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Dear Ms. Cogliano,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to bring to your attention the Chelsea Health Center located at 303 Ninth Avenue and West 28th Street, located in the neighborhood of Chelsea, New York City. The Chelsea Health Center has been closed for over a year undergoing a renovation and reconfiguring of its clinical space (NYS project number 092152). Though in the interim a trailer has been parked nearby to the facility offering certain services previously handled within the building, it in no way has been a substitute for a fully functioning Clinic.

The Chelsea Health Center is a critical component of the health care delivery system in our neighborhoods of Chelsea, Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards on the West Side of Manhattan. In the last full year of operation, the Clinic had over 19,000 patient visits, on average about 78 a day. Visits to its sexual health clinic represented almost a quarter of the New York City total.

The rebuilding of the Chelsea Health Center is almost complete. It is an Article 28 Clinic and before it can reopen it must go through New York State's Certificate of Need (CON) process and be certified by your agency. MCB4 urges you to work with the New York City Department of Health and the NYC Economic Development Corporation to expedite this process so the Clinic can reopen on time and again serve the health care needs of our community as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this issue,

Sincerely

Delores Rubin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

cc: Mary Bassett, MD, MPH, Commissioner, NYC Health and Mental Hygiene
Hon. Brad Hoylman, State Senate
Hon. Richard Gottfried, State Assembly
Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council