

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

April 14, 2010

Katherine S. Yacavone President/Chief Executive Officer Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. 968 Fairfield Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605 VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

RE:

Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 10-31586-DTR

Southwest Community Health Center, Inc.

Relocation of Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. to a newly constructed facility in

Bridgeport

Dear Ms. Yacavone:

On March 31, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter that it will relocate its dental clinic from 361 Bird Street, Bridgeport to a newly constructed facility at 46 Albion Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed this matter and makes the following findings:

- 1. Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. ("SCHC") is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located at 361 Bird Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- 2. SCHC is proposing that it will relocate its existing dental clinic from 361 Bird Street, Bridgeport to a newly constructed facility at 46 Albion Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- 3. SCHC provides comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health services to the Bridgeport community, targeting residents of its 12 federally designated Medically Underserved and Health Professional Shortage Area census tracts.
- 4. The service area and target population will not change as a result of the relocation of the existing licensed services.
- 5. No additional programs are proposed and no services will be terminated.
- 6. The capital expenditure associated with this relocation is \$2,800,000 and is scheduled to open in April 2011.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for Southwest Community Health Center, Inc's to proceed with the relocation of its dental clinic from 361 Bird Street, Bridgeport to a newly constructed facility to be build at 46 Albion Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$2,800,000.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Cristine A. Vogel

Sincerely

Deputy Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, DPH

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