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Diane DePietro
Associate Director
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30554-EXM
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

Dear Ms. DePietro:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an intensive outpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment program at their facility at 75 North Mountain Road in New Britain.

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

1. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. is a non-profit facility located at 75 north Mountain Road, New Britain, which provides case management and educational substance abuse services.
2. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS") for the Pre-trial Alcohol Education Program and Pre-Trial Drug Education Program. It also receives funds from the Court Supported Service Department ("CSSD") for the Family Violence Education Program, Parenting Education Program and Adult Risk Reduction Center.
3. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. is proposing to provide outpatient treatment and intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment at 75 North Mountain Road, New Britain.
4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated September 22, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., grants an

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exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Wheeler Clinic, Inc. to obtain a facility for the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons license to provide substance abuse outpatient and intensive outpatient services at 75 North mountain Road in New Britain, serving clients in the New Britain, Newington, and Berlin area.

5. DMHAS states that establishing a New Britain satellite office will more adequately serve the needs of New Britain clients now being treated at the Plainville facility and reduce the reported five to six week wait for a substance abuse intake evaluation.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Wheeler Clinic, Inc.'s request to establish outpatient treatment and intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment programs at 75 North Mountain Road, New Britain meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
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