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Marcie Dimenstein, LCSW
Acting Clinical Director
ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.
871 State Street
New Haven, CT 06511

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30885-EXM
ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish a Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for Adults at 871 State Street
in New Haven and relocate the Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for
Adults from 871 State Street, New Haven to 205 Orange Street, New Haven

Dear Ms. Dimenstein:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 871 State Street, New Haven and relocate the Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for Adults from 871 State Street, New Haven to 205 Orange Street, New Haven.

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

1. ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc. ("ACI") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric treatment at 871 State Street, Hartford, Connecticut.
2. On November 9, 2006, under Docket Number: 06-30853-DTR, OHCA determined that Certificate of Need approval was not required for ACI to proceed with the relocation of its Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults from 871 State Street, New Haven, to 205 Orange Street, New Haven pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
3. ACI is proposing to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 871 State Street, New Haven and relocate the Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for Adults from 871 State Street, New Haven to 205 Orange Street, New Haven.

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4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated November 29, 2006, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc. to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons – outpatient treatment for adults at 871 State Street in New Haven and to relocate its outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults from 871 State Street in New Haven to 205 Orange Street in New Haven. The facility serves Bethany, New Haven, Hamden, Woodbridge or other individuals from the Greater New Haven area.
5. DMHAS states that ACI has been operating a behavioral health clinic under a multi-service psychiatric facility license and is now seeking a substance abuse license to comply with the Department of Public Health licensing protocols.
6. DMHAS states that ACI served approximately 200 unduplicated clients for behavioral health services in the last year and that the relocation is within a mile of the current location, the service type, intensity and scope of these services will remain the same.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.’s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adults at 871 State Street, New Haven and relocate the Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program for Adults from 871 State Street, New Haven to 205 Orange Street, New Haven meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 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,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS
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