

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

May 30, 2008

Benjamin Gross, MPH Executive Director Pathways, Inc. 175 Milbank Avenue Greenwich, CT 06830

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31158-DTR Pathways, Inc. Temporary relocation of the Milbank Mental Health Community Residence in Greenwich

Dear Mr. Gross:

On May 9, 2008 and May 29, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a Certificate of Need Determination regarding the temporary relocation of a mental health residential living center at 175 Milbank Avenue in Greenwich, CT. Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

- 1. Pathways, Inc. is non-profit facility that operates a mental health community residence at 175 Milbank Avenue in Greenwich, Connecticut.
- 2. The facility located at 175 Milbank Avenue in Greenwich will be undergoing major renovations this summer, in conjunction with the construction of an addition.
- 3. Pathways, Inc. is proposing to temporarily move its residents to a five bedroom suite of rented apartments during this construction period. When the project is completed, Pathways, Inc. will apply to the Department of Public Health ("DPH") for a license that will allow these residents to move back to 175 Milbank Avenue in Greenwich.
- 4. The temporary location for Pathways, Inc. will be Greenwich Close, 30 Brookside Drive, Suite 4B-C, Greenwich, Connecticut.
- 5. Pathways, Inc.'s Mental health community residence is a facility which houses the staff of such facility and eight mentally ill adults which is licensed by the Commissioner of Public Health and which provides supervised, structured group living activities and

psychosocial rehabilitation and other support services to mentally ill adults discharged from a state-operated or licensed facility or referred by a licensed physician specializing in psychiatry or a licensed psychologist.

- 6. Pathways, Inc. does not provide any direct medical care to its residents.
- 7. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$1,225,000.

Based on the above information, OHCA determines that Pathways, Inc. does not fall within the definition of a health care facility or institution, as identified under Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, OHCA approval is not required for you to proceed with your plans to temporarily relocate your services from 175 Milbank Avenue, Greenwich to Greenwich Close, 30 Brookside Drive, Suite 4B-C, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Thank you for letting OHCA know of your plans. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Utilization Review and Forecasting at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on May 30, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

C: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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