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Richard Bilangi, MS
Executive Director, President
Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc.
984 Southford Road
Middlebury, CT 06762

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 05-30489-DTR,
Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establishment of a Methadone Maintenance Program in Danbury

Dear Mr. Bilangi:

On July 8, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") issued the above report concerning the establishment of a methadone maintenance program and an ambulatory detoxification program in Danbury. On August 5, 2005, OHCA received a letter received from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS") that specifically addresses the services that will be offered in Danbury by Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc.

OHCA has reviewed the letter received from DMHAS and makes the following findings:

1. Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc. ("CCC") is a nonprofit facility that provides substance abuse services and is funded by the DMHAS.
2. CCC is licensed to provide the following substance abuse programs in Connecticut:
 - Ambulatory Chemical Detoxification Treatment, Chemical Maintenance Treatment, and Outpatient Treatment at 20 North Main Street, Norwalk; and
 - Ambulatory Chemical Detoxification Treatment, Day and Evening Treatment, Chemical Maintenance Treatment, and Outpatient Treatment at 4 Midland Road, Waterbury.
3. Along with the methadone maintenance program and an ambulatory detoxification program to be established at 60 Beaverbrook Road in Danbury, CCC proposes to offer non-chemical outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults at the same location.

4. As the third location to offer the same three programs, i.,e methadone maintenance, ambulatory detoxification, and outpatient treatment, it will reduce the administrative overhead for the provisions of these services by CCC.
5. DMHAS, in the letter dated August 5, 2005, Deputy Commissioner Patricia A. Rehmer, MSN, supports the proposal and grants the exemption of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S. for the methadone maintn
6. DMHAS stated in its letter that it grants the exemption due to the proposed closure of the methadone maintenance program at Danbury Hospital.
7. Programs which plan to use opioid drugs in the maintenance and detoxification treatment of opiate addiction must achieve and maintain accreditation from a Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration approved accreditation organization as a condition of national certification.
8. The estimated capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$453,573.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to establish a methadone maintenance program, an ambulatory detoxification program, and an outpatient treatment program for substance abuse at 60 Beaverbrook Road, Danbury, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678, C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding the proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, 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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