



New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dena Holmes
FROM: Jennifer Berg
DATE: September 7, 2022
SUBJECT: Application Review
Applicant: Cayuga Health System, Inc. as Sponsor, Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. d/b/a Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services, as Operator
Application #: 2022.048
Purpose: New Sponsor
County: Thompsonkins

Project Summary:

Cayuga Health System, Inc. (CHS) submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become Sponsor of Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. d/b/a Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services (CARS). Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. d/b/a Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services is an OASAS-certified provider of Part 820 Residential Services at 6621 Route 227, Trumansburg, New York, a Part 822 Outpatient Treatment Services and a Part 822 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) located at 334 West State Street, Ithaca, New York.

Cayuga Health System, Inc. (CHS) is proposing to become a new sponsor of CARS, which will remain a separate entity post-affiliation. CARS will maintain its current executive leadership team and will maintain its current approach and philosophy regarding its treatments of substance use disorders. There are no new services being proposed in connection with the proposed and there will be no changes made to the approved 2022 CARS budget nor is any additional State aid requested in connection with this project.

Need:

The County Plan for Thompsonkins County indicates that the efforts to expand outpatient treatment via OTP for additional medication assisted treatment in 2021 worsened, indicating the continued need for not only existing services but additional services. As the community needs continue and small community providers are faced with financial pressures, Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services and Cayuga Health System, Inc. have determined that the affiliation between CHS and CARS, will provide a benefit to the communities served by both.

CARS currently has active caseloads in all their programs. In 2021, there were 248 admissions into the Part 820 residential program, 74 into the Part 822 opioid treatment program and 216 in the Part 822 outpatient program.

The applicant engaged many community stakeholders in their outreach and notification of this action as well as issued press releases via radio and new casts. They notified community providers such as the Alcohol and Drug Council, REACH Medical, local mental health providers, including Tompkins County Mental Health, Children and Families Services and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). They discussed the proposal with the local Community Services Board, the substance use disorder (SUD) subcommittee, and the Local Government Unit, all of which were in support.

On September 2, 2022, OASAS received a completed Local Governmental Unit Review Report from Tompkins County Mental Health noting full support of this action.

OASAS Bureau of Certification received a completed Regional Office Review Report on September 9, 2022 indicating support for this application.

Character and Competence:

Cayuga Health System, Inc. ("CHS") is the active parent of Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca, Inc., a 212 bed community hospital in Ithaca, New York and Schuyler Hospital, Inc. ("Schuyler"), a 25 bed critical access hospital and 120 bed skilled nursing facility located in Montour Falls, New York. CHS is in partnership with Cayuga Medical Associates, P.C. ("CMA"), a multispecialty medical group of more than 150 providers providing primary and specialty care to the communities served by CHS. Through CMC, Schuyler and CMA, CHS provides comprehensive primary and secondary care in the communities it serves. CHS has a board of eighteen people of which one has substance use disorder experience.

There is a growing need for substance use disorder treatment services in the communities served by CHS. CHS does not currently offer these services directly, instead coordinates with community partners, including CARS to provide these services to CHS' patients in need of such services.

Cayuga Health Systems has programs which are currently licensed by New York State Department of Health and Office of Mental Health of which are reported to be in good standing.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

Cayuga Health Systems, Inc. is certified as an Article 28 therefore not subject to OASAS Fiscal Viability Review.

According to the OASAS Regional Office, there is no concerns with the budge and the applicant is not requesting any additional state aid.

Adequacy:

There will be no changes to the existing location or space, which is an already existing OASAS Certified program. As such, OASAS' Facilities Evaluation and Inspection Unit was not required to review this location.

Compliance:

There will be no changes to previously approved staffing or policies and procedures with this action. CARS will continue to operate clinically as is.

Continuity of Care:

Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. d/b/a Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services will continue to work with its established community partners. This new affiliation will help to ensure continued access to services for the communities that CHS and CARS serves.

Recommendation:

OASAS recommendation is to approve the request from Cayuga Health System, Inc. to become the Sponsor of Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. d/b/a Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services with the following contingencies:

- Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Certificate of Incorporation, including the OASAS required language, have been filed

Effective Date:

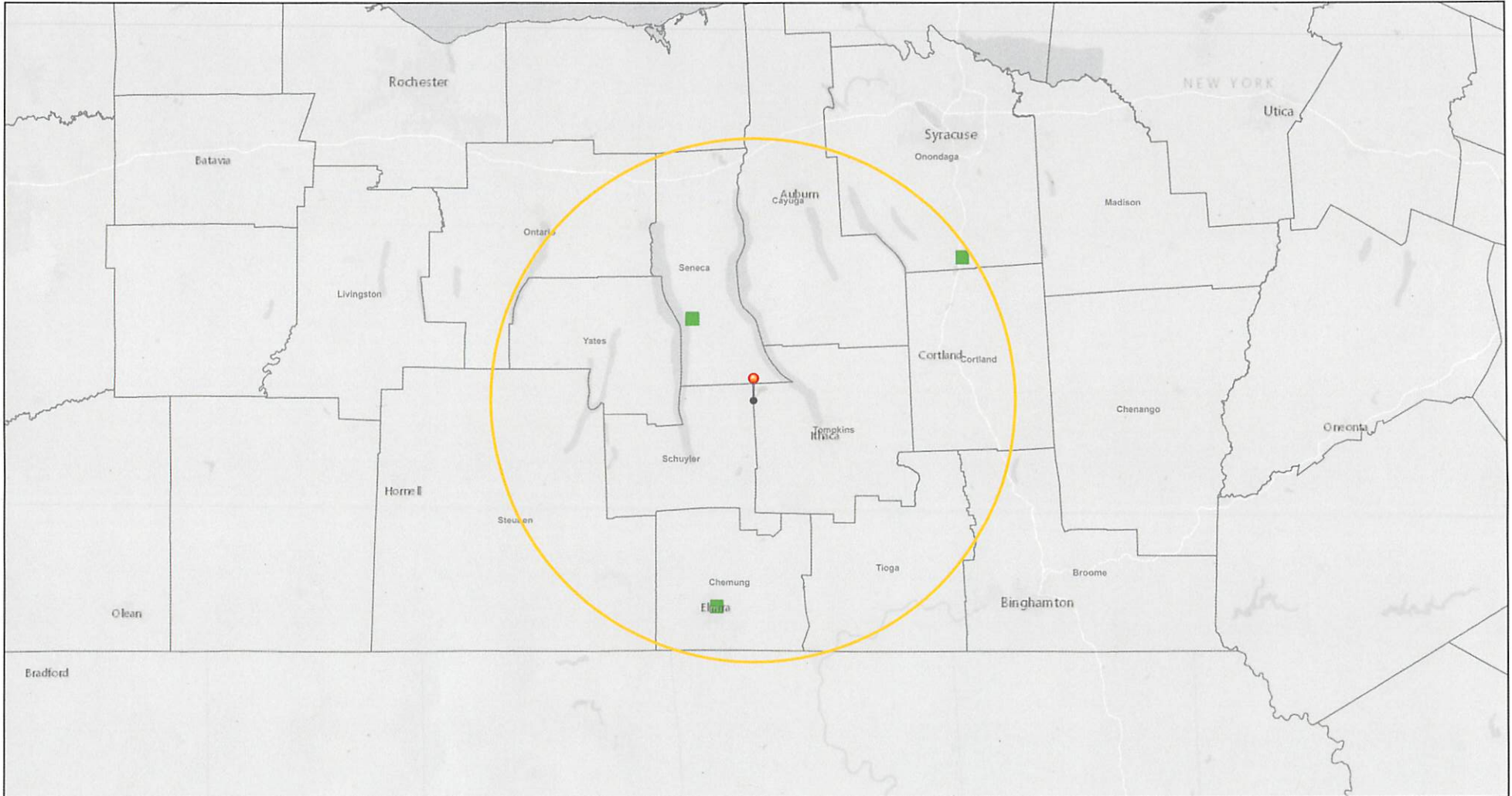
Attachments: LGU recommendation, maps

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
 (Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name Cayuga Health Systems and Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc.	Application No. 2022.048
Local Governmental Unit Tompkins County Mental Health	
<p>In conjunction with the certification action(s) submitted by the above applicant, you are requested to review and provide comments on the proposed actions relative to the provision of addiction disorder services in your jurisdiction. Your comments are important in evaluating the merits of the action(s). In completing the responses, use additional sheets as necessary. Your cooperation in providing complete and thorough responses is appreciated as incomplete replies will delay the processing of this application.</p>	
1. Consistency of Program Description and Site Location with Local/OASAS Requirements	<p>In the case of new providers and/or new services, is the program description and site location consistent with local/OASAS requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. is not a new provider. No new services are being added. The application is for the purposes of affiliating with Cayuga Health Systems. The program description and site location are consistent with local/OASAS requirements.</p>
2. Provider Operational Performance	<p>Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below.</p> <p>The affiliation will provide opportunities for Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. to meet their metrics and address the workforce shortage that currently impacts service delivery.</p>
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	<p>Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>There are no new programs being offered through the affiliation. No additional State Aid is being requested. The approved 2022 budget is adequate and acceptable.</p> <p>Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below. Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. accepts Medicaid and insurance is not required to participate in services.</p>
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	<p>Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below.</p> <p>The affiliation will offer needed capacity to Ithaca Alpha House Center, Inc. that will lead to improved delivery of addiction services. The Community Services Board is aware of and supports the affiliation.</p>
5. Provider Standing in the Community	<p>Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report.</p> <p>The provider has a long history of offering addiction treatment in Tompkins County. There are no known issue regarding their standing in the community.</p>

