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May 5, 2006

Mary Hess
Director, Research & Development
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30735-EXM
Wheeler Clinic, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Bristol

Dear Ms. Hess:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 655 Jerome Avenue in Bristol.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. is a non-profit facility that provides substance abuse services at various locations in Connecticut.
2. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. is proposing to provide a Level II Therapeutic Group Home at 655 Jerome Avenue, Bristol.
3. This Level II therapeutic group home will provide a residential environment and clinical services for five (5) adolescent males who exhibit psychological behavior problems, with or without adjudication, from the North Central Region referred by the Department of Children and Families ("DCF").
4. DCF, in a letter dated April 25, 2006, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, supports the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.

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5. DCF states that the youth's education, program activities, medical care, therapy, medication management, and support services will be integrated and managed through a care coordinator/primary licensed clinician. The expansion of services of this program is consistent with DCF efforts to develop therapeutic group homes within communities.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$400,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Wheeler Clinic, Inc.'s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 655 Jerome Avenue in Bristol meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Darlene Dunbar, MSW, Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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