

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

June 19, 2007

Jody Bishop-Pullan RDH, Case Manager, Clinic Administrator City of Stamford Department of Health and Social Services 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT 06904

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 07-30977-EXM
City of Stamford Department of Health and Social Services
Establish Toquam, Stillmeadow and Rippowaum School Based Dental Clinics in Stamford

Dear Ms. Bishop-Pullan:

On June 11, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of school based dental clinics at Toquam Magnet School ("TMS"), Stillmeadow School ("SS") and Rippowaum Middle School ("RMS") located at 123 Ridgewood Ave., 800 Stillwater Ave., and 381 High Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

- 1. City of Stamford Department of Health and Social Services is a non-profit facility located in Stamford, Connecticut.
- 2. City of Stamford Department of Health and Social Services ("DHSS") proposes to establish school based dental clinics ("clinic") at TMS, SS, and RMS in Stamford.
- 3. DHSS presently covers the programs of 12 public elementary schools, 5 public middle schools, 8 private and parochial elementary and middle schools and 20 pre-school clinics in Stamford.
- 4. DHSS will provide comprehensive medical and dental services at TMS, SS, and RMS in Stamford.

- 5. The clinics will be located entirely on the property of the TMS, SS, and RMS site.
- 6. The proposed capital expenditure to establish the clinics is \$240,000.
- 7. The operation of the clinics will begin in July 2007.
- 8. The proposed clinics will be licensed by Department of Public Health ("DPH") as Outpatient Clinics.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the City of Stamford Department of Health and Social Services to establish school based dental clinics at Toquam Magnet School, Stillmeadow School and Rippowaum Middle School located at 123 Ridgewood Ave, 800 Stillwater Ave, and 381 High Ridge Road, Stamford, 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst or Diane Duran, PPT 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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