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May 23, 2007

Hildegarde Paris
Executive Officer
North American Family Institute, Inc.
4 Forest Park Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30921-EXM
North American Family Institute, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for the Multi-Systemic
Therapy Programs in Oakdale, Hartford and Waterbury

Dear Ms. Paris:

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 substance abuse outpatient treatment program for the Multi-Systemic Therapy Programs at 1495 Route 85, Oakdale; 25 Main Street, Hartford; and 91 Schraffts Drive, Waterbury.

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

1. North American Family Institute, Inc. ("NAFI") is a non-profit facility located at 4 Forest Park Drive in Farmington, Connecticut.
2. NAFI is proposing to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for the Multi-Systemic Therapy ("MST") Programs at 1495 Route 85, Oakdale; 25 Main Street, Hartford; and 91 Schraffts Drive, Waterbury.
3. MST is an evidence-based treatment program designed primarily for youth with identified substance abuse disorders and focuses on the coordination and provision of behavioral health care.

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4. The NAFI MST program is a statewide program which has been working with referred youth since December 2000.
5. The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter dated April 24, 2007, from Acting Commissioner Brian Mattiello, endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
6. DCF states that the intention of this proposal is to increase access to NAFI CT’s MST Program throughout the state. DCF contracts with NAFI for all services stated.
7. There is no capital expenditure associated with the proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that North American Family Institute, Inc.’s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for the Multi-Systemic Therapy Programs at 1495 Route 85, Oakdale; 25 Main Street, Hartford; and 91 Schraffts Drive, Waterbury, Connecticut, 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 Brian Mattiello, Acting Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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