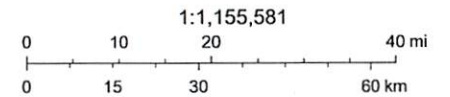
<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program; (b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and (c) any other notable observations. <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>The location is not changing as a result of the affiliation. Outpatient services are offered in a central location in the city of Ithaca and are accessible by bus, street and garage parking. The residential program is located in Trumansburg, NY and offers adequate parking.</p>		
	<p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p> <p>There is no new proposed location associated with the affiliation between Cayuga Health Systems and Alpha House Center Inc. The Mental Health Commissioner has visited the current site.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>There are no known community issues with other programs operated by this provider.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>LGU Outreach - direct communication with commissioner/deputy commissioner/DCS, substance use subcommittee and the community services board.</p> <p>Community Outreach - Media release via radio/news broadcasts, direct communication with NAMI</p> <p>Provider Outreach - direct communication with REACH, Alcohol and Drug Council, Tompkins Co. Mental Health, Family and Children's Service</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>Tompkins County fully supports the affiliation between Ithaca Alpha House, Inc. and Cayuga Health Services</p> <p style="text-align: right;">September 2, 2022</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> <p><i>Harmony Ayers-Friedlander</i></p>	<p>Date</p>

Cayuga Health Systems / Ithaca Alpha House



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**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Janet Paloski, Director
Bureau of Certification

FROM: Dena Holmes

DATE: September 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Application Review

Applicant: Under Angel's Wings Recovery Center, LLC

Application #: 2022.039

Purpose: New OASAS Provider- Part 822 Outpatient services with
ancillary withdrawal and telehealth services

County: Kings

Project Summary:

Under Angel's Wings Recovery Center LLC, submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a New OASAS Provider of Part 822 Outpatient Services to be located at 5411 2nd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Hours of operation will be Monday – Friday 8:30am to 9pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm.

Services will include admission assessment; treatment planning and review; trauma informed individual and group counseling; medication assisted treatment; toxicology testing; post treatment planning; medication prescription and management; ancillary withdrawal services as well as peer support services. In addition to delivering services in person the Provider will provide telehealth services. Services will be provided in three languages including English, Polish and Spanish to patients ages 16 and older.

The Provider intends to serve the community at large but also plans to have a special focus on licensed professionals who face additional stigma for addiction, such as members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD, Fire Department of New York (FDNY), medical professionals and other professionally licensed individuals.

Need:

According to a report from the Kings County Medical Examiner, as of April 2022, during the first quarter of the year there were 374 deaths related to the use of opioids, fentanyl, amphetamines and alcohol.

Under Angel's Wing's will add comprehensive outpatient services to the community. According to OASAS mapping, there are four outpatient providers within a 2 and one half-mile radius of the proposed service. According to the applicant there are no providers within the Sunset Park area. There are approximately 132, 721 people residing in that area with psychosocial stressors that contribute to the use of substances.

Services are in line with the 2021 NYC County plan which identifies a need for treatment and other services for people who use drugs. Specifically, increasing access to medications for opioid use disorder.

The applicant reached out to community members to discuss their proposed plans for services and received favorable recommendations. In particular, the community board 7, submitted a letter of support acknowledging that community based support programs are needed in the area of Brooklyn.

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene continues to identify heroin and opioid programs and services as one of their top five priorities in their County Plan.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reviewed the application and submitted a recommendation of approval on August 24, 2022.

The OASAS Regional Office reviewed the application and submitted a recommendation of approval on September 8, 2022.

Character and Competence:

Under Angel's Wings Recovery Center was established as a Limited Liability Company having filed with the New York State Department of State on May 5, 2021. There are two owners: Monika Siergiej and Anna Maria Mendez. Both bring experience in the provision of substance use disorder treatment. Monika Siergiej is a Registered Nurse (RN) and currently employed by NYU Lutheran Medical Center and owner of MGM Power, LLC which provides lifting and transportation services for a variety of businesses in the tri-state area. The second owner, Anna Maria Mendez is a Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) Advanced. Anna is currently President and CEO of Educational Enhancement which is an OASAS approved CASAC education training provider.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

The proposed annual budget identifies revenues at \$1,134,820 and expenses at \$885,268, leaving a total \$276,552 in profit. OASAS Regional Office reviewed the proposed budget and reported no concerns. The applicant will accept Medicaid and private insurance.

The applicant submitted documentation to demonstrate sufficient funds available, for at least six-months of start-up while the program builds.

Adequacy:

A fully executed lease for the proposed space was submitted and includes the required rights-to-reentry language. The lease is for a period of 5 years.

OASAS Facility Evaluation and Inspection Unit (FEIU) completed a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) on May 16, 2022 and determined that the proposed action would not require further environmental review, as it is as predetermined SEQR Type II non-significant action.

Compliance:

The proposed staffing plan is in line with regulatory requirements and includes:

- 1 Full time Program Director
- 1 Part time Medical Director
- 2 Registered Nurse's
- 2 Certified Peers
- 1 Full time CASAC
- 1 Full time Qualified Health Professional in a discipline other than CASAC

Policies and procedures have been reviewed for regulatory compliance and are accepted by OASAS.

Continuity of Care:

Under Angel's Wings Recovery will assist patients to obtain services that are not available within Under Angel's Wings Recovery in accordance with the treatment planning. The Medical director or designee is responsible for medical and/or mental health. Health related services include but are limited to detox, specialty care, TB DOT/DOPT observation and monitoring, and other specialized health- related service that patients may require and are not directly offered by the program.

Upon receipt of approval, we establish Memorandum of Understanding agreements with programs within the community such as: Genesis Detox , NYU Langone, and The Resource Counseling Center, Arms Archers and Cornerstone.

Recommendation:

OASAS' recommendation is to approve the request from Under Angel's Wings Recovery Center, LLC to become a new OASAS Provider of outpatient services with ancillary withdrawal and telehealth services with the following contingencies:


- Verification of the hiring of sufficient staff to meet regulatory requirements
- Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Certificate of Incorporation/Articles of Organization, including the OASAS required language, have been filed.

Attachments: map

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NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
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Applicant's Legal Name Under Angel's Wings Recovery Center, LLC	Application No. 2022.039
Local Governmental Unit NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	
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2. Provider Operational Performance	Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below. This is not contracted provider. The applicant is proposing to become a new OASAS provider. The operational performance outlined in the application appears to be satisfactory.
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below. This is not a contracted provider. The applicant is proposing to become a new OASAS provider. The financial plan in proposal appears to be adequate and acceptable. Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below. The applicant proposal includes a payor mix for revenues including Medicaid Managed Care and Medicaid Fee for Service as well as private health insurance.
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below. The applicant is proposing to site their program in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Data from the Kings County Medical Examiner Office showed that in 2021 there was a total of 549 deaths related to opioids, 395 related to Fentanyl and 370 related to Methamphetamine and other substances such as Alcohol. Preliminary data extracted for the 1st quarter of 2022 (e.g. 150 opioids related deaths) continues to demonstrate the need for more substance use treatment programs countywide.
5. Provider Standing in the Community	Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report. This is a new entity looking to operate Under Angel's Wings Recovery Center, LLC as an OASAS licensed outpatient treatment program. The owners Monika Seirgiej and Anna Maria Mendez have documented report of several years of experience in the substance use treatment field in NYS as required by OASAS. They plan to offer participants patient centered care that is family and community focused and with a special emphasis on licensed professionals such as Police and Firefighters.

