STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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September 28, 2005

Stephen P. Fahey President & CEO Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc. 47 Long Lots Road Westport, CT 06880

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30589-EXM
Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Relocate Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc. Outpatient Services

Dear Mr. Fahey:

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 relocate its outpatient services from 47 Long Lots Road, Westport to 1 Lois Street, Norwalk.

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

- 1. Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services is a non-profit hospital for mentally ill persons providing adult psychiatric services, adult detoxification services, and child and adolescent psychiatric services at 47 Long Lots Road in Westport.
- 2. Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services is proposing to relocate its outpatient services from 47 Long Lots Road, Westport to 1 Lois Street, Norwalk.
- 3. The Lois Street location will house Hall-Brooke's partial hospitalization program ("PHP") for adults, intensive outpatient program ("IOP") for adults, adolescents and children, a grant-funded extended day treatment ("EDT") program, ambulatory detoxification program as well as other outpatient services.
 - 4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter

dated September 8, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 1 Lois Street in Norwalk.

- 5. DMHAS states that the new site is 3.5 miles from their current location and accessible to public transportation, and also there will be no changes in the current outpatient mental health services that Hall-Brooke currently provides serving the same geographic area and clientele.
- 6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$200,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the relocation of outpatient services from 47 Long Lots Road, Westport to 1 Lois Street, Norwalk meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

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 Donna C. Stimpson, Planning Specialist, DMHAS CAV:pf