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Barbra E. Minch
President & CEO
William F. Ryan Community Health Center
110 West 97th Street
New York, NY 10025

Re: Letter of Support for 2009-2010 Grant Application Ryan Community Health Center

Dear Ms. Minch:

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports the application of the William F. Ryan Community Health Center for its FY 2009-10 Competing Service Area Grant Application for Public Health Section 330 funding to the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care.

The Ryan Center, its satellite, the Ryan-NENA Community Health Center, and its affiliate, the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center, constitute the William F. Ryan Community Health Network (The Network). The William F. Ryan Center and its satellite, the Ryan-NENA Community Health Center, have been vital health care resources in Manhattan for over 40 years, particularly for the communities of the Upper West Side, Central Harlem, and Washington Heights and the Lower East Side. The Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center, which opened its doors to patients in the summer of 2001, is also an essential community-based health care provider for the medically underserved residents of Chelsea/Clinton. These health services are especially needed for the growing numbers of residents who have little or no access to high quality culturally and linguistically competent primary care and social support services. We value the comprehensive, affordable, and high quality medical, mental health, dental, and health education and outreach services which Ryan, Ryan-NENA and Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton provides, as well as the leadership that the Boards of Directors and staff bring to the community.

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) serves Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen. CB4 is one of 59 community boards in New York City that were established by the New York City Charter to involve community members in government decisions that affect their neighborhoods. Since its inception, the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center has been a valuable source of healthcare for patients in our district, and an asset for many others in the community who participate in educational and outreach programming.

The William F. Ryan Community Health Network is an important resource to the residents of Manhattan, and we are pleased to offer this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair Manhattan Community Board 4