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COMMISSIONER

August 25, 2008

Ms. Lynn Spencer
Vice President, Human Resources & Risk Management
The Connection, Inc.
955 South Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31223-DTR
The elimination of a Mental Health Day Treatment license
263 Main Street Old Saybrook location of The Connection, Inc.

Dear Ms. Spencer:

On August 6, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) forwarded a letter to The Connection, Inc. requesting clarification regarding The Connection, Inc.’s termination of its Mental Health Day Treatment license for the 263 Main Street Old Saybrook location. The Connection, Inc. responded to OHCA’s inquiry on August 14, 2008 and OHCA finds the following related to this matter:

1. The Connection, Inc. is a Non-Stock Corporation headquartered at 955 South Main Street in Middletown. The Connection, Inc. held a Department of Public Health Mental Health Day Treatment license under license #MHD0T-0029 for its 263 Main Street Old Saybrook location¹. Services at this location are known as The Connection Counseling Center².
2. This license (MHD0T – 0029) was terminated by The Connection, Inc., effective February 7, 2008³.

¹ OHCA issued a Certificate of Need Determination in 1996 under Report #96-N3 which allowed “*the establishment of Mental Health Day/Evening Treatment Programs and Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics to serve persons with a primary substance abuse diagnosis and a secondary psychiatric condition*” at an Old Saybrook location of The Connection, Inc.

² This location was previously known as Valley Shore Counseling and the D/B/A name changed effective October 24, 2007.

³ OHCA previously ruled on this termination of licensure under CON Determination Report #08-31193-DTR indicating that the termination required CON review. Such ruling was made solely based upon the termination of licensure as The Connection, Inc. did not provide any information in response to OHCA’s letters under that Determination Report Number.

3. On August 14, 2008, The Connection, Inc. responded to OHCA's request for further clarification and made the following statement : "*The Connection, Inc. has never provided patient care services under the Mental Health Day Treatment license #MHDT-0029 at the 263 Main Street Location of The Connection Counseling Center.*"

Based upon the above findings, OHCA now determines that the February 7, 2008 elimination of The Connection, Inc.'s Department of Public Health license for Mental Health Day Treatment at 263 Main Street in Old Saybrook does not represent a termination of an existing health care program or service because day treatment 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 Commissioner Vogel on August 25, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Sandra C. Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, Facility Licensing & Investigations Section, DPH
Barbara Durdy, Director of Operations, OHCA

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