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April 8, 2005

Stephen P. Fahey
President & CEO
Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
47 Long Lots Road
Westport , CT 06880

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30456-DTR
Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Addition of 16 Psychiatric Inpatient Beds for Adults to Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services

Dear Mr. Fahey:

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 add 16 beds to Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services at 47 Long Lots Road in Westport.

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

1. Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services is a non-profit hospital for mentally ill persons providing adult psychiatric services, adult detoxification services, and child and adolescent psychiatric services at 47 Long Lots Road in Westport.
2. Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services is proposing to add 16 adult beds for mentally ill persons to its hospital at 47 Long Lots Road in Westport. This proposal will improve access to adult mental health inpatient care and easing the pressures on overcrowded general hospital emergency departments to treat a growing patient population.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated March 31, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639 for Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc. to provide inpatient psychiatric services for adults at 47 Long Lots Road in Westport.

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4. DMHAS states that the additional 16 psychiatric inpatient beds for adults will serve approximately 450 unduplicated clients annually.
5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$982,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the additional 16 psychiatric inpatient beds for adults at 47 Long Lots Road in Westport 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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