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August 12, 2009

Yvette Highsmith Francis  
Site Director  
Community Health Center, Inc.  
One Washington Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Certificate of Need Determination under Report Number 09-31415-DTR  
Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New Britain  
Expansion of One Washington Square in New Britain

Dear Ms. Highsmith Francis:

On July 16, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request regarding the expansion of the building located at One Washington Square in New Britain, with an associated capital cost of \$1,376,912. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal and makes the following findings:

1. Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New London ("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. CHC is proposing to expand CHC's facility located at One Washington Square in New Britain, Connecticut, with an associated capital cost of \$1,376,912.
3. CHC is proposing to alter/renovate a 10,000 square foot shell on the second story of a newly constructed 20,000 square foot addition to the New Britain location.
4. The renovation plan calls for the increase of the physical infrastructure thereby increasing the clinical capacity and allows the facility to reflect the philosophy of patient centered, planned care.
5. The construction and renovation includes an additional office space which supports an integrative, multidisciplinary patient care team. The additional space will allow us to expand capacity by adding three providers, 1.5 FTE of nursing and other necessary support staff.

6. CHC of New Britain does not anticipate any changes in the target population.
7. With this proposal no additional medical equipment will be purchased and no additional services will be provided.
8. The total capital cost associated with this proposal is \$1,376,912. This proposal will be financed with the support of stimulus funding under the Capitol Improvement Projects ('CIP').

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New Britain is not establishing an additional function or service, terminating an existing service or incurring a capital expenditure in excess of the statutory threshold of \$3,000,000. Accordingly, CHC's proposal to renovate 10,000 feet of shelled space in its facility located at One Washington Square in New Britain, with a total capital cost of \$1,376,912, does not require Certificate of Need approval pursuant to General Statutes §§ 19a-638 or 19a-639.

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,



Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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