STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

July 28, 2005

Donald Thompson President/CEO StayWell Health Care, Inc. 232 North Elm Street Waterbury, CT 06702

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30490-DTR StayWell Health Care, Inc.

CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639(d) of the C.G.S. Establish an Outpatient Health Clinic in Waterbury, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On May 4, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your CON Determination Request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process regarding the establishment of an outpatient health clinic at 95 Thomaston Avenue in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. StayWell Health Care, Inc. ("Applicant") is a recognized federally qualified health center ("FQHC") whose headquarters are located at 232 North Elm Street in Waterbury, Connecticut.
- 2. The Applicant provides medical and dental primary care services at its Waterbury practice sites.
- 3. The Applicant serves the primary health care needs of those individuals who reside in federally recognized medically underserved and/or health professional shortage areas of Waterbury.
- 4. The Applicant is proposing to establish a new outpatient health clinic within its service area.

- 5. The outpatient clinic will operate at 95 Thomaston Avenue in Waterbury, Connecticut.
- 6. The outpatient clinic will be located at the future site of the Greater Waterbury Mental Health Authority ("Authority"). The Authority anticipates relocating its services and programs to the Thomaston Avenue practice site in September 2005.
- 7. The Applicant's proposal does not represent a new or additional health care function or service.
- 8. The proposal will not change the area served by Applicant's programs, the licensing categories of the Applicant's programs, or any aspects of program delivery.
- 9. The proposed start date for the outpatient clinic is scheduled for October 2005.
- 10. There are no capital expenditures associated with this request.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

Cc: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR CAV:jah