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**Governor Rell Announces \$2.5 Million
for Middletown Community Health Center**

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that \$2.5 million for the Middletown Community Health Center is expected to be approved when the State Bond Commission meets July 13.

The funding will help to build a new, three-story, 50,000 square foot Community Health Center on the corner of Main Street and Grand Street – across the street from O'Rourke's Diner.

"This funding represents a healthy shot in the arm for Middletown," Governor Rell said. "The health center is so important for Main Street and for the North End. This has been a key economic priority for the city, and we are thrilled to help bring health care jobs to the community."

The new building will be a "one stop" health care home for the delivery of integrated primary care, dental and behavioral health services. It will replace three freestanding, antiquated and overcrowded buildings that are separated by a four-lane state highway, lack connecting sidewalks and elevators, have limited parking and handicapped entrances.

"This project is also shovel ready – construction will be able to begin in a matter of months," Governor Rell said. "The new facility will be a great example of what we call responsible growth. It will be a 'green' building, meeting the highest of environmental and energy standards, set on already available land."

Middletown Community Health Center, Inc. is a full service Diagnostic and Treatment Center with nine locations. MCHC is a non-profit community based organization committed to the provision of high quality, comprehensive and affordable health care services to all members of the community in order to enhance the quality of life of patients, families and the community as a whole.