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June 2, 2006

Diane DePietro
Associate Director
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
75 North Mountain Road
New Britain, CT 06053

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30723-EXM
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Adults in Hartford

Dear Ms. DePietro:

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-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for adults at 645 Farmington Avenue in Hartford.

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

1. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. ("WCI") is a non-profit facility that provides substance abuse services at various locations in Connecticut.
2. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. is proposing to provide psychiatric outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment at 645 Farmington Avenue in Hartford.
3. Currently WCI provides adult outpatient substance abuse services and wants to better serve persons with co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse disorders, as well as persons with primary mental health disorders.
4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated May 19, 2006, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Wheeler Clinic, Inc. to provide outpatient and intensive outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 645 Farmington Avenue in Hartford.

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5. DMHAS states that WCI will be able to treat an additional 50 persons per year from Greater Hartford and surrounding towns. Through these expanded services, WCI will be able to enhance financial stability and retain clients in treatment.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Wheeler Clinic, Inc.'s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for adults at 645 Farmington Avenue in Hartford meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b 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

C: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS
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