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May 16, 2005

John Habif  
Director of Quality Management  
Rushford Center Inc.  
384 Pratt Street  
Meriden, CT 06450

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30494-DTR  
Closure of Mental Health Partial Hospital Program/Intensive Outpatient Services in  
Portland  
Rushford Center Inc.

Dear Mr. Habif:

On May 2, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Rushford Center Inc. ("RCI") to close its mental health partial hospital program/intensive outpatient service at 315 Main Street in Portland, Connecticut, with no associated capital expenditure.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the request and makes the following findings:

1. RCI is a not for profit facility operating psychiatric clinic sites in Connecticut.
2. RCI is located at 315 Main Street in Portland, Connecticut.
3. RCI is a health care facility or institution as defined in Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
4. RCI mental health Partial Hospital Program (PHP) provides 4 hours per day 5 days per week of individual therapy, group therapy, and medication management for men and women who are at imminent risk of psychiatric hospitalization.
5. An Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) level of care has also been provided as a "stepdown" program for the clients who have been in the PHP.
6. RCI proposes to relocate the PHP/IOP at 315 Main Street in Portland to 883 Paddock Avenue, Meriden.

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7. RCI currently operates a PHP/IOP at the Meriden location.
8. RCI has concluded that the target population and communities for these two programs can be most efficiently served by combining the programs at the Meriden location.
9. RCI currently provides transportation for all clients who need it, and will continue this practice for the combined program, thus assuring uninterrupted access for all communities and clients currently served by the Portland Program.
10. Upon approval of this proposal, RCI will request the Department of Public Health to terminate the licenses at 315 Main Street, Portland.
11. Section 19a-638 (a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes states “*Each health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution ... shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination .. a request to undertake such termination ...*”

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined Rushford Center Inc., a health care facility or institution, is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the termination of Mental Health Partial Hospital Program/Intensive Outpatient Services in Portland, pursuant to Section 19a-639(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on May 2, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore RCI may file a completed CON application with OHCA between July 1, 2005, and August 30, 2005. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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