

Community Healthcare Network plans \$7.9M clinic expansion

Community Healthcare Network, made up of 13 federally qualified health centers in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan as well as a mobile health-services fleet, is planning a \$7.9 million move and expansion in Jamaica, Queens.

CHN plans to move its center at 90-04 161st St. to the nearby Tree of Life Center at 89-46 164th St., David Gross, general counsel at CHN, confirmed Friday. Tree of Life is a mixed-used affordable-housing site being developed by the First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica and locally based developer the Bluestone Organization.

The relocation will allow for expanded services and more medical exam rooms—18 versus the current 10—according to a certificate-of-need filing with the state. The renovation will accommodate dental services and a pharmacy, Gross said.

"We have a huge amount of demand, and we actually have no space to address that demand," said Gross of CHN's current 7,500 square feet.

CHN will lease more than 15,000 square feet at Tree of Life and renovate the space, it said in its filing. The total cost of the project will be funded through CHN's equity.

Services provided by the center include pediatric and geriatric care, mental health care, health education and social services, according to its website.

CHN opened its 161st Street center, its second in Jamaica, in 2012. The health network serves more than 80,000 people.