## STATE OF CONNECTICUT



## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

August 12, 2009

Margaret Flinter
VP/Clinical Director
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination under Report Number 09-31414-DTR
Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New London
Expansion of One Shaw's Cove in New London

## Dear Ms. Flinter:

On July 16, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request regarding the expansion of the building located at One Shaw's Cove in New London, with an associated capital cost of \$898,694. 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 its facility located at One Shaw's Cove in New London, Connecticut, with an associated capital cost of \$898,694.
- 3. The expansion plan calls for the construction of 3,000 sqft addition to the current facility. This new construction will increase the number of exam rooms and common clinical area available for primary care providers and other members of the health care team to use in caring for their patients.
- 4. CHC of New London does not anticipate any changes in the target population.
- 5. With this proposal no additional medical equipment will be purchased and no additional services will be provided.

6. The total capital cost associated with this proposal is \$898,694. 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 Heath Center, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Center of New London 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 expand the building at One Shaw's Cove in New London, with a total capital cost of \$898,694, 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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