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October 24, 2007

Susan Walkama
Director of Children's Outpatient Services
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-31016-EXM
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Hartford

Dear Ms. Walkama:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 103 Woodland Street in Hartford.

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

1. The Wheeler Clinic, Inc., ("WC") is a non-profit facility that provides comprehensive behavioral health services and has extensive experience with the delivery of specialty evidence-base practices located at 103 Woodland Street in Hartford, Connecticut.
2. WC is proposing to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 103 Woodland Street in Hartford, Connecticut.
3. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter received October 22, 2007, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, MSW, JD endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.

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4. DCF states that WC proposes to deliver two evidence based trauma interventions (TF-CBT and TARGET) at its' existing site. They anticipate serving approximately 75 additional clients per year through the provisions of the aforementioned specialty services.
5. DCF recommends the exemption for WC regarding their interest in expanding their serves to offer problem sexual behavior and specialized trauma to serve the greater Hartford area.
6. DCF also stated that the proposed expansion of service is consistent with DCF's efforts to expand access to community based outpatient psychiatric services for children, youth and families, particularly evidence-base specialty.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$ 78,750.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that The Wheeler Clinic, Inc.'s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 103 Woodland Street in Hartford, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

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, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on October 24, 2007

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, MSW, JD Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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