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New Report on Health Needs, Gaps and Barriers to Care in North and Central Brooklyn

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Brooklyn, NY (April 10, 2013) In conjunction with the proposed redesign of Brooklyn's Health Care System the Community Health Planning Workgroup (CPHW), a consortium of community stakeholders, healthcare providers and community health planners, today released *The Need for Caring in North and Central Brooklyn, A Community Health Needs Assessment*, sponsored by [The Brooklyn Hospital Center](#), the I M Foundation, and the New York State Department of Health. The Community Health Needs Assessment, conducted by the [Brooklyn Perinatal Network](#), the [Commission on the Public's Health System](#), and

groups underrepresented in the survey sample, including teens; individuals with disabilities; Spanish speakers receiving mental health services; immigrants; men aged 18-35 and 45-55; senior citizens; pregnant women; and LGBTQ individuals.

Following the completion of the Community Health Needs Assessment, listening sessions were held to solicit community input and feedback concerning the findings.

increasing the number of providers who accept public health insurance; and increasing availability and access to mental health services.

To see a copy of *The Need for Caring in North and Central Brooklyn*