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COMMISSIONER

March 30, 2005

Patricia Wright  
Executive Director  
Center for Hope, Inc.  
590 Post Road  
Darien, CT 06820

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30465-DTR  
Center for Hope, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults

Dear Ms. Wright:

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 provide adult outpatient psychiatric services at 590 Post Road in Darien.

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

1. Center for Hope, Inc. is a non-profit facility providing counseling and support services to those with cancer at 590 Post Road in Darien.
2. Center for Hope, Inc. is proposing to provide adult outpatient psychiatric services at 590 Post Road in Darien. The Center serves approximately 1000 persons per year in the counseling, support and educational services, and also receives many referrals from area hospitals, physicians and churches.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated March 16, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639 for Center for Hope, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services at 590 Post Road in Darien.

4. DMHAS states that it serves a need to approximately 1000 unduplicated clients annually at 590 Post Road in Darien.
5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that providing adult outpatient psychiatric service at 590 Post Road in Darien 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  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR  
Al Bidorini, Director, OPAS, DMHAS  
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