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COMMISSIONER

June 11, 2008

Mark Masselli
President/CEO
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31172-DTR
Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New Britain
Expansion and renovation of One Washington Square in New Britain

Dear Mr. Masselli:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") has reviewed your CON regarding the expansion and renovation of the building located at One Washington Square in New Britain, with an associated capital expenditure of \$4,400,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal in light of Public Act No.08-14 and makes the following findings:

1. Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New Britain ("CHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located in Clinton, Groton, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, New London, Norwalk, Old Saybrook and Stamford, Connecticut.
2. CHC is proposing to expand and renovate the existing building at One Washington Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
3. CHC states that in 1996, it opened the first community health center in the city of New Britain.
4. As of 2008, CHC has expanded to occupy the entire 20,000 square foot facility, is the largest primary care organization in the city of New Britain. The facility delivers medical, dental, and behavioral health services to 11,000 individuals annually.
5. Currently CHC has fully maximized its clinical facilities and must expand in order to meet current demand for clinical space and to support the demand for growth. CHC is licensed by

the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) as an outpatient facility and also holds a license as a mental health clinic. No changes in licensure types will be sought by CHC.

6. CHC is proposing to build a two story, 20,000 square foot new wing, renovate and redesign a portion of its current clinical space to support CHC’s model of planned care, and install fire suppression/sprinkler systems throughout the building to allow the new and current space to be fully unified into a maximally efficient, clinically sound, and aesthetically pleasing primary care facility.
7. CHC of New Britain primarily serves low income, uninsured, underinsured, and publicly insured residents of New Britain. CHC of New Britain also sees patients from surrounding towns of Bristol, Plainville, Berlin and beyond.
8. CHC of New Britain does not anticipate any changes in the target population.
9. With this proposal no additional medical equipment will be purchased and no additional services will be provided.
10. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$4,400,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New Britain’s proposal for expansion and renovation of the building at One Washington Square in New Britain, with a total capital expenditure of \$4,400,000, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639a, P.A.08-14 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process. Therefore, the proposal does not require Certificate of Need approval.

This project is non-clinical in nature as it will not be providing a new or additional function or service, and is a capital expenditure to expand and renovate existing services. If CHC’s proposal changes in cost, service or scope, CHC shall file with OHCA a Certificate of Need Determination Request regarding the proposed service change.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on June 11, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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