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program; (b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and (c) any other notable observations. <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>The Applicant signed a lease to operate the new program on the ground floor at 5411 Second Avenue, in the Sunset Park area of Brooklyn. This area is readily accessible by public transportation both NYC subways (N and R) and buses (B1, B37, B63, B9, B64, B35 and B70). This site is approximately one block away from NYU Langone Hospital Emergency room.</p>		
	<p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p> <p>OASAS will also conduct a facility inspection prior to opening of this program.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>The City is not aware of any issues.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>The Applicant outreached to several different community boards while conducting a needs assessment of siting this program. They eventually settled at CB 07 were they presented to the Health and Human Services Committee on January 13th, 2022 and recieved a letter of acknowledgement from the chairperson on February 16th, 2022.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>N/A</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>8/24/22</p>

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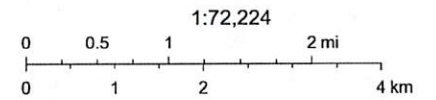
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**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dena Holmes
FROM: Michele Woods
DATE: September 12, 2022
SUBJECT: *Application Review*

Applicant: Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.
Application #: 2022-009
Purpose: New OASAS Provider
County: Suffolk

Project Summary:

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) is requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a new OASAS provider of Part 822 Outpatient Treatment Service at 405 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, New York 11769-1651. Services will be integrated with their Article 31 Office of Mental Health (OMH) licensed clinic for individuals with co-occurring disorders as well as offered to members of the community.

FREE was awarded a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) grant in August 2021 by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The clinic will provide comprehensive, client centered and supportive services that include psychotropic medication treatment, injectable and oral medication administration monitoring and education, medication assisted treatment, psychotherapy services, including individual and group counseling, vocational and educational counseling, complex care coordination, peer support services, telepsychiatry, telehealth services, and outreach.

Medication assisted treatment includes Suboxone, Subutex, Naltrexone, Topamax, and Gabapentin.

The applicant proposes to serve 150 individuals annually.

Hours of operation will be Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Need:

The applicant states "Currently, the Clinic is licensed as an Article 31, serving individuals with mental health diagnoses. These individuals may also be experiencing unstable living environments such as chronic homelessness, precarious housing, risk for homelessness and other environmental factors that can significantly impact their mental health and desire to use substances. Additionally, extensive wait lists through other substance use programs can greatly impact the time spent waiting for support services. FREE would like to provide integrated mental health and substance use services to assist the individuals living within our community in Suffolk County."

The Suffolk County Division of Community Mental Hygiene Services continues to identify substance use disorder services as a priority as evidenced in their county plan.

The final recommendation from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services is pending and will be reported out at the September 22, 2022 Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council meeting.

The OASAS Long Island Regional Office submitted their recommendation to approve the proposed action on September 9, 2022. The PPD-7 was signed by Program Manager Stephanie Sloan, Coordinator Brian Peterson, and Downstate District Director Zoraida Diaz. Regional Office comments include:

"Based upon a demographically comparison of OASAS treatment services, the program would bring needed services to a location that is under-served."

Character and Competence:

FREE became established as a domestic not-for-profit corporation in 1977 to provide support for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health illness and traumatic brain injury. It is their mission to support people of all abilities to reach their full potential and thrive in their communities.

The Board of Directors consists of 12 members, two of which meet the OASAS requirements in managing or operating substance use disorder services.

On March 15, 2022, David Shaffer of Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) confirmed that Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. is in good standing with them.

The applicant operates 13 licensed Office of Mental Health (OMH) programs, all of which are in good standing. This was confirmed by Laura Mandel of OMH on April 21, 2022.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

The OASAS Fiscal Audit and Review Unit completed a review on March 28, 2022, which determined the current and overall financial position of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. is viable.

The proposed operating budget identifies \$1,027,818 in revenue (\$701,366 in Medicaid), and \$850,926 in expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$176,892.

Adequacy:

Services will be provided in FREE's owned facility.

OASAS Facility Evaluation and Inspection Unit (FEIU) completed a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) on March 14, 2022, and determined it does not require further environmental review.

The OASAS FEIU completed a floor plan review and virtual physical plant inspection on April 1, 2022, in which no deficiencies were noted.

Compliance:

Proposed staffing includes a part-time Medical Director, part-time Program Director, full-time Registered Nurse, 2 full-time LMSW, 2 full-time CASAC, 1 full-time CRPA, 1 full-time Health Coordinator and a full-time LGBTQ liaison.

Policies and procedures were reviewed and accepted by the OASAS Certification Bureau on March 25, 2022.

Continuity of Care:

The applicant submitted Memorandums of Understandings to ensure continuity of care for crisis services and crisis mental health services.

Establishment of the Part 822 Outpatient Treatment Service will allow continuity of care for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Recommendation:

The OASAS recommendation is to approve Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.'s request to become a new Part 822 outpatient treatment provider at 405 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, New York with the following contingencies:

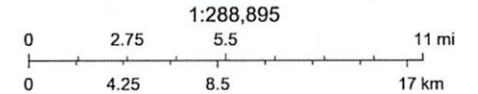
1. Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Certificate of Incorporation including the OASAS required language, has been filed; and
2. Verification of the hiring of sufficient staff to meet regulatory requirements.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.



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- 5. Outpatient: Outpatient Clinic
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**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dena Holmes
Director, Bureau of Certification

FROM: Linda Hefferon

DATE: August 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Application Review
Applicant: Rego Park Counseling, LLC
Application #: 2022-038
Purpose: Change in Ownership
County: Queens County

Project Summary:

Rego Park Counseling LLC submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports' (OASAS) approval for a change in ownership of their Part 822 outpatient program located at 63-96 99th Street in Rego Park (Operating Certificate #12223).

Need:

Rego Park Counseling primarily serves the Bukharian Jewish community in Queens, however, offers their services to anyone in need.

Nina Iouran who held 10% ownership in Rego Park Counseling and had the OASAS-required substance use disorder experience, has retired and divested herself of her ownership interest. Dr. Raul Ulloa, the current Medical Director at Rego Park, has purchased Ms. Iouran's 10% ownership interest and has the required substance use disorder background.

With Dr. Ulloa's purchase of the 10% ownership interest, Rego Park's ownership structure meets OASAS' regulatory requirement.

In a letter dated April 7, 2022, the Queens Community Board #6 acknowledged that they were made aware of this change in ownership of Rego Park Counseling LLC.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's recommendation in support of this application was received on July 27, 2022.

OASAS' New York City Regional Office's recommendation in support of this application was received on July 29, 2022.

Character and Competence:

Rego Park Counseling was established as a domestic Limited Liability Company on July 23, 2018 by Emanuil Kalendarev, who held a 90% ownership interest and a 90% share of voting rights, and Nina Iouran who held a 10% ownership interest and a 10% share of voting rights. They were certified by OASAS to provide Part 822 outpatient services on January 30, 2020 and are currently operating with a two-year Operating Certificate having received scores indicating partial compliance during their first recertification review in March of 2022.

Ms. Iouran has since retired, and her 10% ownership interest has been purchased by Dr. Ulloa, the current Medical Director for Rego Park Counseling. Following approval of this application, Mr. Kalendarev will continue to hold 90% ownership interest and 90% voting rights, and Dr. Ulloa will become the owner of the remaining 10% ownership interest and 10% voting rights.

Dr. Ulloa has served as the Medical Director at Rego Park since 2021. Prior to that he worked as the Medical Director for various OASAS certified programs - Acacia/BASICS from 2019-2021, Innovative Health Systems from 2018-2020, and Arms Acres from 2018-2019.

Governing Authority Questionnaires and Appendix IV, Character and Competence Review forms submitted with the application were reviewed and there are no areas of concern.

On December 6, 2021, Rego Park Counseling applied to the NYS Department of Health to establish a Diagnostic and Treatment Center at this location. This application was approved on August 2, 2022.

On January 7, 2022 Rego Park submitted a Letter of Intent to the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) to establish an Article 31 Mental Health Clinic. This application is currently under review with OMH.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

OASAS' Fiscal Audit and Review Unit has determined that Rego Park Counseling, LLC is fiscally viable through June 30, 2023.

Adequacy:

The lease for the space the program occupies was reviewed and found to contain the OASAS required right to re-entry language.

Compliance:

There will be no changes to the location, services provided, budget, staffing or policies and procedures as a result of this application.

Recommendation:


OASAS' recommendation is to approve the request from Rego Park Counseling LLC for a change in ownership of their Part 822 Outpatient service.

