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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 09-31324-EXM
Malta House of Care - Waterbury, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639(b), of the C.G.S.
Establishment and Operation a Free Primary Care Mobile Clinic in Waterbury

Dear Mr. Culhane:

On March 6, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need (“CON”) process, pursuant to Section 19a-639(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”), for the establishment of a free primary care mobile clinic for individuals in Waterbury.

Upon review of the information submitted in your request, OHCA makes the following findings:

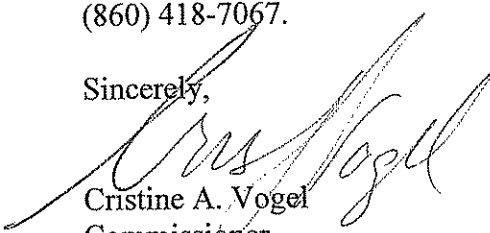
1. Malta House of Care - Waterbury, Inc (“Applicant”) is a non-profit corporation that proposes to establish and operate a free primary care mobile clinic in Waterbury, CT. The service will utilize a mobile van which will travel to the following locations in Waterbury on an established schedule:
 - Sacred Heart Church, 13 Wolcott Street;
 - Saint Margaret Church, 289 Willow Street;
 - Saint Francis Church, 625 Baldwin Street; and
 - Saint Stanislaus Church, 36 East Farms Street.
2. Although it is a separate legal entity, the Applicant stated that the project will be modeled after the Malta House of Care, Inc. mobile clinic in Hartford, which is licensed as an outpatient clinic.

3. The Applicant's mission for the proposal is to provide primary care services and related medications to the uninsured population of the greater Waterbury area at no cost to its clients.
4. Primary care services are to include internal medicine, gynecological and pediatric care. The Applicant will refer patients to area hospitals for secondary or tertiary care.
5. The Connecticut Department of Public Health ("DPH"), in a letter dated February 27, 2009, from Commissioner J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., is supportive of the Applicant's proposal and recommends an exemption under C.G.S. Section 19a-639(b) for the Applicant to provide a free primary care mobile clinic in Waterbury, CT.
6. DPH stated that "Currently there is only a single Community Health Center corporation providing services to the underinsured and uninsured in the city of Waterbury and the unmet health care needs of the uninsured remains a significant public health issue".
7. The Applicant will be seeking DPH licensure as an outpatient clinic.
8. The Applicant intends to staff the proposed clinic with volunteer doctors, nurses, and other individuals.
9. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$30,000.
10. The operation of the clinic will begin in the summer of 2009.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the establishment and operation of a free primary care mobile clinic in Waterbury, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639(b) 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 Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7067.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: J. Robert Galvin M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., Commissioner, DPH
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