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Paul McLaughlin
Executive Director
Hartford Dispensary
345 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Hartford Dispensary's Certificate of Need Determination Request
Report Number: 06-30666-DTR
Establishment of a Primary Care Services Unit

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

On January 9, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Hartford Dispensary to establish a primary care services unit at an existing treatment site located in Hartford, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$150,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. The Hartford Dispensary ("Applicant") is a private, non-profit organization that specializes in the delivery of regulated medication-assisted treatment for individuals with opioid dependency.
2. The Applicant operates treatment sites in the greater Hartford area as well as at various locations throughout Connecticut.
3. The Applicant is proposing to establish a primary care services unit at its existing Weston Street treatment site in Hartford. The proposed unit will provide medical and dental primary care services.
4. The proposed services will be located in a medically underserved area, serving a medically indigent population.

5. The Applicant is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the C.G.S.
6. Section 19a-638 (2) of the C.G.S. states, in part, that:

“ each health care facility or institutionwhich intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office.....a request for permission to undertake such function or service.”
7. The Applicant estimates the services will eventually provide care to approximately 2,300 unduplicated persons annually.
8. The estimated total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$150,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the request of Hartford Dispensary to establish a primary care services unit in Hartford represents a proposal that seeks to establish an addition function or service pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, CON approval is required for the Hartford Dispensary to establish the proposed primary care services unit.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on January 9, 2006, as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore, the Hospital may file a completed CON application with OHCA between March 10, 2006, and May 9, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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