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July 5, 2007

Mr. Stuart Greenbaum
Executive Director
Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County
100 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06851

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30997-DTR
The elimination of licensure as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive
or Dependent Persons
Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County

Dear Mr. Greenbaum:

On June 13, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") initiated an inquiry into the elimination of Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County's Department of Public Health license as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons at 100 East Avenue in Norwalk. OHCA has commenced an inquiry into this matter as a Certificate of Need ("CON") determination under Report Number 07-30997-DTR. Please be advised that OHCA has completed its review of this matter and makes the following findings:

1. Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield ("CGCMFC") is a non-profit provider located at 100 East Avenue in Norwalk offering prevention, evaluation and treatment services to children up to the age of 18. It is licensed by the Department of Children and Families ("DCF") as an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children and Extended Day Treatment Facility.
2. CGCMFC also held a license from the Department of Public Health ("DPH") as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons. This license (#0287) was initially effective July 1, 2003. On June 4, 2007, CGCMFC terminated this license with DPH. Upon OHCA's knowledge of this licensure termination, OHCA commenced an inquiry to determine whether this elimination of license has resulted in a termination of a health care program or service requiring OHCA prior authorization under Section 9a-638(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.
3. In response to OHCA's June 13, 2007 inquiry, CGCMFC has provided the following information:

- a. In 2003, CGCMFC obtained a waiver from OHCA so that it could be licensed to provide outpatient substance abuse services under DPH regulations.¹
- b. CGCMFC obtained such licensure and a renewal was issued in 2005. This renewal expired in June 2007.
- c. CGCMFC pursued this substance abuse license as it had anticipated program initiatives from DCF. CGCMFC indicates that these initiatives did not occur for this region and the programs for youth under the age of 18 at CGCMFC were not initiated nor were clients served under this license.
- d. CGCMFC indicates that no services were terminated, closed or discontinued because the services under this license were never implemented.
- e. CGCMFC will continue all behavioral health services under its DCF licenses at 100 East Avenue in Norwalk.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the June 4, 2007 elimination of the Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County's Department of Public Health license as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons does not represent a termination of an existing health care program or service because substance abuse services under this license were never implemented or initiated. Therefore, a termination of services under Section 19a-638(a)(3) did not occur and a Certificate of Need is not required.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Sandra C. Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, Facility Licensing & Investigations Section, DPH

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¹ See OHCA Certificate of Need Determination Report Numbers 98-E6 and 03-30095-DTR.