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James V. McDonald  
Commissioner  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12237

Robert J. Rodriguez  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York  
515 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12207-2964

**Re: Support for Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center Seeking  
New York State Funding for Mobile Medical Van Outfitting**

Dear Dr. McDonald and Mr. Rodriguez,

At Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) Housing, Health, and Human Services (HHHS) Committee meeting on October 7, 2025, the committee received a presentation from Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center (RCC) leadership, Executive Director Sarina Jean-Louis and Deputy Director William Arboleda. RCC is an independent affiliate of Ryan Health and is located at 645 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

During the MCB4 full board meeting held on November 5, 2025, the board voted 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible to vote<sup>1</sup> to support RCC in seeking New York State funding to purchase medical supplies for their NYS-funded mobile medical van.

**Background**

Ryan Health was established in 1967 to meet the community's need for healthcare services on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. In 1977, it became an independent, community-controlled health center, and in 1978, it was renamed in memory of its greatest advocate, U.S. Congressman William F. Ryan. Today, Ryan Health is a network of health centers across Manhattan providing access to a wide range of high quality, affordable, health care services for over 50,000 patients across 18 sites throughout Manhattan. RCC, an independent affiliate of Ryan Health, was founded in 2001 to meet the needs of the Chelsea, Clinton, and Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods and currently has over 13,000 registered patients. It serves all patients regardless of the ability to pay and

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<sup>1</sup> Maria Ortiz is a member of MCB4 and Co-Chair of the Housing, Health & Human Services Committee. Ms. Ortiz recused herself from voting at the committee meeting & CB4 Full Board meeting.

accepts Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care Plans, Medicare, and most private insurances. For patients who are uninsured or underinsured, a sliding fee scale based on family size and income as well as a low-cost pharmacy plan is offered.

**RCC Need for Financial Assistance for Mobile Medical Van Outfitting**

RCC appreciates their grant award from the New York State Health Care Facility Transformation Program, which funded their purchase of a mobile medical van to better address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, migrant and asylum seekers, and healthcare needs of community partners in Midtown, Chelsea, Clinton, and Hell’s Kitchen neighborhoods.

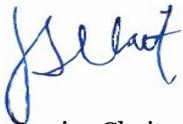
However, the grant award did not cover the expenses associated with outfitting the mobile medical van with necessary medical and surgical equipment to administer health services, including an EKG machine, a blood pressure monitor, and AED supplies, which cost approximately \$75,000 in total.

The mobile medical van would provide various health services, including primary care for adults, adolescents, and pediatrics, HIV and HCV testing and linkage to care, STI and COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, medication assisted treatment program for opioid addiction, mental health counseling, insurance enrollment, screening for social determinants of health and connection to partner services, health education services, and hand-off and connection to comprehensive full suite of services offered at RCC’s main clinic site. However, the mobile medical van cannot operate without essential medical and surgical supplies to administer these services. Therefore, RCC is seeking additional funding from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to operationalize the mobile medical van for the MCD4 neighborhoods.

**Conclusion**

MCB4 thanks RCC for coming to our HHHS committee to share important updates about RCC, the community at large, and how RCC is continuing to provide critical health care for our constituents. MCB4 recognizes the importance of the affordable and accessible health services that RCC brings to the community at large and supports RCC’s request for funding to outfit the mobile medical van with necessary medical and surgical supplies.

Sincerely,



Jessica Chait  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4 Housing, Health,



Joe Restuccia  
Co-Chair  
And Human Services  
Committee

cc: Sarina Jean-Louis, MBA, MPH, Executive Director, Ryan Chelsea-Clinton