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March 30, 2005

Michael P. Madigan
Executive Director
Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc.
92 Vine Street
New Britain, CT 06052-1498

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30436-DTR
Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults and Substance Abuse Outpatient
Treatment Programs

Dear Mr. Madigan:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to provide adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse outpatient and intensive outpatient services at 5 Colony Street in Meriden.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment services at 51 Liberty Street in Meriden.
2. Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. on June 30, 2004 closed its facility at 51 Liberty Street in Meriden for the following reasons:
 - The fire marshal, during his annual inspection identified significant improvements at prohibitive cost;
 - The furnace needed to be replaced and very soon a new roof was going to be required; and
 - In April of 2004, the Applicant began searching for a new location but it was not successful.

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3. All of the clients seen at 51 Liberty Street in Meriden agreed to be seen at other Family Services facilities, primarily New Britain.
4. Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. operates other similar facilities in New Britain, Terryville, Hamden and Guilford.
5. Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. is proposing to provide adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse outpatient and intensive outpatient services at the new location 5 Colony Street in Meriden.
6. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated March 21, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639 for Family Services of Central Connecticut, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services as well as outpatient and intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults at 5 Colony Street in Meriden.
7. DMHAS states that Family Services of Central Connecticut will provide adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse outpatient and intensive outpatient services to approximately 70 unduplicated clients at 5 Colony Street in Meriden. This site will replace services previously provided at 51 Liberty Street in Meriden
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse outpatient and intensive outpatient services at 5 Colony Street in Meriden meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
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