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COMMISSIONER

January 8, 2007

Lawrence Cross  
Executive Officer  
Norwalk Community Health Center  
121 Water Street  
Norwalk, CT 06854

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30872-EXM  
Norwalk Community Health Center  
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Norwalk

Dear Mr. Cross:

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 121 Water Street in Norwalk.

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

1. Norwalk Community Health Center ("NCHC") is a non-profit facility located at 121 Water Street in Norwalk, Connecticut.
2. NCHC is proposing to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 121 Water Street in Norwalk.
3. The project is designed to reduce wait times for children's mental health services, increase community capacity, and provide direct intervention at the primary pediatric office in conformity with the model supported by current research literature and the Governor's Task Force on early childhood intervention.

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4. The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter dated December 1, 2006, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
5. DCF states that the mental and behavioral services offered by this program will be provided by a licensed mental health professional, qualified by licensure and training to work with young children birth to eighteen. The expansion of services of this program is consistent with DCF effort to develop appropriate mental health and behavioral services specific to this population.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc.’s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 121 Water Street in Norwalk, Connecticut, 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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