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Introduction

Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. (BSVAC) presents a comprehensive application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. (REMSCO of NYC) and to the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) Bureau of EMS for an expansion of primary operating territory. After a thorough examination of our current fiscal, operational, and administrative resources and capacities, we have determined that our organization is well-suited to undertake the proposed expansion. This expansion would provide community-based EMS services to the neighborhoods of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York.

Included in this application is detailed information about our organization, including its current capabilities and capacities for expansion. Our request to expand is motivated by our goal to establish a community-based volunteer EMS/ambulance service for these neighborhoods and to support cooperation and unity among volunteer ambulance services in New York City.

Proposed Service Expansion

Since its inception, BSVAC has provided community-based volunteer EMS/ambulance service to the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Ocean Hill communities in Brooklyn, New York. BSVAC now proposes an expansion to provide the same community-based service to the additional Brooklyn neighborhoods of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York. The proposed expansion area is contiguous to our currently approved primary operating territory ¹ and falls within the boundaries of Brooklyn Community Boards #5, #8, and #16. The entirety of Brooklyn Community Board #5 would be included, while portions of Brooklyn Community Board #16 (approximately 80%) ² and Brooklyn Community Board #8 (approximately 60%) would be included. ³ This proposed expansion

¹ The southern boundary of BSVAC's current primary operating territory is Fulton Street. The proposed expansion area would also include the 2-block area south of Fulton Street (to Atlantic Avenue). This 2-block area is contained within Brooklyn Community Board #3, as is most of the rest of BSVAC's current primary operating territory.

² BSVAC's current primary operating territory already includes the Ocean Hill neighborhood in Brooklyn Community Board #16: the portion between Broadway and Fulton Street, bounded on the west by Saratoga Avenue and on the east by Eastern Parkway. This portion is estimated to constitute approximately 20% of Brooklyn Community Board #16 and to cover approximately 0.38 square mile. See Note 4 below. It should be noted that the portions of the northern border of Brooklyn Community Board proposed expansion area

³ In order to avoid overlapping with the current operating territory of Park Slope Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the portion of Brooklyn Community Board #8 west of Bedford Avenue is not included in BSVAC's proposed expansion area. It should also be noted that the proposed expansion would not interfere with the operations of Chevra Hatzalah

covers an additional 8.42 square miles approximately ⁴ and expands our coverage towards the east and south. Also, the proposed expansion area is contained within the New York City Police Department's 73rd, 75th and 77th precinct boundaries.

Impact Statement

A. Existing First Response and Ambulance Services

BSVAC serves an area of New York City with a wide variety of EMS resources available. There are 14 commercial, 13 hospital-based, and 2 municipal agencies authorized to provide first response and ambulance services in the proposed expansion area. ⁵ In addition, there are four volunteer EMS/ambulance agencies – Ridgewood VAC, Park Slope VAC, Chevra Hatzalah, and Lindenwood Volunteer Ambulance Corps – whose primary operating territories border the proposed expansion area. These agencies provide various levels and types of service to their respective service delivery areas: the municipal, commercial, and hospital-based EMS services can operate at both BLS and ALS levels of care, while the adjacent volunteer EMS/ambulance agencies operate at different levels. ⁶ BSVAC operates at the BLS level.

volunteer ambulance service because Chevra Hatzalah's service is primarily used by members of the Orthodox Jewish community, who call Hatzalah directly for assistance instead of calling 911.

⁴ The area of Community Board #5 is 5.6 square miles; the area of Community Board #16 is 1.9 square miles (80% of which is 1.52 square miles); the area of Community Board #8 is 1.6 square miles (60% of which is 0.96 square mile); and the additional 2-block area of Community Board #3 described in Note 1 above is estimated to cover approximately 0.34 square mile. Accordingly, the proposed expansion area is approximately 8.42 square miles (5.6 + 1.52 + 0.96 + 0.34 = 8.42). For information on the size of Community Board districts, see NYC Planning Community District Profiles, available at: communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov. Detailed maps of the of these Community Boards are available online, at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/community/community-portal/cd_map/bk03_cd_map.pdf (CB 3) https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/community/community-portal/cd_map/bk05_cd_map.pdf (CB 5) https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/community/community-portal/cd_map/bk08_cd_map.pdf (CB 8) https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/community/community-portal/cd_map/bk16_cd_map.pdf (CB 16)

