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Agi Erickson
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30980-EXM
Community Health Centers, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 19a-639b and 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish the Wherever You Are ("W.Y.A"): Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics for Adults
and Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Services for the homeless in Meriden,
Middletown and New Britain

Dear Ms. Erickson:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Sections 19a-639b and 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish the Wherever You Are ("W.Y.A"): Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics for Adults and Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Services for the homeless in Meriden, Middletown and New Britain.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Community Health Centers, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are ("W.Y.A") is a recognized federally qualified health center ("FQHC"), whose headquarters is located at one Washington Square in New Britain, Connecticut. In 2006, CHC established WYA to provide primary medical and outreach services to the homeless population in New Britain, Meriden and Middletown.
2. On June 6, 2007, WYA submitted its exemption form to OHCA to expand current services to include behavioral health and substance abuse services at the proposed sites.

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3. As an FQHC, the WYA serves the health care needs of the individuals who reside in federally recognized medically underserved and/or health professional shortage areas.
4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated April 13, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Community Health Centers, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are (“W.Y. A”) to provide psychiatric outpatient services for adults at:
 - Shelter NOW, 43 Saint Casimir Drive, Meriden;
 - Shepherd Home, 112 Bow Lane, Middletown;
 - Eddy Shelter, LaBella Circle, Middletown;
 - Salvation Army, 78 Franklin Square, New Britain; and
 - Friendship Service Center, 241-249 Arch Street, New Britain.

The WYA plans to serve 500 psychiatric client visits annually at the combined shelter sites.

5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated April 13, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to Community Health Centers, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are (“W.Y.A”) to obtain a facility for the care or treatment of substance abuse or dependent person – substance abuse outpatient license at:
 - Shelter NOW, 43 Saint Casimir Drive, Meriden;
 - Shepherd Home, 112 Bow Lane, Middletown;
 - Eddy Shelter, LaBella Circle, Middletown;
 - Salvation Army, 78 Franklin Square, New Britain; and
 - Friendship Service Center, 241-249 Arch Street, New Britain.

The WYA plans to serve, 1,440 addiction client visits annually at the combined shelter sites.

6. The capital expenditure associated with programs start-up is \$5,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Centers, Inc. d/b/a WYA’s request to establish psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults and substance abuse outpatient treatment programs and in Meriden, Middletown and New Britain meets the exemption requirements of Sections 19a-639b and 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Diane Duran, PPT Health Care Analyst or Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS
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