(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on March 22, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore PCCWH may file a completed CON application with OHCA between May 21, 2005, and July 20, 2005. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Karen Roberts, OHCA
Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Copy: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR
Kimberly Martone, Supervisor, Certificate of Need, OHCA