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January 30, 2012

President/CEO
Planned Parenthood
League of Massachusetts
1055 commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Ma. 02215-1001

Dear Ms. Luby,

Pursuant to your request for a special projects waiver to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health clinic License Regulations (105 CMR 140.000), the following is applicable.

Your request for a special projects waiver is approved effective January 2, 2012 through October 11, 2012, in accordance with the clinic license regulation at 105 CMR 140.025 which reads:

The Department will consider proposals for special projects for the innovative delivery of clinic services. No such proposal shall be implemented without prior written approval of the Department. Such plans shall be implemented only on an experimental basis and subject to renewal of the approval by the Department at such periods as the Department shall fix.

This approval is granted based on the documentation submitted and on file at the department for the purpose to conduct the research titled "Women's Health Study", sanctioned by the Northeastern Institutional Review Board. The Planned Parenthood which operates a licensed clinic located at 1055 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Ma., (DPH identification #4174) is granted temporary permission to provide the clinic services of contraceptive counseling and Depo-Provera shots on the premises of the DPH registered substance abuse bureau location at Boston Public Health Opioid Treatment Clinic, 300 Frontage Road, Boston, MA (BPHC #0528). These services are to be provided in accordance with the standards of practice for such services, by licensed professionals as applicable and the protocols of the Northeastern Institutional Review Board for this study (IRB#11-10-01).

This approval is granted through October 11, 2012 at which time notification of discontinuation of the service shall be sent to the Department's Director. Alternatively, a request for consideration of an extension of the waiver may be submitted and the Department will review such a request at that time.

We will not conduct an on-site inspection at this time. However, please note that in accordance with 105 CMR 140.110 of the Clinic Licensure Regulations, the Department may visit and inspect the clinic at any time, without prior notice, in order to determine the clinic's compliance with state law and applicable Clinic Licensure Regulations (140.000). All parts of the clinic, all clinic staff and activities, and all records of the clinic are subject to such visit and inspection.

Sincercly,

Paul DiNatale, MA, MSW

**Assistant Director** 

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