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Mrs. Marie Diglio, Executive Director
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Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps DOH 7143– Primary Operating Territory Expansion

Dear Mrs. Diglio:

I am writing to express my support for the application of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (Doh # 7143) to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health for approval to expand its primary operating territory into the adjacent neighborhoods of Crown Heights (zip codes 11213 and 11216), Brownsville (zip code 11212), and East New York (zip codes 11207 and 11208), enabling BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support level EMS ambulance service to these additional neighborhoods.

BSVAC has supplied the definition of “public need” as follows: “the demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical service available to a geographical area which is not readily correctable through the reallocation or improvement of existing resources” under NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Policy Statement 06-06: EMS Certificate Application Process (CON) (May 26, 2006), which also indicates that the variables to be taken into account when considering public need include the following: geography; population; level of care; quality, reliability and response patterns of existing services; type of service; special need; service effectiveness, cost and operation; and other local factors.

The proposed expansion of BSVAC’s primary operating territory to these additional neighborhoods would help alleviate the burden on existing community-based EMS resources and would, among other things, reduce ambulance response times. BSVAC has an excellent service record since its inception in 1988. BSVAC’s goal is to provide community-based volunteer EMS ambulance service to these additional neighborhoods. The services provided by BSVAC are provided to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay, which is a testament to BSVAC’s mission of “saving lives and changing lives.” BSVAC is a regular active participant in EMS responses, non-emergency assistance, as well as local events and community outreach, providing much needed emergency care and training, which cannot be replicated by other municipal, commercial and hospital systems without expenditure of considerable resources.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to endorse BSVAC’s application and request that their request to expand their primary operating territory be approved

Sincerely,

Daryl S. Mazlish

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