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February 9, 2007

Margaret Flinter, APRN
Vice President and Clinical Director
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 07-30905-EXM
Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Pond View Health Center
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Enfield

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On January 12, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults located at 31 N. Main Street, Enfield, 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") 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 31 N. Main Street in Enfield, CT.
3. Community Health Center, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Public Health.
4. CHC site 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. CHC is planning to deliver medical, dental and behavioral health services at 31 N. Main Street in Enfield.

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6. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated January 29, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Community Health Center, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 31 N. Main Street in Enfield.
7. DMHAS states that CHC is targeting the medically underserved population and plans to provide 650 mental health visits to 200 patients (125 adults and 75 children).
8. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$325,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Community Health Center, Inc. to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults located at 31 N. Main Street, Enfield, Connecticut meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s Certificate of Need process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

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