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October 5, 2005

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

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30591-EXM
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults with the Multi-Service Component

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 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”), for the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults with multi-service component 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 mental health treatment at 75 North Mountain Road, New Britain.

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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., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Wheeler Clinic, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 75 North Mountain Road in New Britain, serving clients in the New Britain, Newington, and Berlin area.
5. DMHAS states that the expanded services will help to reduce the two to three month wait for mental health services currently experienced at the Plainville facility.
6. 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 with multi-service component at 75 North Mountain Road, New Britain meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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