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Timothy Gemelli  
Director of Programs  
Family ReEntry, Inc.  
9 Mott Avenue  
Suite 104  
Norwalk, CT 06850

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30567-EXM  
Family ReEntry, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults and Substance Abuse Outpatient  
Treatment Programs in Norwalk and Bridgeport

Dear Mr. Gemelli:

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 establish an outpatient mental health service and outpatient substance abuse treatment program at 9 Mott Avenue, Suite 104, Norwalk and 126 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bridgeport.

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

1. Family ReEntry, Inc. is a non-profit facility providing rehabilitative counseling services and psychoeducational programs to offenders, ex-offenders, pre-trial defendants and their families at 9 Mott Avenue, Suite 104, in Norwalk.
3. Family ReEntry, Inc. is proposing to establish an outpatient mental health service and outpatient substance abuse treatment program at 9 Mott Avenue, Suite 104, Norwalk and 126 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bridgeport.
4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated July 21, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Family ReEntry, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services and outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults.

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5. DMHAS states that the Norwalk location annually serves 180 adults while the Bridgeport site serves 850 adults annually.
6. There is no associated capital expenditure with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the establishment of two outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment programs at 9 Mott Avenue, Suite 104, Norwalk and 126 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bridgeport meet the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, are exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

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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