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January 24, 2007

Margaret Flinter, APRN
Vice President and Clinical Director
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 07-30908-EXM
Community Health Center, Inc.
Community Health Center's Meriden Head Start School Based Health Center in Meriden

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On January 22, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a school based health center at the Meriden Head Start School ("MHSS") located at 398 Liberty Street, Meriden, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request 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, New London, Norwalk, Old Saybrook, and Stamford, Connecticut.
2. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") proposes to establish a school based health center ("clinic") at MHSS in Meriden.
3. CHC will provide mental health social work services including assessment and brief treatment of psychological, social, and emotional problems.
4. The clinic will also provide oral health services including dental screening/assessments, oral health education, x-rays, and sealants.

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5. The clinic will be location entirely on the property of the MHSS site.
6. The proposed capital expenditure to establish the clinic is \$1,000.
7. The operation of the clinic will begin in February 2007.
8. The proposed clinic will be licensed by Department of Public Health (“DPH”) as an outpatient clinic.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Community Health Center, Inc. to establish a school-based health clinic at Meriden Head Start School located at 398 Liberty Street, Meriden, Connecticut meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, BHSE, DPH

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