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Joan M. Pesce  
President and CEO  
Morris Foundation, Inc.  
402 East Main Street  
Waterbury, CT 06702

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31160-EXM  
Morris Foundation, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Termination of Liberty Center Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Ansonia and  
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Shelton

Dear Ms. Pesce:

On May 13, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to terminate Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic services for adults at 75 Liberty Street in Ansonia and establish Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic services for adults at 30 Controls Drive in Shelton, Connecticut.

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

1. Morris Foundation, Inc. ("MF") is a non-profit facility located at 402 East Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.
2. MF has current contracts with The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide behavioral health services for clients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
3. MF is proposing to terminate Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic services for adults at 75 Liberty Street in Ansonia and establish Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic services for adults at 30 Controls Drive in Shelton, Connecticut.

4. MF states that the relocation is due to the impending sale of the 75 Liberty Street, Ansonia facility.
5. MF states that the services to be provided at the Shelton facility will be the same services offered at the Ansonia facility. The services are provided: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
6. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter received April 10, 2008, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommend an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b to allow The Morris Foundation, Inc. to terminate Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic services for adults at 75 Liberty Street in Ansonia and establish Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic services for adults at 30 Controls Drive in Shelton. The program will serve primarily the Greater Hartford area.
7. DMHAS states that the outpatient clinic located at 30 Controls Drive in Shelton will serve 75 unduplicated clients needing mental health outpatient services and 685 unduplicated clients needing co-occurring behavioral health services annually.
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$60,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Morris Foundation, Inc.’s request to terminate Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 75 Liberty Street in Ansonia and establish Liberty Center psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 30 Controls Drive in Shelton meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b 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 Diane Duran, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on June 11, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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