

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

January 11, 2007

Barbara Durdy Planning & Business Development Hospital of Saint Raphael 1450 Chapel Street New Haven, CT 06511

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30884-DTR

Hospital of Saint Raphael

Termination of 2 Project ElderCare programs in New Haven

Dear Ms. Durdy:

On December 7, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for the termination of 2 Project ElderCare programs in New Haven, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. The Hospital of Saint Raphael ("HSR") is a 511 bed general acute care teaching hospital located at 1450 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2. Currently HSR operates the following eight Project ElderCare in the greater New Haven Area:

Table 1: Project ElderCare locations

Crawford Manor	<b>Atwater Senior Center</b>
New Haven Housing Authority	26 Atwater Street
90 Park Street	New Haven, CT 06513
New Haven, CT 06511	
<b>Edith Johnson Towers</b>	Tower One
114 Bristol Street	18 Tower Lane
New Haven, CT 06511	New Haven, CT 06511
Ribicoff Cottages	Casa Otonal housing Corporation
New Haven Housing Authority	135 Sylvan Avenue
200 Brookside Avenue	New Haven, Ct 06511

New Haven, CT 06515	
Surfside 200	McQueeney Towers
200 Oak Street	358 Orange Street
West Haven, CT 06516	New Haven, CT 06511

The Project ElderCare program is operated under the Hospital of Saint Raphael's license.

- 3. HSR is proposing to eliminate the provision of services at two City of New Haven public housing facilities, McQueeney Towers and Ribicoff Cottages, locations where patient volume has declined or has not materialized as planned.
- 4. HSR serves the residents of South Central Connecticut, consisting of the 22 municipalities (approximately 700,000 persons) which include and surround New Haven. Project ElderCare provides access to primary healthcare services for senior residents in New Haven and West Haven.
- 5. Project ElderCare services are provided by registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants and social workers under the medical supervision of Hospital physicians who are Board Certified in Geriatric medicine. The services offered include physical examinations, immunizations, individual and family counseling and health screening.
- 6. HSR states that the proposed sites were originally selected as ProjectElderCare because at the time they were designated as a senior living facility or there was a high density of seniors living in the facility. Over the years, the Housing Authority has integrated these facilities with younger and / or disabled residents.
- 7. HSR states that it will continue to provide care for patients living in both public housing facilities. The Hospital will assist these patients with transportation to and from ElderCare visits.
- 8. The primary service area and target population will not change as a result of the termination of the McQueeney Towers and Ribicoff Cottages Project ElderCare in New Haven.
- 9. The total capital expenditure associated with this termination is \$0.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for you to proceed with the termination of the McQueeney Towers and Ribicoff Cottages Project ElderCare in New Haven.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Health System Development, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, DPH,

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