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March 31, 2009

Kevin McNellis
Director of Operations
Family and Children's Aid, Inc.
75 West Street
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31270-EXM
Family and Children's Aid, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in New Milford

Dear Mr. McNellis:

On November 6, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 325 Danbury Road, New Milford.

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

1. Family and Children's Aid, Inc. ("FCA") is a non-profit facility providing outpatient psychiatric services to children and families at 75 West Street in Danbury, Connecticut.
2. FCA is proposing to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 325 Danbury Road in New Milford.
3. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter received March 23, 2009, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, JD, MSW endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
4. DCF states that FCA is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation headquartered in Danbury, Connecticut that currently provides an array of behavioral health and family support services to children and families throughout Northwestern Connecticut. FCA is the recipient of DCF grant funds for the provision of child guidance clinic services, extended

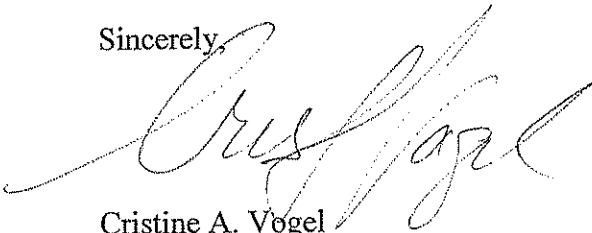
day treatment, Intensive In-home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services, Family Support Teams, and other behavioral health services and supports.

5. DCF also states that FCA proposes to provide a full array of outpatient behavioral health evaluation and treatment services including psychiatric consultation and medication management to children and families at the above location.
6. DCF states that FCA during their first year of operation anticipates serving 80 children and their families from New Milford, Kent, Bridgewater, Brookfield, and Sherman. With regard to behavioral health services for children and families, these rural areas have been relatively underserved due to a lack of sufficient services, and this expansion/new site will help to address a need in this part of the state.
7. DCF states that the proposed establishment of new service sites is consistent with DCF's efforts to improve access to needed behavioral health treatment and support services throughout the state and particularly in Northwestern Connecticut.
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$15,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Family and Children's Aid, Inc.'s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 325 Danbury Road in New Milford, 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,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, JD, MSW, Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, FLIS

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