

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

April 30, 2010

Margaret Flinter

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Vice President/Clinical Director Community Health Center, Inc. 635 Main Street Middletown, CT 06457

RE:

Certificate of Need Exemption; Report Number 10-31598-EXM

Community Health Center, Inc.

CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 19a-639a(e) C.G.S.

Proposal to construct a new facility in Middletown

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On April 13, April 26, and April 27, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received Community Health Center, Inc.'s ("CHC") Certificate of Need ("CON") Exemption request to construct a new facility in Middletown, with an associated capital expenditure of \$12,000,000. OHCA has reviewed this matter and makes the following findings:

- 1. Community Health Center, Inc. is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") with administrative offices located at 635 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut.
- 2. CHC is a community health center, providing medical, dental and behavioral health services to the underserved in Middletown from several old buildings located in the north end of the city.
- 3. CHC is proposing to construct a new facility at 675 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut, and relocate and consolidate its current medical, dental, and behavioral health services to the new facility.
- 4. Currently, CHC delivers the following services, at these addresses in Middletown:

CHC of Middletown 634 Main Street Middletown, CT: Dental Services; under an outpatient clinic license;

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CHC of Middletown
625 Main Street
Middletown, CT
Primary Care Services: und

Primary Care Services; under an outpatient clinic license;

CHC of Middletwon
631 Main Street
Middletown, CT

Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults license, Multi-service;

CHC of Middletown

635 Main Street

Middletown, CT

Outpatient psychiatric services for children (licensed under the Department of Children and Families)

- 5. CHC plans to construct a three story, 50, 000 square foot facility in Middeltown and relocate and consolidate its Middletown existing services into this one building.
- 6. The service area and target population will not change as a result of the construction of the new building and the relocation of the existing licensed services.
- 7. No additional programs are proposed and no services will be terminated as a result of the construction of the new building and relocation of services into the new building.
- 8. The capital expenditure associated with this construction is \$12,000,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Center, Inc.'s request to construct a new facility at 675 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$12,000,000 meets the requirements of Section 19a-639a(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process. OHCA recognizes that after completion of the new facility, CHC will relocate and consolidate all of the existing services that it currently provides on Main Street in Middletown into the planned facility also on Main Street in Middletown.

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) 418-7601.

Sincerely

Cristine A. Vogel
Deputy Commissioner

Rose McLellan, DPH

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