⁵ See the NYS DOH listing of agencies authorized to operate in Kings County, available (beginning at page 51) online at: https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/pdf/agency_list_aalffrs.pdf

⁶ The service levels of these volunteer agencies are: Ridgewood VAC (BLS level); Park Slope VAC (BLS level); Chevra Hatzalah (ALS level); and Lindenwood Volunteer Ambulance Corps (ALS level). As noted above, although a portion of the proposed expansion area is adjacent to the operating territory of Park Slope VAC, the proposed expansion area does not overlap with the operating territory of Park Slope VAC. Similarly, the proposed expansion area does not overlap with the operating territories of Chevra Hatzalah, Ridgewood VAC or Lindenwood Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Most of these agencies, with the exception of the volunteer ambulance services, have the authority to provide service in all five counties of New York City. Some provide service in dedicated areas based on their delivery model or operating certificate.

BSVAC has provided volunteer EMS/ambulance services since 1988. ⁷ Our organization provides ambulance response to emergency calls, provides non-emergency transportation and medical standbys at community events, engages in community outreach and health screenings, sponsors family events and charitable activities (including food distribution, back to school drives, and gifts for families in shelters), provides lifesaving training to the community in CPR/AED and First Aid, and participates in other programs and speaking engagements (including in-school career programs). BSVAC's most popular program – our Trauma Troopers – provides youth with mentorship and training in lifesaving skills.

Our current primary operating territory includes Bedford Stuyvesant (including the Ocean Hill neighborhood). There are numerous healthcare facilities, including nursing homes, clinics, and two 911 receiving hospitals within our current primary operating territory.

BSVAC operates as a Basic Life Support (BLS) service and complies with New York State

Department of Health and regional staffing parameters as required. Our average response time for emergency calls is 4 minutes; we anticipate maintaining similar average response times under the proposed expansion of service area. During 2022, we responded to over 750 emergency calls and approximately 60 non-emergency calls for transportation. ⁸ The diverse population mix of our community, and the fact that some residents in our community choose to call the volunteer ambulance service directly, help to drive our call volume.

BSVAC has mutual aid agreements with Ridgewood VAC and Park Slope VAC pursuant to the New York City Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Regional Mutual Aid Plan, ⁹ as outlined in NYS DOH BEMS Policy Statement 12-06: EMS Mutual Aid (June 7, 2012). When we are unable to

⁷ BSVAC was formally incorporated as a New York State not-for-profit corporation on March 29, 1989. However, it began operating during the previous year.

 $^{^{8}}$ During 2023 to date, we have responded to over 500 emergency calls and approximately 10 non-emergency calls for transportation. We anticipate that our call volume will increase to approximately 900 - 1,000 per year under the proposed expansion of service area.

⁹ BSVAC's most recently updated Annex 2 to the NYC Volunteer EMS Mutual Aid Plan Matrix was executed on September 1, 2020 and accepted by NYC REMSCO.

respond to a service request, we transfer the call to an adjoining EMS agency or to the FDNY EMS 911 system, if available.

The proposed expansion would provide community-based volunteer EMS/ambulance service to the neighborhoods included in the proposed expansion area, where response times for life-threatening emergencies average 12 minutes, and response times for calls that come in as non-life-threatening average 16 minutes. ¹⁰ The proposed expansion can be expected to have a positive impact on these response times by helping to alleviate the burden on the existing first response and ambulance services. In addition, the service delivery models of the other first response and ambulance service providers do not support the multi-faceted approach that a community-centric EMS/ambulance service, such as BSVAC provides. This multi-faceted approach is designed to meets the diverse needs of a specific geographic population within the community. The proposed expansion will provide additional choice to residents of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York – the three neighborhoods included in the proposed expansion area.