Effective Date: Upon approval

Attachments: LGU recommendation

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
 (Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name Rego Park Counseling, LLC	Application No. 2022-038
Local Governmental Unit NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	
In conjunction with the certification action(s) submitted by the above applicant, you are requested to review and provide comments on the proposed actions relative to the provision of addiction disorder services in your jurisdiction. Your comments are important in evaluating the merits of the action(s). In completing the responses, use additional sheets as necessary. Your cooperation in providing complete and thorough responses is appreciated as incomplete replies will delay the processing of this application.	
1. Consistency of Program Description and Site Location with Local/OASAS Requirements	In the case of new providers and/or new services, is the program description and site location consistent with local/OASAS requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below. This application is for a change in ownership status for Rego Park Counseling, LLC an existing OASAS licensed part 822 program. Emanull Kalendarev will transfer 10 % of his 100% share to Dr. Raul Ulo the current Medical Director.
2. Provider Operational Performance	Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below. This is not an allocated provider and the Department can only go by the information provided on the application. The information appears to indicate that operational performance of this provider would be satisfactory.
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below. This is not an allocated provider and the Department can only look at the information provided in the application. This information appears to be acceptable. Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below. The applicant plans to collect revenues from Medicaid Managed Care.
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below. The applicant seeks to continue to reduce stigma about substance use disorder in the Rego Park community by addressing and normalizing care in the provision of holistic substance use treatment services. According to the Queens Chronicle in 2022, data compiled from the NYPD and the Office of the City Medical Examiner identified 71 percent of all suspected drug overdose deaths in Queens as involving fentanyl or fentanyl derivatives.
5. Provider Standing in the Community	Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report. The organization is in good standing. The applicant has provided letters of support from local clergy, district council membership and a local physician who is a member of the Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program; (b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and (c) any other notable observations. <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>Queens Blvd. and the Long Island Expressway are major roads that make the program location accessible. The following buses stop nearby: QM10, QM11, QM 40 and Q30. Subway trains M and R are available at the Forest Hills station. Street meter parking is available as well. The program is in a mixed residential/commercial area. Restaurants, day centers, medical offices and other commercial establishments surround the applicant's property.</p>		
	<p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: <u>11/13/19</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an "N/A" response.</p> <p>The site was originally visited on 11/13/19.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program's current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>There are no known issues to the DOHMH.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant's outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>The applicant provided documentation of acknowledgement, dated April 7th, 2022, from Queens Community Board # 6 of its intention to transfer 10% ownership to Dr. Uloa.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>N/a</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>7/27/22</p>

**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dena Holmes
FROM: Linda Hefferon
DATE: September 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Application Review
Applicant: New Day Treatment Center, LLC.
Application #: 2022-005
Purpose: New OASAS Provider
County: Queens County

Project Summary:

New Day Treatment Center, LLC (New Day) has submitted a Certification Application requesting OASAS' approval to become a new provider of Part 822 outpatient services to be located at 10-50 Beach 21st Street in Far Rockaway.

New Day plans to provide treatment that fits within the client's present life schedule and will be open 365 days per year, including all holidays. They plan to operate Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am – 9:00 pm, Fridays from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, and from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Services to be provided include individual, group, and family counseling, along with medication assisted treatment. They will also offer identified gender specialty groups, along with LGBTQ+, youth, elderly, those with co-occurring mental health issues, significant others, and parenting groups, as well.

New Day has indicated a desire provide integrated OMH/OASAS outpatient services in the future.

Need:

The applicant noted that in 2020, overdose deaths in Queens rose 15% from the previous year. They also noted that a limited number of substance use disorder services exist in the Far Rockaway section of Queens and that the programs that do exist have limited hours/days of operation, often close early and are not open on weekends.

In September of 2021 New Day had conversations with Officer Scott of the 101st Precinct's Community Affairs Division who stated support for their plan, as well as Assembly Member Anderson's Chief of Staff in October of 2021, who also indicated support for the plan.

New Day also provided a copy of a June 21, 2022 email exchange with Jonathan Gaska of Queens Community Board #14, in which Mr. Gaska acknowledges being informed of New Day's intention to open an outpatient service within that Community Board's catchment area.

In their 2021 County Plan, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene identified the need for heroin and opioid programs and services as one of their top five priority issues.

Recommendation for approval of this application was requested from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) on July 22, 2022. As of this writing, the NYCDOHMH's recommendation in support of this application has not been received.*

OASAS' New York City Regional Office's recommendation in support of this application was received on September 8, 2022.

Character and Competence:

New Day Treatment Center was established on August 24, 2021 as a New York State Domestic Limited Liability Corporation.

New Day is comprised of three owners - Chaim Genger and Joel Friedman each of whom own 45%, while Paul Creary owns the remaining 10%. The voting rights of each owner are commensurate with the percentage of shares held.

Paul Creary has 15 years of prior and current experience in the delivery of substance use disorder services and meets OASAS requirements.

Chaim Genger has six years of experience in the financial field and currently works in real estate development.

Joel Friedman has experience in the pharmaceutical field and is currently a Vice President of Operations at a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility.

Governing Authority Questionnaires were reviewed and Google searches conducted. No areas of concern with any of the owners were found.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

OASAS' NYC Regional Office has reviewed the budget submitted with New Day's application and finds that it appears to be appropriate for the location and the services to be provided.

Since New Day is a for-profit LLC, they are not eligible for deficit funding through OASAS.

They have submitted proof of six-months of available funds to cover operating expenses as they start the service up and begin to build their clientele.

Adequacy:

New Day Treatment Center's lease was reviewed and found to contain OASAS' required right to re-entry language.

A floor plan review was conducted by Laurence Thomas of OASAS' Facilities Evaluation and Inspection Unit (FEIU) on July 18, 2022. Laurence found the space to be adequate for the services to be provided.

A physical plant inspection of the space on will be completed by OASAS' FEIU Unit in the near future.

A State Environmental Quality Review was conducted by Lee Kalle of the FEIU on July 18, 2022. Lee found that the use of this space will have no negative affect on the environment.

Compliance:

The staffing pattern included in this application is: 1 full-time Psychiatrist, 1 full-time Program Director, 1 part-time Registered Nurse, 1 full-time LCSW, 1 full-time LMHC, 2 full-time CASACs and 1 full-time CRPA, as well as administrative staff, which meets OASAS' minimum staffing requirements.

Continuity of Care:

The applicant has provided copies of referral agreements with area providers of services that are not available through New Day Treatment.

Recommendation:

OASAS' recommendation is to approve the request from New Day Treatment Center, LLC to become a new provider of Part 822 outpatient services with the following contingencies:

- Verification of the hiring of sufficient staff to meet regulatory requirements
- OASAS inspection and approval of the completed facility
- Final review and acceptance of policies and procedures
- Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Articles of Organization, including the OASAS required language, have been filed.

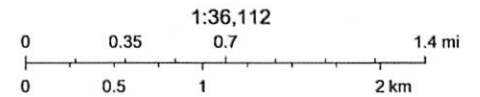
*** If no recommendation is received prior to close of business on September 21, 2022, this application will be presented at the next scheduled Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council meeting.**

Attachments: Map



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- 5. Outpatient: Outpatient Clinic
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**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dena Holmes
FROM: Linda Hefferon
DATE: August 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Application Review
Applicant: Central Park Recovery, LLC
Application #: 2022-041
Purpose: Change in Ownership
County: Westchester County

Project Summary:

Central Park Recovery, LLC submitted a Certification Application requesting the approval of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for a change in ownership of their Part 822 outpatient and outpatient rehabilitation program located at 2716 Central Park Avenue in Yonkers, New York (Operating Certificate #12241).

Need:

One of the current owners, with 90% ownership interest, wishes to divest himself of his interest in this program.

On August 9th, Central Park Recovery sent a notice to Yonkers City Councilman Mike Breen informing him of the proposed change in ownership of the program. There has been no response to this notice.

The Westchester County Department of Mental Health's recommendation in support of this application was received on June 30, 2022.

OASAS' Lower Hudson Regional Office's recommendation in support of this application was received on July 27, 2022.

Character and Competence:

Central Park Recovery LLC was established as a Domestic Limited Liability Company in November 2019 with two owners, Stephan Giuffrida, DC with 90% ownership and Nicole Intervallo with 10%. They have been certified by OASAS to provide Part 822 outpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services since July of 2021.

Mr. Giuffrida wishes to divest himself of his 90% interest via this application and plans to sell his 90% interest to Mr. Mark Bassani (85%) and Ms. Melissa Mondella (5%).

Mr. Bassani is the current landlord and owner of the building that Central Park Recovery leases, as well as the CFO of Central Park Recovery. Ms. Mondella is an LMHC and CASAC-T, and the current Assistant Clinical Director of Central Park Recovery.

Ms. Intervallo, who is a CASAC-Advanced Counselor in good standing with more than 18 years of experience in the field of Human Services, including 15 years working in OASAS-certified programs, has been the CEO of Central Park Recovery since their initial Certification in July of 2021 and will continue to hold 10% ownership

A signed and notarized Appendix IV – Character and Competence Applicant Review was received, and there are no concerns noted in a review of this document.

Since Central Park Recovery has been certified for just over one year, they have not yet had a recertification review performed by OASAS' Program Review Unit.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

OASAS' Fiscal Audit and Review Unit has reviewed the financial information provided and found that Central Park Recovery is fiscally viable through March 31, 2023.

