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Margaret Flinter, APRN  
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Community Health Center, Inc.  
635 Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 06-30846-EXM  
Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication  
School Based Health Center

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On October 11, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a school based health center at the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication ("ISAAC") located at nor Winthrop Boulevard, New London, Connecticut.

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

1. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") proposes to establish a school based health center ("clinic") at the ISAAC School in New London.
2. CHC will provide primary care services, including physical examinations, health assessments screening for health problems, and the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injury. In addition, the clinic will provide well child care.
3. The clinical will also provide mental health social work services including assessment and brief treatment of psychological, social, and emotional problems.
4. The clinic will be location entirely on the property of the ISAAC school site.
5. The proposed capital expenditure to establish the clinic is \$1,000.

6. The operation of the clinic will begin in October 2006.
7. The proposed clinic will be licensed by DPH as an outpatient clinic.
8. Pursuant to Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) and notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-638, subsection (a) of section 19a-639a or subsection (a) of this section, no school-based health care center shall be subject to the provisions of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of this section if the center: (1) Is or will be licensed by the Department of Public Health as an outpatient clinic; (2) has been approved by the Department of Public Health as meeting its standard model for comprehensive school-based health centers; (3) proposes capital expenditures not exceeding one million dollars and does not exceed such amount; (4) once operational, continues to operate and provide services in accordance with the department's standard model for comprehensive school-based health centers; and (5) is or will be located entirely on the property of a functioning school.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Community Health Center, Inc. to establish a school-based health clinic at the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication located at 190 Winthrop Boulevard in New London meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,  
Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, BHSE, DPH

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