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CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

June 29, 2009

Jane Hylan
Director, School Health Services
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Re:

Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 09-31392-EXM Community Health Center, Inc. Establish a School Based Health Center at Middletown High School in Middletown

Dear Ms. Hylan:

On June 19, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a school based health center at Middletown High School ("MHS") located at 200 La Rosa Lane in Middletown, Connecticut.

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

- 1. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located in Clinton, Groton, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, New London, Danbury, Enfield, Norwalk, Old Saybrook, and Stamford, Connecticut.
- 2. CHC proposes to establish a school based health center ("clinic") at MHS in Middletown.
- 3. CHC will provide mental health social work services including assessment and brief treatment of psychological, social, and emotional problems.
- 4. The clinic will also provide physical examinations/health assessments/screening for health problems, diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and chronic illness and injury, diagnosis and management of chronic illness, immunizations, nutrition and weight management, health promotion through activities that improve hygiene and self-help skills.

- 5. The clinic will be location entirely on the property of the MHS site.
- 6. The proposed capital expenditure to establish the clinic is \$0.
- 7. The operation of the clinic will begin July 1, 2009.
- 8. The proposed clinic will be licensed by Department of Public Health ("DPH") as an Outpatient Clinic.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Center, Inc.'s request to establish a school-based health clinic at Middletown High School located at 200 La Rosa Lane in Middletown, Connecticut meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely.

Cristine A. Vogel, Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, License & Applications Supervisor, FLIS, DPH

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