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R. Timothy Kearney, PhD  
Mental Health Director  
Community Health Center, Inc.  
635 Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30565-EXM  
Community Health Center, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639(c), C.G.S.  
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Clinton, Meriden, Middletown, New  
Britain, and New London

Dear Mr. Kearney:

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 19a-639(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), for the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at the Community Health Center, Inc. at 114 East Main Street in Clinton, 134 State Street in Meriden, 631 Main Street in Middletown, 1 Washington Square in New Britain, and 1 Shaw's Cove in New London, CT.

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

1. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC").
2. Community Health Center, Inc. is proposing to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 114 East Main Street in Clinton, 134 State Street in Meriden, 631 Main Street in Middletown, 1 Washington Square in New Britain, and 1 Shaw's Cove in New London, CT.
3. Community Health Center, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Public Health.

4. Each of the CHC sites is located in a designated medically underserved population area or derives more than half of its patients from a designated medically underserved population area.
5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated June 22, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Community Health Center, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 114 East Main Street in Clinton, 134 State Street in Meriden, 631 Main Street in Middletown, 1 Washington Square in New Britain, and 1 Shaw’s Cove in New London, CT.
6. DMHAS states that CHC reported serving the following number of clients over a recent six-month period at the following locations: Clinton – 147, Meriden – 304, Middletown – 549, New Britain – 226, and New London – 62.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at the Community Health Center, Inc. at 114 East Main Street in Clinton, 134 State Street in Meriden, 631 Main Street in Middletown, 1 Washington Square in New Britain, and 1 Shaw’s Cove in New London, CT meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639(c) 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

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