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Kristen Isham  
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Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.  
350 Fairfield Avenue  
Suite 701  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31226-EXM  
Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 17a-678 and 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish a Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Facility and a Psychiatric Outpatient  
Clinic for Adults for the Juvenile Risk Reduction Center in Bridgeport

Dear Ms. Isham:

On August 28, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Sections 17a-678 and 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility and psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults for the juvenile risk reduction center in Bridgeport.

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

1. Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. ("CRI") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment at various locations in Connecticut.
2. CRI is proposing to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility and psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults for the juvenile risk reduction center at 115 Middle Street, Bridgeport, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received September 22, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. to obtain a license for a facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons for outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults at 115 Middle Street, Bridgeport, CT.

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4. DMHAS states that CRI is proposing to provide substance abuse outpatient treatment services for adults having a substance use disorder alone or in combination with a mental illness. The program will be located at 115 Middle Street, Bridgeport serving an estimated 55 adults annually. The outpatient program will serve adults who are family members of the Judicial Branch – Court Support Services Division (“CSSD”) Juvenile Risk Reduction Center in the Greater Bridgeport area. CRI is a DMHAS funded agency.
5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter received September 22, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Connecticut Renaissance, Inc. to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 115 Middle Street, Bridgeport, CT.
6. DMHAS states that CRI has current contracts with DMHAS and is proposing to provide a mental health outpatient treatment program for adults with psychiatric and/or co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders. The mental health outpatient treatment program, located at 115 Middle Street, Bridgeport, will serve 55 adults annually. The outpatient program will serve adults who are family members of the Judicial Branch – Court Support Services Division (“CSSD”) Juvenile Risk Reduction Center in the Greater Bridgeport area.
7. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Connecticut Renaissance, Inc.’s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility and psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults for the juvenile risk reduction center at 115 Middle Street, in Bridgeport, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Sections 17a-678 and 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on September 24, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel

Commissioner

C: Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, Assistant Commissioner, DMHAS

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