

Ratification of LOS re: The Columbia University Primary Care Research Fellowship Program and application for funding under the Health Resources and Services Administration.



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Dear Drs. Stockwell, Shea and Desai,

Due to time constraints, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Full Board, unanimously approved (with 19 members voting) the following Letter of Support for the Columbia University Primary Care Research Fellowship Program and its application for funding under the Health Resources and Services Administration's Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award. The letter states: "It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we write this letter of support for the Columbia University Primary Care Research Fellowship Program and its application for funding under the Health Resources and Services Administration's Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award."

The Primary Care Clinician Research Fellowship in Community Health is a collaborative effort of the Divisions of Child and Adolescent Health (Pediatrics), General Medicine (Medicine), and the Center for Family and Community Medicine (Family Medicine) as well as the Mailman School of Public Health and New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYP) including its community-based Ambulatory Care Network. This fellowship provides a strong research and clinical foundation for primary care physicians who will dedicate their careers to caring for children, adolescents, adults, and families with limited access to care. Many graduates of this fellowship have stayed to continue to serve our community through NYP's Ambulatory Care Network as primary care pediatricians, internists and family medicine doctors.

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Community Board 9 Manhattan plays an important advisory role in addressing land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal services delivery, health, and many other matters relating to their communities' welfare. This fellowship aligns with the work of Community Board 12 to improve the health, well-being, and overall quality of life for Washington Heights and Inwood residents.

We look forward to helping to identify the health needs in our community, which your fellows could focus their research on to have the greatest impact, and if any further information is needed please do not hesitate to contact me and/or our District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (646) 355-3172.

Sincerely,

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Chair

Ratification of Letter of Support re: BHC Application for Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), SFS Bid Event EVT0000008.



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Hon. Samuel D. Roberts

Commissioner

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

40 North Pearl Street

Albany, New York 12243

RE: Letter of Support — BHC Application, New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), SFS Bid Event EVT0000008.

Dear Commissioner Roberts:

Due to time constraints, the Executive Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 9, acting on behalf of the Full Board, unanimously approved (with 14 members voting) the following Letter of Support re: **BHC Application, New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), SFS Bid Event EVT0000008:**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) is writing to express our strong support for BHC's application to the New York State Supportive Housing Program. MCB9 has worked alongside / partnered with / observed the work of BHC for well over 30 years, and we can speak directly to the quality, stability, and community impact of its supportive housing programs.

For more than three decades, BHC has developed and operated permanent supportive housing in Upper Manhattan for individuals and families who have experienced homelessness. Through this application, BHC seeks NYSSHP funding to sustain on-site supportive services for 128 units of permanent housing across four residences — the Rio, the Delta, Dorothy Day Apartments, and Sugar Hill Apartments — serving 74 formerly homeless families and 54 formerly homeless single adults, many of whom live with significant barriers to housing stability.

The services this funding would support are precisely the ones that keep vulnerable tenants stably housed: 24-hour front desk coverage, individualized case management, benefits enrollment and Medicaid access, eviction prevention and rent arrears assistance, and connections

to health, mental health, education, and employment resources. BHC's tenant service coordinators meet tenants where they are, and the organization's long record of high housing retention reflects a service model rooted in trauma-informed care and deep neighborhood relationships.

The BHC administration has always been receptive to ideas, requests, and suggestions regarding community engagement. Additionally, on various occasions, BHC has generously allowed the Community Board to utilize its facilities for community meetings.

Stable, service-enriched housing of the kind BHC provides is among the most effective and cost-efficient responses to homelessness in our community. We urge the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to give BHC's application its most favorable consideration.

We unequivocally recommend funding for Broadway Housing Community to enable them to continue their outstanding work in the community. If any further information is needed please do not hesitate to contact me and/or our District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (646) 355-3172.

Sincerely,

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Chair