

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

April 29, 2005

Mr. Clifford Johnson Executive Director Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc. 317 North Main Street Manchester, CT 06040

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30464-DTR
Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Partial Hospital Program and Intensive Outpatient Program for Children

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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 a partial hospital program and an intensive outpatient program for children at Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc. in Manchester.

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

- 1. Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc. ("CCGC") is a non-profit agency current licensed as an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children and is also an outpatient provider of substance abuse services.
- 2. CCG is proposing to establish a partial hospital program ("PHP") and an intensive outpatient program ("IOP") for children at 317 North Main Street in Manchester.
- 3. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter dated April 20, 2005, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for CCGC to establish the PHP and IOP for children.

- 4. DCF stated in its letter that:
 - CCGC, established in 1959, currently operates a special education school for seriously disturbed children and provides clinical services for an extended-day treatment program.
 - The history of the successful operation of these programs clearly demonstrates the ability as well as the commitment of CCGC to address the lack of services for children ages 6 to 12 in this area of the state.
 - The establishment of the PHP and the IOP would address a persistent deficit in the continuum of care.
- 5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$850,000 for the construction of a new wing of CCGC to specifically accommodate the programs.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal of Community Child Guidance Clinic to establish a partial hospital program and an intensive outpatient program for children at 317 North Main Street, Manchester 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 Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

C: Honorable Darlene Dunbar, MSW, Commissioner, DCF Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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