Adequacy:

A copy of the executed lease was reviewed and found to contain OASAS' required right to re-entry language.

Compliance:

There will be no changes to the services provided, location, physical plant, budget, or policies and procedures as a result of this application.

Recommendation:


OASAS' recommendation is to approve the request from Central Park Recovery, LLC for a change in ownership of their Part 822 outpatient and outpatient rehabilitation service.

Effective Date: Upon approval

Attachments: LGU recommendation

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
(Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name Central Park Recovery, LLC	Application No. 2022-041
Local Governmental Unit Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health	
<p>In conjunction with the certification action(s) submitted by the above applicant, you are requested to review and provide comments on the proposed actions relative to the provision of addiction disorder services in your jurisdiction. Your comments are important in evaluating the merits of the action(s). In completing the responses, use additional sheets as necessary. Your cooperation in providing complete and thorough responses is appreciated as incomplete replies will delay the processing of this application.</p>	
1. Consistency of Program Description and Site Location with Local/OASAS Requirements	<p>In the case of new providers and/or new services, is the program description and site location consistent with local/OASAS requirements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>There has been no change to location and programming. Both remain adequate for services provided.</p>
2. Provider Operational Performance	<p>Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below.</p> <p>Provider performance continue to be satisfactory.</p>
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	<p>Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below.</p>
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	<p>Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below.</p> <p>The program is consistent with local plan and county interests.</p>
5. Provider Standing in the Community	<p>Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report.</p> <p>Provider has been operational for almost one (1), and there has been no report to date to suggest that the provider is not in good standing in the community.</p>

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program; (b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and (c) any other notable observations. <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>Proposed location is seemingly suitable, with easy access to to public transportation.</p>		
	<p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: <u>August, 2021</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p> <p>Program was visited by LGU staff in August, 2021, when the program held an official open house.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>No issues have been brought to the attention by community members or others.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>The program has in the past and continues to outreach the community.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>N/A</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>6/30/22</p>

**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dena Holmes
FROM: Jennifer Berg
DATE: August 23, 2022
SUBJECT: Application Review
Applicant: Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.
Application #: 2022.034
Purpose: New OASAS Provider Part 822 Services
County: Westchester

Project Summary:

Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (WJCS) submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a New OASAS Provider of Part 822 Outpatient treatment Services to be located at 141 North Central Avenue, Hartsdale, New York 10530 with an additional location to be co-located at their Article 31 clinic at 11 West Prospect Street, 4th Fl, Mount Vernon. The establishment of this new co-located outpatient substance use treatment clinic aids WJCS in utilizing No Wrong Door Policies, so that individuals with substance use disorders presenting at WJCS' for treatment need not be referred to another provider for care.

WJCS' approach to substance use treatment emphasizes evidenced-based approaches with a particular emphasis on self-determination in treatment goal setting, allowing for client centered focus inclusive of the harm reduction continuum. Evidence-based practices will include harm reduction approaches, cognitive behavioral therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, medication assisted treatment, motivational interviewing/motivational enhancement therapy, contingency management, Seeking Safety, community reinforcement and family therapy.

Psychopharmacological treatment for psychiatric and addiction needs, inclusive of MAT, will be available to all patients enrolled in treatment. Peers will serve to aid individuals in systems navigation issues as well as supporting individuals in the application of stabilization skills. Services will be available to youth and adults, and substance using individuals and concerned significant others.

Westchester Jewish Community Services intends on continuing to serve adolescents, adults and families. The proposed hours of operation (for both locations) are Monday through Thursday 9am-7pm and Fridays 9am to 5pm.

Need:

Westchester County tends to have substance use indicators that are lower than New York State averages, however opioid deaths continue to climb in Westchester County. In 2020 the rate was 28% higher than the prior year, binge alcohol drinking rates were higher than the rest of the state, and rates of alcohol-related motor vehicle injuries and death climbed between 2014 and 2016. Additionally, in a review completed by Westchester County authorities from January 2020 through December 2021, it was found that 80% of those who completed suicide in Westchester County were found to have been under the influence of substances at the time of their death. Since there is not specific data available for Hartsdale (or the Town of Greenburgh) on substance use, the county data indicates a need for substance use treatment in the Hartsdale community that is currently unmet. Currently, Hartsdale has no substance use treatment providers, however there are three substance use disorder clinics within five miles of the proposed locations.

According to the County Planning System for Westchester County, the level of unmet substance use disorder (SUD) need has increased. The increased use of heroin and the resulting consequences, critical workforce shortages combined with the health care system reform has highlighted existing weaknesses and gaps in their SUD service delivery system.

WJCS has outreached to many stakeholders in the Hartsdale and Mt Vernon communities. Outreach in Hartsdale included Greenburg Town Councilwoman Ellen Hendrickx; Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner who; and Eric Zinger, President of the Hartsdale Neighbors Association, all shared support for this action.

In Mt. Vernon, WJCS outreached to the Mayor's Office, the Chief of Police and the Deputy Police Commissioner, and City Council Members. Council woman Delia Farquharson expressed her excitement because she felt that "the community could benefit from such a needed program". No response has been received from the Mayor's Office or from the Police Department. WJCS also presented at the Mount Vernon Network bimonthly meeting about the plan to open a collocated Article 32 with our Article 31, and the support was uniformly positive. Additionally, they discussed this plan with the landlords and with neighbors in around our intended site. Dr. Sonia Cole, psychiatrist and Mount Vernon resident stated that having a program to meet the needs of the people of Mount Vernon who have SUD and mental illness was wonderful news and would definitely refer patients to WJCS.

The Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health's recommendation in support of this application was received on August 2, 2022.

OASAS Regional Office submitted a completed Regional Office Review Report to the Bureau of Certification on August 18, 2022, with a positive recommendation.

Character and Competence:

Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) is a non-profit organization founded in 1943. They are the largest provider of licensed outpatient community mental health services and one of the largest human service agencies in Westchester County. They serve more than 20,000

people of all ages and backgrounds throughout Westchester County providing programs and services such as:

- Evidence-based mental health and trauma treatment to adults and children
- Operate thirteen group homes, providing 24/7 care to disabled adults
- supportive programming for LGBTQ+ youth and families
- geriatric care and resources to seniors
- early childhood development enrichment education
- advocacy, supportive services and social activities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- cultural, educational, counseling, and spiritual programming.

While the services offered are mental health services, WJCS notes that many of the patients they see have co-occurring substance use disorder issues.

Westchester Jewish Community Services is governed by a board of 31 individuals. Of those individuals three board members have experience with substance use disorder services which meets OASAS requirements.

According to Office of Mental Health, the operating certificates for Westchester Jewish Community Services are current and valid.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

The OASAS Fiscal Audit and Review Unit completed a fiscal review of WJCS on August 2, 2022, and the results suggested that they are fiscally viable and able to sustain new treatment services while starting up.

Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health and OASAS Regional Office reviewed the proposed budget and did not indicate any concerns.

Adequacy:

The applicant submitted lease amendments for both locations, of which contained the required OASAS right to reentry language.

The OASAS Facilities Evaluation and Inspection Unit completed a State Environmental Quality Review and a Floor Plan review on these locations and found them to meet requirements.

Compliance:

The applicant submitted a staffing plan for each location which meets regulatory requirements and includes:

- (1) Full-time Program Director (shared with the additional location)
- (1) .25 FTE Medical Director
- (2) .60 FTE Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
- (2) .60 FTE Registered Nurses
- (2) Full-time LMSW/LCSW
- (2) Full-time CASAC
- (.50) FTE CRPA (shared)
- (.25) FTE Vocational Counselor (shared)

(.50) Care Manager (shared)

Policies and procedures have been reviewed for regulatory compliance and are accepted by OASAS.

Continuity of Care:

The applicant is an established provider in their community and have developed solid relationships with community stakeholders. In addition to the continuum of mental health and community services they already offer, in 2021, WJCS received a grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) to establish as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) which is a model designed to ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care. Through the CCBHC, they have established collaboration agreements with Human Develop Services of Westchester, Inc., Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. and The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc.

Recommendation:

OASAS recommendation is to approve the request from Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. to become a new OASAS provider of Part 822 Outpatient Treatment Services with the following contingencies:


- Verification of the hiring of sufficient staff to meet regulatory requirements
- OASAS inspection and approval of the completed facility
- Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Certificate of Incorporation/Articles of Organization, including the OASAS required language, have been filed.

