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June 29, 2009

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

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 09-31349-EXM
Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of Meriden
Renovation of Community Health Center's Meriden Facility

Dear Mr. Masselli:

On April 7 and June 8, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the renovation of Community Health Center, Inc.'s facility located at 134 State Street in Meriden, Connecticut, at a total capital cost of \$3,000,000.

Upon review of the information contained in your request, OHCA makes the following findings:

1. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located in Clinton, Groton, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, Danbury, Enfield, New London, Norwalk, Old Saybrook, and Stamford, Connecticut.
2. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") proposes to renovate CHC's facility located at 134 State Street in Meriden, Connecticut, at a total capital cost of \$3,000,000.
3. The renovation plan calls for the addition of an elevator to improve access from the main entrance to the medical and behavioral health departments, renovation of the entire first floor to add two additional "pods" totaling eight new exam room and renovation of the second floor that allows all staff common space to be relocated there from the first floor.

4. The CHC facility in Meriden currently holds the Department of Public Health ("DPH") license as an outpatient facility, and is licensed by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS") for its adult behavioral health services and by the Department of Children and Families ("DCF") for its child behavioral health services.
5. CHC is not proposing to add additional services and will not seek additional DPH licenses as a result of this project.
6. CHC does not anticipate any significant change in the payer mix of patients based on the proposed project.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$3,000,000, and consists of the following:

Table 1: Total Proposed Capital Expenditure

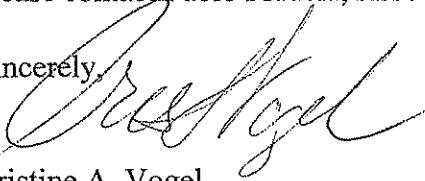
Total Capital Expenditure/ Cost Itemization	
Medical Equipment (Purchase)	\$81,135
Non-Medical Equipment (Purchase)	\$187,872
Construction/Renovation	\$2,624,923
Other: Project Management	\$106,070
Total Capital Expenditure	\$3,000,000

8. The total capital cost of the building is \$3,000,000. CHC received \$2,500,000 in state grant funds for the project and is financing the remainder of the project.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Center, Inc.'s request to renovate CHC's facility located at 134 State Street in Meriden, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$3,000,000 meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process. Should CHC's proposal exceed \$3,000,000, CON authorization may be required, pursuant to Section 19a-639, C.G.S.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,


Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, License & Applications Supervisor, FLIS, DPH

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