

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

June 17, 2010

Agi Erickson Program Director Community Health Center, Inc. One Washington Square New Britain, CT 06051 VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 10-31637-DTR
Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are at Prudence Crandall Provide
Primary Care Services in New Britain

Dear Ms. Erickson:

On June 1, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application regarding the proposal to provide primary care at a homeless shelter located at 594 Burritt Street, New Britain, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed this matter and 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, Danbury, Enfield, New London, Norwalk, Old Saybrook and Stamford, Connecticut.
- 2. Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are at Prudence Crandall is proposing to provide primary care services to the homeless and near homeless in a homeless shelter located at 594 Burritt Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
- 3. CHC has been providing the same services under the Wherever You Are ("WYA") program to vulnerable populations in Middletown, New Britain and Meriden for four years.
- 4. The WYA team of health professionals travel to 10 different locations, including homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters, to provide medical services.
- 5. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal of Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Wherever You Are at Prudence Crandall to provide services to homeless individuals at 594 Burritt Street, in New Britain, Connecticut does not require a Certificate of Need under Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as it does not involve the establishment of an additional function or service.

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.

Sincerely

Cristine A. Nogel

Deputy Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, DPH

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