Effective Date:

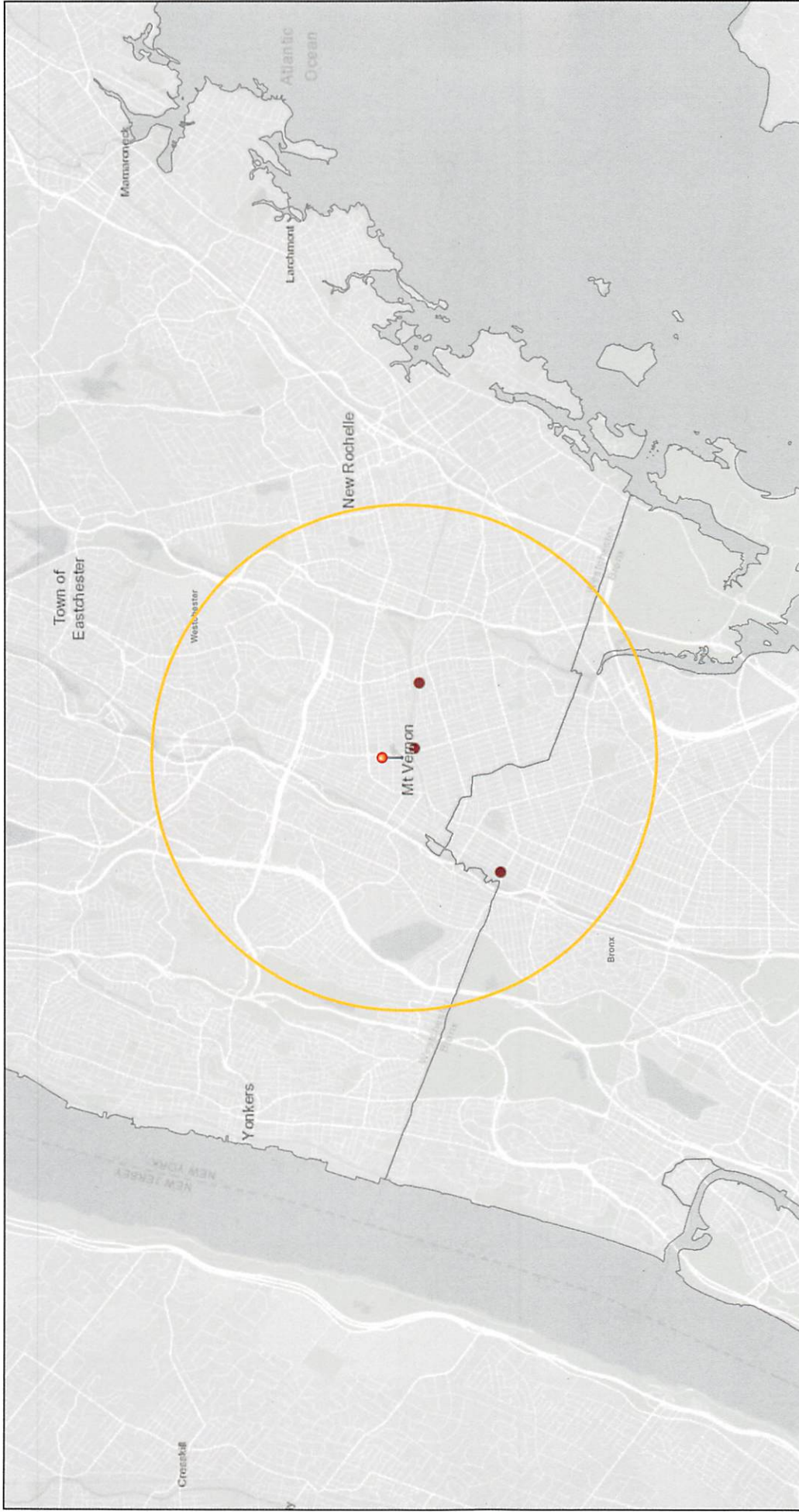
Attachments: LGU recommendation, maps

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
(Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name Westchester Jewish Community Services	Application No. 2022-034
Local Governmental Unit Westchester County	
<p>In conjunction with the certification action(s) submitted by the above applicant, you are requested to review and provide comments on the proposed actions relative to the provision of addiction disorder services in your jurisdiction. Your comments are important in evaluating the merits of the action(s). In completing the responses, use additional sheets as necessary. Your cooperation in providing complete and thorough responses is appreciated as incomplete replies will delay the processing of this application.</p>	
1. Consistency of Program Description and Site Location with Local/OASAS Requirements	<p>In the case of new providers and/or new services, is the program description and site location consistent with local/OASAS requirements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>Program concept, as outline, is good. Identified space is seemingly adequate for intended services, and would facilitate integration of addiction and mental health services.</p>
2. Provider Operational Performance	<p>Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below.</p> <p>The provider has a long history of providing behavioral health services in communities across Westchester County, and has a good reputation as regards the provision of quality care and being financially sound. There are outstanding issues with contracts the provider holds with Westchester County.</p>
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	<p>Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>The financial plan provided is adequate, as it includes revenue from external sources that will sustain start-up of the proposed programs. This will allow adequate time for the provider to ramp up services to the level that required for long term sustainability.</p> <p>Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below.</p> <p>The provider has a long history of accepting medicaid, medicaid managecare, medicare, and other third party insurance reimbursement, and expects that to continue.</p>
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	<p>Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below.</p> <p>The proposed program is consistent with local and county plans. Especially in light of the fact that the provider intends to serve adults and adolescent with addiction and co-occurring SAMH disorder needs.</p>
5. Provider Standing in the Community	<p>Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report.</p> <p>The provider has a long history of delivering behavioral health services across several communities in Westchester County, and has a good reputation.</p>

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>(a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program; (b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and (c) any other notable observations.</p> <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>The proposed locations are suitable for Addiction treatment services. The locations are easily accessible via public transportation, especially bus service. The program will share space with Mental Health Services.</p> <hr/> <p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: <u>08/02/2022</u> <input type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>Our office is not aware of any community issues associated with this provider, or at the specific locations in question. The provider has provided services in these communities for many years.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>The agency has reported support from several community partners, and has relationships with many community partners due the extended period of it’s presence in the respective communities.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>The possibility of having more opportunities for individuals struggling with addiction and mental health issues to receive integrated care is seen as a step in the right direction, and aligns with county plan.</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>8/3/2022</p>

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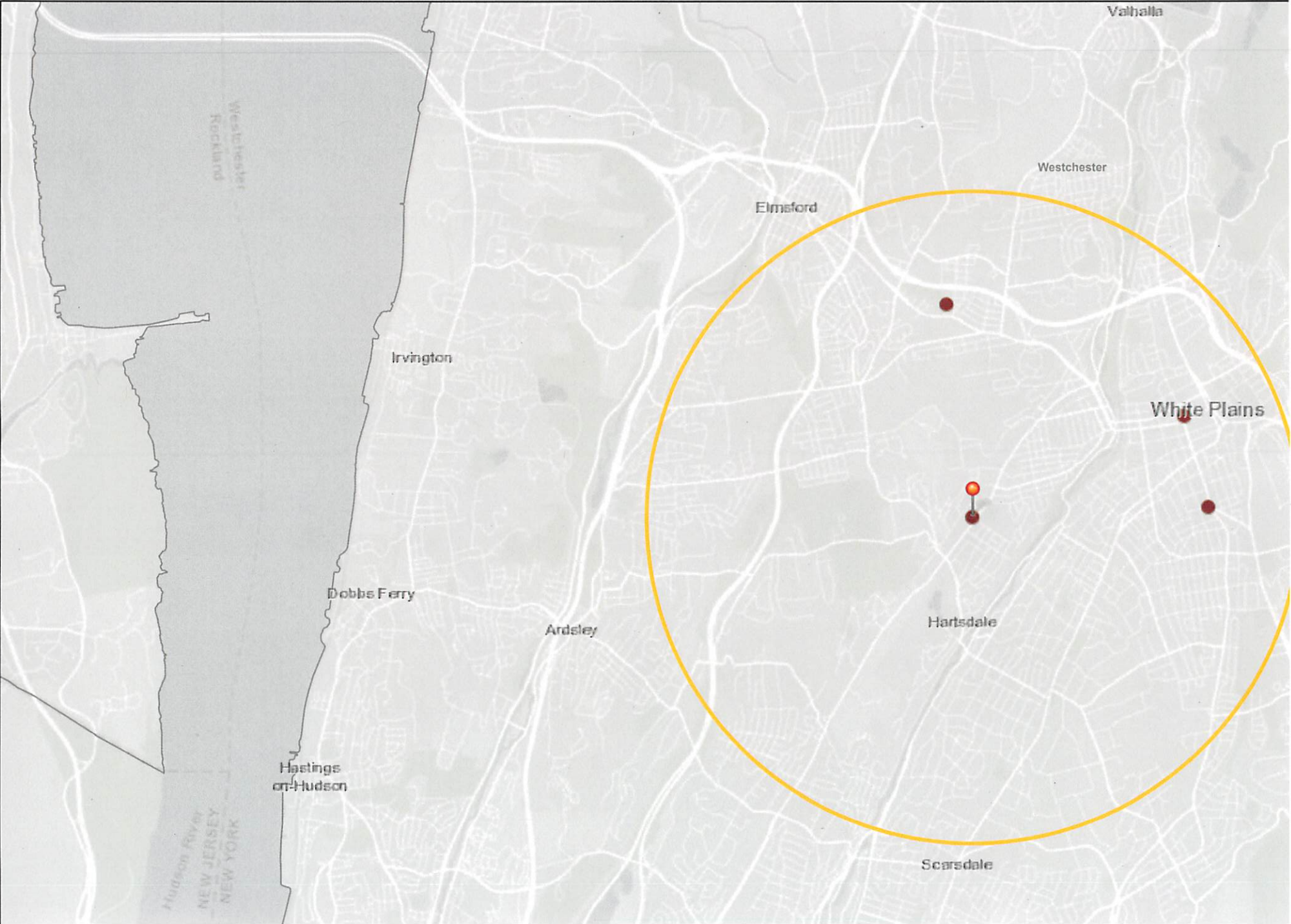
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**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports
Bureau of Certification (OASAS)**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dena Holmes
FROM: Jennifer Berg
DATE: September 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Application Review
Applicant: Seth Benkel MD Queens PLLC, d/b/a Platinum Recovery Center
Application #: 2022.026
Purpose: New OASAS Provider
County: Queens

