

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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August 6, 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: 07-31005-EXM Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of Enfield Site and name change of Enfield Community Health Center

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On July 12, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the site and name change of Enfield Community Health Center located at 31 N. Main Street, to its new location 9 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. On February 9, 2007, CHC received an exemption from OHCA to establish a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults at 31 N. Main Street in Enfield, Connecticut.
- 3. 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., recommended 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.

- 4. CHC is proposing to change the location of its Community Health Center from 31 N. Main Street to 9 N. Main Street in Enfield, CT. Due to space limitations, CHC had to identify another property which is a few buildings away from the originally proposed location at 31 N. Main Street in Enfield, CT.
- 5. CHC is also changing its local name from CHC Inc. d/b/a Pond View Health Center to CHC Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of Enfield.
- 6. Community Health Center, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Public Health.
- 7. 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.
- 8. CHC is planning to deliver medical, dental and behavioral health services at 9 N. Main Street in Enfield.
- 9. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$350,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Community Health Center, Inc. for the change in location of the Enfield Community Health Center from 31 N. Main Street to 9 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.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Diane Duran, PPT Health Care Analyst, or 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 Sandra Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH Al Bidorini, Director, OPAS, DMHAS Donna C. Stimpson, Planning Specialist, DMHAS Rose McLellan, DPH

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