

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Linda S. Smith, LCSW Director of Quality Assurance Catholic Charities, Inc. - Archdiocese of Hartford 839-841 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

RE: Certificate of Need Exemption; Report Number 10-31656-EXM
Catholic Charities, Inc. - Archdiocese of Hartford
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 19a-639b C.G.S.
Termination of Psychiatric Outpatient Facility for Adults in Guilford

## Dear Ms. Smith:

On August 4, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the closure of a psychiatric outpatient facility located at 652 Boston Post Road, Guilford, Connecticut, with no associated capital cost. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal and makes the following findings:

- 1. Catholic Charities, Inc. Archdiocese of Hartford ("CCI" or "Applicant") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment at various locations in Connecticut. CCI is under contract with The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- 2. CCI is proposing to terminate a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 652 Boston Post Road, Guilford.
- 3. In it's proposal to OHCA, the Applicant indicates that it currently has four active clients at that site, and staffs the location only one day per week.
- 4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received August 5, 2010, from Chief Operating Officer Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes for Catholic Charities, Inc. Archdiocese of Hartford to terminate psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 652 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT.

- 5. DMHAS states that the Applicant proposes to terminate its mental health outpatient treatment license located at 652 Boston Post Road, Suite 3, Guilford. This request is the result of a loss of United Way funding and the downturn in the economy.
- 6. DMHAS also states that the applicant has developed a thorough plan to transfer or close services for the remaining clients. DMHAS further states all referrals have been accepted and that the local mental health authority and a DMHAS funded substance abuse agency have capacity to serve clients located in nearby communities.
- 7. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to terminate the psychiatric outpatient treatment program for adults at Catholic Charities, Inc. – Archdiocese of Hartford located at 652 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT., meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process.

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, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Norma D. Gyle, R.N. PhD

Deputy Commissioner

C: Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer, DMHAS Sandra Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, FLIS Al Bidorini, Director, OPAS, DMHAS Donna C. Stimpson, Planning Specialist, DMHAS

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