



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
*Office of Health Care Access*

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

William Castillo  
Executive Director  
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New Haven, CT 06511

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 12-31804-DTR  
Hispanos Unidos, Inc. and Hispanic Health Council  
Merger of Three Non-Profit Organizations to Provide Outpatient Mental Health/Substance Abuse  
Treatment Services

Dear Mr. Castillo:

On November 16, 2012, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of Hispanos Unidos, Inc. and the Hispanic Health Council ("Applicants") with respect to whether a CON is required for the Applicants, including Latino Community Services, to merge organizations into a sole surviving entity to be licensed as an outpatient behavioral health provider.

Hispanos Unidos, Inc. is a non-profit entity currently licensed by Department of Public Health to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment programs. Hispanos Unidos, Inc. currently provides linguistically (English/Spanish) and culturally appropriate individual, partner, family and group level mental health therapy; psychiatric counseling and medication management; individual level substance abuse counseling, and group level relapse prevention and risk reduction to adults in New Haven and Meriden, Connecticut. Hispanic Health Council is a non-profit entity in Hartford, Connecticut and states on its website that it develops, delivers, tests and disseminates culturally relevant direct service programs. According to its website, Latino Community Services is a non-profit entity in Hartford, Connecticut that provides programs and services for individuals at risk of or living with HIV infection and organizations that focus on populations impacted by HIV/AIDS. The Applicants seek to obtain a license through the Department of Public Health to continue to provide the mental health and substance use treatment programs Hispanos Unidos, Inc. currently provides in New Haven, Connecticut.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-638 (b) (14), a CON is not required for any non-profit facility, institution or provider that has a contract with, or is certified or licensed to provide a service for, a state agency or department for a service that would otherwise require a CON. Currently, the Applicants individually or as a unit do not have a contract with or are not certified or licensed to provide a service for a state agency or department for services covered under CON; and, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-630 (2), Hispanos Unidos, Inc is proposing to transfer ownership of an existing health care facility in New Haven to the sole surviving entity of the merger. Therefore, a CON *is required* for the merger and for the surviving entity to obtain a license to provide outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

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Sincerely,



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