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August 19, 2005

John Habif  
Director of Quality Management  
Rushford Center Inc.  
384 Pratt Street  
Meriden, CT 06450

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30568-DTR  
Termination of Shoreline Child & Adolescent Mental Health Partial Hospital/Intensive  
Outpatient Program in Clinton and Establishment of a Child & Adolescent Mental Health  
Partial Hospital/Intensive Outpatient Program in Branford  
Rushford Center Inc.

Dear Mr. Habif:

On August 15, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Rushford Center Inc. ("RCI") to terminate its Shoreline child & adolescent mental health partial hospital/intensive outpatient program at 19 West Main Street in Clinton, Connecticut, and establish a child & adolescent mental health partial hospital/intensive outpatient program at 768 East Main Street in Branford, with no associated capital expenditure.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the request and makes the following findings:

1. RCI is a not for profit facility providing psychiatric outpatient services at various sites in Connecticut.
2. RCI provides child & adolescent mental health partial hospital/intensive outpatient program at 19 West Main Street in Clinton, Connecticut.
3. RCI provides a child and adolescent mental health Partial Hospital Program (PHP) 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, which includes assessment, individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, medication management, and discharge planning. It also provides intensive outpatient services as a "stepdown" level of care from the partial hospital services.
4. RCI proposes to terminate its Shoreline child & adolescent mental health partial hospital/intensive outpatient program at 19 West Main Street in Clinton, Connecticut, and

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establish a child & adolescent mental health partial hospital/intensive outpatient program at 768 East Main Street in Branford.

5. RCI states that the lease at the current location is coming to an end and the space is no longer appropriate for the size of the program and the service needs of their clients.
6. RCI states that the proposed relocation will not cause any change in the nature, size, scope, and structure of services.
7. RCI currently provides transportation for all clients who need it, and will continue this practice for the combined program, thus assuring uninterrupted access for all communities and clients currently served by the Clinton Program.
8. 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 ...*”
9. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states, in part, that the introduction of any additional function or services requires authorization from OHCA.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined Rushford Center Inc., a health care facility or institution, is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the termination of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Partial Hospital Program/Intensive Outpatient Services in Clinton and establishment of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Partial Hospital Program/Intensive Outpatient Services in Branford, pursuant to Section 19a-639(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on August 15, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore RCI may file a completed CON application with OHCA between October 14, 2005, and December 13, 2005. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

Copy: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR