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November 1, 2005

Timothy Crimmins  
Director of Business Development  
Stonington Institute  
234A Bank Street  
New London, CT 06320

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 05-30596-DTR  
Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc. d/b/a Stonington Institute  
Establish an Adult Day Treatment Program in Groton

Dear Mr. Crimmins:

On October 28, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your responses to the OHCA's letter concerning your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request for the relocation of Stonington Institute's Adult Day Treatment Program from Waterford to Groton.

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

1. Stonington Institute ("Stonington") is a for-profit substance abuse treatment facility licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to provide care and treatment to substance abusive or dependent persons.
2. Stonington currently operates Adult Day Treatment ("ADT") programs at three locations in Connecticut:
  - 86 Boston Post Road, Waterford;
  - 83 Boston Post Road, Waterford; and
  - 333 Long Hill Road, Groton.
3. Stonington proposes to establish a new location for its long-term ADT program at 1353 Gold Star Highway, Groton.
4. The ADT program serves adults ages 24 and older. The program schedule and curriculum differs for clients with longer lengths of stay versus those admitted for a short-term transitional stay.

5. The average daily census for the program at 83 Boston Post Road has increased by 25% since the fourth quarter of 2004. The increase in the census requires the addition of case management and clinical staff as well as additional group space. No space is available at the current location.
6. Stonington proposes to relocate patients with a longer-term length of stay from 83 Boston Post Road, Waterford to 1353 Gold Star Highway, Groton. Operations will continue at each of the three existing locations, including 83 Boston Post Road, Waterford.
7. The total estimated capital expenditure for the proposal is \$48,750.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Stonington Institute's proposal to establish an Adult Day Treatment Center at 353 Gold Star Highway in Groton represents the introduction of an additional function or service, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, CON approval is required for Stonington Institute to establish the Adult Day Treatment Center in Groton.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on October 28, 2005, as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Stonington Institute may file a completed CON application with OHCA between December 27, 2005 and February 25, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7032.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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