Project Summary:

Seth Benkel MD Queens PLLC, d/b/a Platinum Recovery Center (Platinum) submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports' (OASAS) approval to become a new OASAS provider of Part 822 Opioid Treatment Services, to be co-located in his multi-specialty health care practice (Platinum Health) located at 712 Beach 20th Street, Far Rockaway, New York 11691.

Proposed hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7am to 3pm, Saturday 8am to 1pm and hours for dosing are proposed as Monday through Friday 7am to 2pm and Saturday 8am to 12pm.

Platinum will offer evening hours based upon the expressed needs of clients. Once operational they will continually evaluate and make specific changes to hours of operation to accommodate evenings, if indicated, in order to remain flexible, responsive and person-centered.

Need:

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) estimates that approximately 11.5% of the adults in NYC have substance use disorders. Using that estimate, one can also estimate that approximately 10,000 adults in the Far Rockway area suffer from a substance use disorder and according to the NYC DOHMH December 2020 Epi Data Brief, the rate of overdose deaths among people living in the Rockaways continues to exceed the NYC average (27.4 vs. 21.2), ranking the Rockaways among the NYC neighborhoods with the highest rates of overdose deaths (11th).

According to the current New York State Opioid Data Dashboard for Queens County, the six zip codes comprising the Rockaways and adjacent Queens communities have the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 13th highest Opioid Burden (including opioid overdose deaths, non-fatal

outpatient ED visits and hospital discharges involving opioid abuse, poisoning, dependence and unspecified use) crude rates per 100,000 population out of all 62 zip codes in Queens.

The opioid burden in zip code 11691, which is the proposed Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) location, is 36% higher than the rest of Queens (197.8 vs. 137.4), where adjacent zip code 11692 is 64.5% higher than the rest of Queens (268.2), and 11694 is nearly 52% higher than the rest of Queens (233.6). Despite the fact that opioid burden in the Rockaways is significantly greater than the rest of Queens, and the overdose death rate remains among the highest in NYC, this community and others nearby, remain significantly underserved by certified OTPs and even more, by programs which address co-occurring substance use disorder, mental health, and the medical issues that are associated with opioid use.

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene continues to identify heroin and opioid programs and services as one of their top five priorities in their County Plan.

In July of 2021, the applicant notified the following stakeholders, via certified letter, of their proposed new opioid treatment program:

- Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Councilperson, New York City Council 31st District
- Eric Ulrich, Councilman, New York City Council 32nd District
- Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Assemblymember, New York State Assembly District 23
- James Sanders, Jr., State Senator, New York State Senate District 10
- Dolores Orr, Chairperson, Queens Community Board 14

On August 23, 2021, Platinum Recovery Center sent a detailed OTP program overview with cover letter addressed to CB 14 Chairperson Dolores Orr via U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail.

Platinum continued to make numerous attempts to speak with someone from the Community Board (CB) by phone and on 4/26/22 was able to reach a staff person. The information was resent to an updated Community Board email provided by the staff person, however the staff was unable to acknowledge receipt of their email. Platinum continued outreach efforts on 6/14/22, 6/15/22 which included an in-person visit to the CBs office in which Platinum was still unable to receive written acknowledgement of the notification.

On 6/21/22, Community Board 14 sent via email, acknowledgement to Platinum Recovery Center, which stated "While Community board 14 opposes this new facility in our district, we can confirm/acknowledge that you notified us." To date, Platinum state they have not been notified as to the reason for CB 14's opposition.

A recommendation for approval of this application was requested from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) on August 16, 2022; as of the writing of this summary, the NYCDOHMH's recommendation has not been received. *

A recommendation for approval of this application was requested from the OASAS' New York City Regional Office on August 24, 2022; as of the writing of this summary, the NYC Regional office's recommendation has not been received. *

Character and Competence:

Seth Benkel MD Queens, PLLC is a newly established entity. They were established as a Professional Service Limited Liability Company as of October 25, 2021. The ownership structure includes:

Dr. Seth Benkel MD (90%) and Dr. David Molina (10%).

Drs. Benkel and Molina bring more than 50 years of cumulative experience providing community-based medical care in diverse, underserved neighborhoods. Both are committed to a person-centered, integrated care philosophy. Dr. Molina meets the requirements for the SUD experience, as required by OASAS.

Dr. Seth Benkel received his M.D. degree at the SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn and completed his Residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at Beth Israel Medical Center (New York) and Montefiore Medical Center (New York) respectively. Dr. Benkel is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine (2003) and he is Board Certified in Hematology and Oncology (2006). In addition to his leadership of Platinum Health Care, since January of 2018 Dr. Benkel has served as the Chief of Hematology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, New York. Dr. Benkel maintains academic and clinical affiliation with both Good Samaritan and St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway.

Dr. David Molina received his M.D. degree at the Universidad Central del Este in the Dominican Republic and has been licensed to practice medicine in New York State since 1990. Dr. Molina completed a residency in General Psychiatry at New York Medical College Metropolitan Hospital (New York), and served as a Senior Fellow in Geriatrics at Beth Israel Medical Center, Mount Sinai School of Medicine (New York). Bilingual in Spanish and English, Dr. Molina has more than 30 years of experience as a psychiatrist, with specialty practice experience in the treatment of substance use disorders including Alcohol/Drug Dependency management and treatment as well as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) inclusive of Buprenorphine (Certified Physician). Dr. Molina has served as Medical Director of an Integrated Outpatient Services (IOS) Program, Senior Psychiatrist in a women's correctional facility, and consulting psychiatrist to community-based mental health and substance use disorder treatment clinics certified by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (CASAS). Additionally, he maintained a private psychiatry practice in the Bronx for nearly 20 years.

Overall Financial Condition of the Provider:

The applicant submitted documentation to indicate that they have sufficient funds to sustain services during the initial six-months of startup.

The OASAS Regional Office did not indicate any concerns upon review of the submitted budget.

Adequacy:

The applicant is leasing the proposed space and has submitted a copy of the lease which contains the required OASAS Right to reentry language.

OASAS Facilities Evaluation Inspection Unit (FEIU) completed a State Environmental Quality Review and a Floor Plan Review in June of 2022 and found that the space meets requirements is adequate to support the Part 822 Opioid Treatment Program.

Compliance:

The applicant submitted a staffing plan which meets regulatory requirements and includes:

- 1 Full-time Program Director
- .50 Medical Director /Addiction Psychiatrist
- 1 Full-time Nurse Practitioner
- 2 Full-time Registered Nurses
- 1 Full-time Clinical Supervisor/LCSW
- 4 Full-time Counselors (at least one CASAC)
- 1 Full-time Peer Advocate
- 1 Full-time Administrative Associate
- 1.4 FTE Security Guards

Policies and procedures have been reviewed for regulatory compliance and are accepted by OASAS.

Continuity of Care:

In addition to the full array of OTP services Platinum Recovery Center will offer their clients the ability to access an integrated and coordinated system of care inclusive of Platinum's existing primary and specialty medical care capacity. Platinum Recovery Center also has established a working relationship with New Horizon Counseling Center (NHCC) and patients will be able access services, at NHCC's licensed outpatient mental health clinic sites in the Rockaways, person-centered care coordination in collaboration with Platinum and vocational and educational supports. Additionally, NHCC has indicated intentions to refer NHCC patients in need opioid treatment services to Platinum Recovery Center.

