

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

July 9, 2007

Kathy Grimaud Executive Director Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington 157 Litchfield Street Torrington, CT 06790

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 07-30973-EXM Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington Establish an Outpatient Clinic in Torrington

Dear Ms. Grimaud:

On June 6, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of an outpatient clinic at 459 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, Connecticut.

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

- 1. Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington ("CHWCGT") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located at 157 Litchfield Street, Torrington, Connecticut.
- 2. Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington is proposing to establish an outpatient clinic at 459 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, Connecticut.
- 3. Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington receives funds from the Department of Public Health.
- 4. Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington site is located in a designated medically underserved population area.

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- 5. Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington will provide primary care and dental services.
- 6. Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington will be the site for CHWCGT operations. Currently it operates out of donated area with only 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> exam rooms. The new building will have 9 exam rooms and offices for staff.
- 7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$1,000,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington to establish an outpatient clinic located at 459 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

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

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