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January 4, 2006

Alfreda D. Turner
President/CEO
Charter Oak Health Center, Inc.
21 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30629-DTR
Charter Oak Health Center, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639(d), C.G.S.
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults at Satellite Clinic in Hartford

Dear Ms. Turner:

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-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 401 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT.

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

1. Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. ("COHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC").
2. Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. is proposing to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at a satellite clinic at 401 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT.
3. Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Public Health.
4. The site at 401 New Britain Avenue is located in an area designated by the Federal Health Resources and Services administration as a medically underserved population.
5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated December 27, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 401 New Britain Avenue in Hartford, CT.

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6. DMHAS states that COHC reports a current wait list of 100 clients at the 21 Grand Street location in need of psychiatric treatment. The satellite location at 401 New Britain Avenue will serve 100 to 250 unduplicated adults annually and offer a multi-disciplinary approach (medical and behavioral services).

7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at the Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. at 401 New Britain Avenue in Hartford, CT meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639(d) 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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