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Kristen Isham  
Director of Quality Improvement  
Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.  
350 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: Certificate of Need Application, Docket Number 08-31132-DTR  
Elimination of Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services at the Behavioral Health  
Outpatient Clinic in Bloomfield

Dear Ms. Isham:

On June 20, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) forwarded a letter to Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. requesting clarification regarding Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.’s termination of its psychiatric and substance abuse treatment license located at 705 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 102, in Bloomfield. The Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. responded to OHCA’s inquiry on October 22, 2008 and OHCA finds the following related to this matter:

1. The Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. is a non-profit facility headquartered at 350 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport. Connecticut Renaissance held a Department of Public Health Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults license under license # 0399 and a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons license under license # 0333 for its 705 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 102, in Bloomfield<sup>1</sup>. Services provided at this location were intended to provide substance abuse risk assessments treatment.

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<sup>1</sup> OHCA issued a Certificate of Need Determination in 2005 under Report #05-30614-EXM which allowed “Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.’s request to establish an outpatient substance abuse treatment program at 705 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process” and OHCA issued a Certificate of Need Determination in 2005 under Report #05-30598-EXM which additionally allowed “Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.’s request to obtain a psychiatric outpatient license at 705 Bloomfield Avenue, in Bloomfield.”

2. The Connecticut Renaissance returned its license Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults license no. 0399 to the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) on May 1, 2008.
3. The Connecticut Renaissance returned its license Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons license no. 0333 to DPH on May 1, 2008.
4. The Connecticut Renaissance responded to OHCA’s request for further clarification and made the following statement: “*Connecticut Renaissance has never served a client under both the Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults license no. 0399 and Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons license no. 0333 at the 705 Bloomfield Avenue, in Bloomfield location.*”

Based upon the above findings, OHCA now determines that the Connecticut Renaissance’s elimination of its psychiatric and substance abuse treatment license located at 705 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 102, in Bloomfield does not represent a termination of an existing health care program or service because psychiatric and substance abuse services under these licenses were never implemented or initiated. Therefore, a termination of services under Section 19a-638(a)(3) did not occur and CON is not required. OHCA hereby withdraws Docket Number 08-31132-CON.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Diane Duran, PPT Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 3, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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