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Steven M. Kant, M.D.
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528 Wheelers Farms Road
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31131-DTR
Boys & Girls Village, Inc.
Termination of 16 Safe Home Beds and Establishment of 16 PRTF
(Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility) Beds in Milford

Dear Dr. Kant:

On March 28, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your Certificate of Need (“CON”) Determination request concerning Boys & Girls Village, Inc.’s (“Applicant”) proposal to terminate of 16 Safe Home beds and establish of 16 PRTF beds in Milford, with no associated capital expenditure. On July 3, 2008, OHCA received the Applicant’s responses to completeness questions. Upon review of the information provided by the Agency OHCA finds the following:

1. The Applicant operates a 16-bed Safe Home program (“Safe Haven”) in Milford through a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families (“DCF”). Safe Haven holds a temporary shelter license from DCF (License No. CCF/SH-4).
2. Safe Haven currently provides the following services:
 - Coordination of a comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation;
 - Comprehensive multidisciplinary team;
 - 24-hour availability of clinical, nursing, psychiatric and administrative staff;
 - Care coordination and case management to assure appropriate discharge planning and permanency;
 - Family support services and aftercare;
 - Daily psycho-educational groups;

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- Weekly case review and treatment and discharge planning meetings;
 - Weekly rounds involving a consulting psychiatrist of APRN;
 - Weekly individual, group, and family therapy when indicated; and
 - On-site nursing 24-hours per day, including during admission and restraints.
3. All referrals to Safe Haven originate from DCF on an as needed emergency basis due to the removal of a child from the biological or foster home. A program census is provided to DCF as beds are available. The average length of stay is 3.22 months with bed utilization consistently above the required 85% minimum level.
 4. The Applicant also operates a 16-bed PRTF facility known as “Kids I.N.N.”, on its Milford campus. The PRTF facility holds a Child Care Facility license from DCF (License No. CCF/TS-17) with a licensed bed capacity of 17 beds for children from 5 to 12 years of age.
 5. Clinical services in the PRTF are comprehensive and intensive. The services are provided under the direction of a physician who is also responsible for medication monitoring and management.
 6. Services are delivered by a multidisciplinary team consisting of a licensed senior clinical program director, registered nurses, clinical master level staff, case manager, family support workers and additional nurses and supervisors.
 7. The Applicant stated that the PRTF census has historically been effectively 100% with an average daily census of 15.84 and an ongoing waiting list.
 8. The Applicant indicated that the PRTF service is funded on a fee-for-service basis, with per diem rates established with Managed Medicaid, fee-for-service Medicaid, and some commercial insurers.
 9. The Applicant is considering terminating the 16 Safe Home beds and establishing 16 PRTF beds in their place, resulting in a maximum capacity of 32 PRTF beds.
 10. The Applicant stated that this would allow the Boys & Girls Village to serve a more acute and diverse population, and would open the opportunity to consider specialty populations, specifically children with developmental as well as psychiatric issues and/or sexually reactive children.
 11. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.
 12. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states, in part, that:
 - (2) *Each health care facility or institution which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service.*
 - (3) *Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution or reduce substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit to*

the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination or decrease, a request to undertake such termination or decrease.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Boys & Girls Village, Inc. is a health-care facility and that the proposal to terminate its 16-bed Safe Haven program and establish 16 PRTF beds in Milford at no associated capital expenditure represents the termination of a service and the establishment of a new service in a new location. Therefore, the proposal of Boys & Girls Village, Inc. to terminate its Safe Haven program and establish 16 PRTF beds in Milford requires Certificate of Need authorization by OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

The Applicant may file a Letter of Intent with OHCA to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need Process. The Applicant may also seek a determination of eligibility for exemption from the Certificate of Need Process from the Department of Children and Families, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S., a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Kimberly Martone, Certificate of Need Supervisor, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on July 21, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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Enclosure

C: Susan I. Hamilton, Commissioner, DCF
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