Recommendation:

OASAS' recommendation is to approve the request from Seth Benkel MD Queens PLLC, d/b/a Platinum Recovery to become a new OASAS Provider of Part 822 Opioid Treatment Services with the following contingencies:

- Verification of the hiring of sufficient staff to meet regulatory requirements
- OASAS inspection and approval of the completed facility
- Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Certificate of Incorporation/Articles of Organization, including the OASAS required language, have been filed.

** If no recommendation is received prior to close of business on September 21, 2022, this application will be presented at the next scheduled Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council meeting.*

Effective Date:

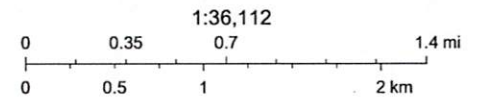
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Seth Benkel MD Queens PLLC d/b/a Platinum Recovery Center



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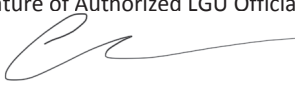
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NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
 (Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.	Application No. 2022-009
Local Governmental Unit Cari Faith Besserman, Acting Director, Suffolk County Department of Health, Community Mental Hygiene Services	
In conjunction with the certification action(s) submitted by the above applicant, you are requested to review and provide comments on the proposed actions relative to the provision of addiction disorder services in your jurisdiction. Your comments are important in evaluating the merits of the action(s). In completing the responses, use additional sheets as necessary. Your cooperation in providing complete and thorough responses is appreciated as incomplete replies will delay the processing of this application.	
1. Consistency of Program Description and Site Location with Local/OASAS Requirements	In the case of new providers and/or new services, is the program description and site location consistent with local/OASAS requirements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.
2. Provider Operational Performance	Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below. FREE maintains a positive operational standing. FREE has made significant improvements within the operations at this particular site.
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below. Financial plan appears adequate and reflective of funding and billing capacities.. Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below. Standard policies applied - including sliding scale opportunities and measures to serve uninsured/under-insured.
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below. This action is consistent with the SC Local Services plan priority need of access to care. SC supports efforts to ensure "no wrong door" concept of care. The physical location of this service is desirable.
5. Provider Standing in the Community	Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report. FREE maintains a positive standing in the community. This program location is long standing and already integrated into the community landscape.

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>(a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program; (b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and (c) any other notable observations.</p> <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>This location meets all considerations listed above. It is a known community based provider location (formerly Skills Unlimited).</p> <hr/> <p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p> <p>This writer has been to the site numerous times over the years , including recent past, and was made aware of the floor plans for the location of this component of care.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>Outreach efforts were shared and appropriate.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>This writer is aware there is a necessary tie in for this OASAS service with regard to the CCBHC funding.</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>9/15/22</p>


NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
 (Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name New Day Treatment Center, LLC	Application No. 2022-005
Local Governmental Unit NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	
<p>In conjunction with the certification action(s) submitted by the above applicant, you are requested to review and provide comments on the proposed actions relative to the provision of addiction disorder services in your jurisdiction. Your comments are important in evaluating the merits of the action(s). In completing the responses, use additional sheets as necessary. Your cooperation in providing complete and thorough responses is appreciated as incomplete replies will delay the processing of this application.</p>	
1. Consistency of Program Description and Site Location with Local/OASAS Requirements	<p>In the case of new providers and/or new services, is the program description and site location consistent with local/OASAS requirements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>New Day Treatment Center, LLC plans to open a new OASAS Part 822 Medically Supervised Outpatient Program (MSOP) at 1050 Beach 21st Street, Far Rockaway, NY, 11691. The applicant plans to provide medication for addiction treatment including buprenorphine and vivitrol. Narcan kits will also be distributed to participants. The applicant has actively engaged community leaders and the community board #14.</p>
2. Provider Operational Performance	<p>Is the operational performance of this provider satisfactory? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide a description of the operational performance of the provider below.</p> <p>This is not an allocated provider and the Department can only go by the information provided on the application. The information appears to indicate that operational performance of this provider would be satisfactory.</p>
3. Adequacy of Financial Plans	<p>Is the financial plan in the proposal adequate and acceptable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Provide explanation below.</p> <p>This is not an allocated provider and the Department can only look at the information provided in the application. This information appears to be acceptable.</p> <p>Where applicable, please note any comments related to Medicaid policy and/or reimbursement practices below.</p> <p>The applicant will collect revenues from Medicaid (Managed Care), Medicaid (fee for service) and Private insurance (managed care) and Private insurance (fee for service.)</p>
4. Consistency with Local Plans and Local/Community Needs	<p>Is the action consistent with local plans and/or does it meet community needs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Provide explanation below.</p> <p>The applicant is responding to an increase of overdose deaths in the Far Rockaway community by opening a Medically Supervised Substance Outpatient Program. Drug overdose deaths in Queens County surged during the pandemic, according to Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, surpassing the national rise in fatalities. "In 2020, there were 391 overdose deaths, a 45.5 percent increase over 2019, when there were 268 overdose deaths."</p>
5. Provider Standing in the Community	<p>Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report.</p> <p>This is a new Provider. They will be using evidence-based multidisciplinary approach to provide services to people with psychiatric and substance use disorders. There are no known issues to the DOHMH.</p>

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>(a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program;</p> <p>(b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and</p> <p>(c) any other notable observations.</p> <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>Street parking is available. In addition, the programs are accessible by public buses and subways(A train) and the Long Island Rail Road.</p> <hr/> <p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19, the LGU was not able to visit the existing locations.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>There are no known issues to the DOHMH</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>The applicant has provided documentation of its outreach efforts and communications to Queens community board (CB) # 14. The applicant sent notification on 1/10/21 of its intention to open a substance sse outpatient program in Far Rockaway, but there no response initaly, later the CB reported that thier email was hacked and the applicant had to resubmit documentation. Upon securing this building the applicant reach out again to the CB on 7/18,22. The community board acknowledged receiving communication of the applicant's plan to open an OASAS Part 822 Medically Supervised Outpatient Program at 1050 Beach 21st Street, Far Rockaway, NY, 11691.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>N/A</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signatu</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>9/16/22</p>

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REVIEW REPORT
 (Addiction Disorder Services Certification Actions)

Applicant's Legal Name Seth Benkel MD Queens, PLLC. d/b/a Platinum Recovery Center	Application No. 2022.026
Local Governmental Unit New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	
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5. Provider Standing in the Community	<p>Is there any known information regarding the provider's standing in the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Regardless of the answer, provide all known information below or on additional sheets attached to this report.</p> <p>This proposal is for a new OTP. Platinum Recovery is an existing Article 28 program operating in Far Rockaway since 2016. They will be using evidence-based multidisciplinary approach to provide services to people with substance use/misuse, medical and mental health disorder. There are no known issues to the DOHMH.</p>

<p>6.</p> <p>Program Location</p>	<p>In answering this question, the following should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>(a) the location is suitable for an Addiction Disorder Treatment Program;</p> <p>(b) the accessibility of public transportation and adequate parking; and</p> <p>(c) any other notable observations.</p> <p>Please describe your assessment of the circumstances noted.</p> <p>Street parking is available. In addition, the programs are accessible by public buses and subways (A train) and the Long Island rail road.</p> <hr/> <p>Please check one box.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LGU has visited the proposed location. Date of Visit: _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGU has not visited, but has sufficient personal knowledge to attest to its suitability.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A – Please explain, for example, N/A may be appropriate in applications that involve relocation within an existing building. However, factors such as capacity increase, even in an existing building, would not be appropriate for an “N/A” response.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19, the LGU was not able to visit the existing locations.</p>		
<p>7.</p> <p>Current Status of Existing Programs</p>	<p>Are you aware of any community issues with other programs operated by this provider, or in the case of relocation, this program’s current location? (i.e., any issues around loitering, public safety, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe any issues.</p> <p>There are no known issues to the NYC- DOHMH</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>Community Response</p>	<p>Please describe your knowledge of the applicant’s outreach to the local community (e.g., Community Service Boards, Community Boards, Planning Boards, Neighborhood Coalitions, other local municipalities). Please summarize your knowledge of community input, including any existing or likely community concerns, as well as any recommendations.</p> <p>The applicant has provided documentation of its outreach efforts to local elected officials and communications to the community board # 14. On 6/21,22, the local community board acknowledged receiving communication of the provider's plan to open an OASAS Part 822 Opioid Treatment Program at 712 Beach 20th Street, Far Rockaway NY, 11691.</p>		
<p>9.</p> <p>Other Comments</p>	<p>Provide additional comments.</p> <p>N/A</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>LGU Recommendation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove</p>	<p>Signature of Authorized LGU Official</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>9/16/22</p>