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August 31, 2007

Katherine S. Yacavone  
President and CEO  
Southwest Community Health Center, Inc.  
968 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Re: Certificate of Need Exemption Request: Report Number: 07-31021-EXM  
Southwest Community Health Center, Inc.'s Proposal for the Relocation of DMHAS  
Contracted Outpatient Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Adults  
from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport

Dear Ms. Yacavone:

On August 13, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the relocation of your Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services contracted outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment services for adults from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to your new practice site and headquarters at 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. ("Petitioner") is a private, non-profit, federally qualified health center.
2. The Petitioner is proposing to relocate its Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' ("DMHAS") contracted outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment services for adults from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to the Petitioner's new practice site and headquarters at 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport.
3. The Petitioner receives funds from the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

4. The Petitioner's facility at 968 Fairfield Avenue is located in a designated medically underserved population area or derives more than half of its patients from a designated medically underserved population area.
5. The Petitioner's facility at 968 Fairfield Avenue is currently licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health for ambulatory care including primary medical and dental services.
6. In a letter dated August 24, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., to OHCA Commissioner Cristine A. Vogel, DMHAS recommended an exemption under Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statute ("C.G.S.") for Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. to relocate its DMHAS contracted outpatient psychiatric treatment services for adults from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport.
7. In a letter dated August 24, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., to OHCA Commissioner Cristine A. Vogel, DMHAS granted an exemption under Section 17a-678, C.G.S. for Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. to relocate its DMHAS contracted outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport.
8. DMHAS states that Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. is targeting the medically underserved population and plans to serve 700 behavioral health adult clients annually.
9. The estimated total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is approximately \$1,000,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines the following with regard to Southwest Community Health Center, Inc.'s Certificate of Need exemption request:

- a) The Petitioner's request to relocate its DMHAS contracted outpatient psychiatric treatment services for adults from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport meets the requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.; and
- b) The Petitioner's request to relocate its DMHAS contracted outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults from 743 South Avenue in Bridgeport to 968 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport meets the requirements of Section 17a-678, C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

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Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on August 31, 2007*

Cristine A. Vogel,  
Commissioner

Cc: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS  
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