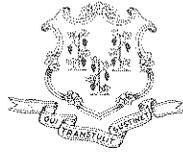


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Michele Zurko-Smith
Member
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 12-31771-DTR
Request for Time Extension for the Duration of Certificate of Need;
Final Decision Rendered Under Docket No.: 09-31500-CON

Dear Ms. Zurko-Smith:

On April 1, 2012, the Department of Public Health ("DPH"), Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA"), received your request to extend the expiration date from May 26, 2012 to May 26, 2013 for the project approved by the Certificate of Need ("CON") final decision approved under Docket No.: 09-31500-CON authorizing Litchfield Hills Retreat, LLC ("Applicant") to establish a Free-Standing Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in Bethlehem.

The Applicant submitted sufficient documentation to establish that it has nearly completed the first phase of the proposal which involved operationalizing eight beds in the existing 7,500 square foot house located on the property. The second phase involves construction of two additional buildings on the property to house the remaining 20 beds. The Applicant is requesting a one-year time extension to complete the second phase of the proposal.

All necessary local approvals have been obtained by the Applicant and the Applicant is ready to begin construction. The Applicant provided copies of various approvals it received for phase two of the proposal, such as the Fire Marshall approval for the existing building and the foundation and building permits for the new building construction.



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As required by General Statutes 19a-639b (b), OHCA noticed this request on its website for 30 days, which ended June 3, 2012. During the posting period, OHCA did not receive any written comments or requests for a public hearing.

Based upon a review of the factors outlined above, OHCA determines that the Applicant's request for the time extension for the Certificate of Need approval (under Docket No.: 09-31500-CON) is reasonably necessary to expeditiously complete the project and the request is hereby **granted**, pursuant to the provisions set forth in General Statutes §19a-638b (b). OHCA extends the Certificate of Need duration date to June 30, 2013. If you have any questions regard this correspondence, please contact Steven W. Lazarus at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner

C: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR