

July 16, 2002

Marta Cuellar Silverberg
Executive Director
Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center
645 Tenth Avenue
New York, NY 10036-2904

Re: Support for programs

Dear Ms. Cuellar Silverberg:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 fully supports the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center's application for Targeted Capacity Expansion Initiatives for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) and HIV Prevention (HIVP) in Minority Communities; Planning Grants to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), GFA No. SP-02-004.

The Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton's HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention Services planning efforts will ensure the Center's capacity for the continuum of care for the people living with HIV in the Chelsea/Clinton communities. This collaboration will also augment its ability to enhance substance abuse prevention and HIV prevention referrals in the Chelsea/Clinton area.

The Ryan-Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center, an affiliate of the William F. Ryan Community Health Center, started operations on July 23, 2001 and has become an essential community-based health care provider for the residents of Chelsea/Clinton. This is especially true for the growing numbers of residents who have little or no access to culturally and linguistically competent, high quality and affordable primary care and social support services. We value the comprehensive and high quality medical, health education, and outreach services that the Center provides to the community.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin
Chair

cc: Mayor Michael Bloomberg
C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Local Electeds
Anne Canty, Chairperson, Bd. of Directors, Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Health Center
Barbra E. Minch, President & CEO, Ryan Center