In terms of financial impact, we firmly believe that there will be no adverse financial impact on the above-mentioned service models. In this regard, it is important to note that no other authorized first response or ambulance service provider has shown any interest in servicing the proposed expansion area, and none have advertised their services as being available for that area. In addition, the three adjacent volunteer services will not be adversely affected since they lack current NYS DOH operating authority, pursuant to NYS in the proposed expansion area, as per NYS Article 30.

In particular, there would be no loss in call volume to the commercial and hospital-based ambulance services. Those models do not include servicing and remaining in a particular community area only.

B. Services Already Provided to the Proposed Expansion Area by BSVAC

It is important to note that during the COVID pandemic, BSVAC had been regularly providing ambulance services in the proposed expansion area under the COVID Mutual Aid to NYC arrangement. During that period, 21% of the calls to which BSVAC responded came from the proposed expansion area.

¹⁰ These average response times are based on the New York City Fire Department Open Data System data, available online at: https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Public-Safety/EMS-Incident-Dispatch-Data/76xm-jjuj.

Accordingly, because BSVAC had been regularly responding to calls from the proposed expansion area, our ambulance crews are already familiar with the neighborhoods in the proposed expansion area, and the residents of those neighborhoods are already familiar with BSVAC.

C. Existing EMS System

The proposed expansion area includes six primary hospitals, three of which are certified as Level 1 Trauma and Thrombectomy Centers, with another designated as a Stroke and STEMI center.¹¹ These hospitals generate non-emergency/non-EMS call volume that is supported by their institution's core EMS Transportation network. The proposed expansion would have no impact on these services because they are currently self-supported, and BSVAC's current service delivery model does not include specialty, interfacility, or discharge EMS/ambulance services.

BSVAC currently participates in two regional EMS participation agreements. The first is New York City Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Regional Mutual Aid Plan, as outlined in NYS DOH BEMS Policy Statement 12-06: EMS Mutual Aid (June 7, 2012). The second is the REMSCO of NYC Mutual Aid Mobilization Plan, which was most recently instituted on behalf of FDNY for the COVID-19 daily EMS response.

Our agency has three communication systems in place. First, we maintain our own Two-Way Radio system for daily dispatch and notification. Second, we use a regional system for interoperability with other volunteer EMS ambulance services in Brooklyn and Queens. Third, when operating within the EMS 911 system, our daily activity is dispatched and coordinated via the FDNY EMS Communications Center (PSAC). In addition to these three communication systems, we also use other point-to-point methods of communicating when we deploy medical standby services for local and municipal events.

BSVAC provides medical care under the oversight, and in conference with, both our agency Medical Director, Dr. Reynold Trowers, and the Quality Assurance Committee Director of the West Queens Volunteer Ambulance Association, Dr. Jeffery Horowitz, both of whom are involved in the medical and patient care delivery aspects of our operation. In addition, BSVAC's Training Officers and our internal Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee engage in regular review of

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¹¹ The six primary hospitals are: Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center (Level 1 Trauma/Thrombectomy); Interfaith Medical Center; Jamaica Hospital Medical Center (Level 1 Trauma/Thrombectomy); Kings County Hospital Center (Level 1 Trauma/Thrombectomy); Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; and SUNY Downstate Medical Center (Stroke/STEMI).

care with our volunteers; they also and participate in formulating and implementing plans to help BSVAC continuously improve the standard of care provided to our patients. Our agency follows applicable protocols and general operating procedures, as provided by NYS DOH and REMSCO of NYC, as well as the policies and procedures set forth in BSVAC's internal Operating Procedures Manual.

BSVAC currently transports patients to several hospitals, including Woodhull Medical Center, Wyckoff Medical Center, Interfaith Medical Center and Kings County Hospital Center. Our analysis indicates that Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center and SUNY Downstate Medical Center would see only a negligible increase in patient volume if our proposed area expansion application is approved.

In terms of financial impact, the proposed expansion would not impose any additional costs on regional or other EMS delivery models. Instead, BSVAC would deliver community-based EMS and ambulance services to the proposed expansion area, providing additional EMS resources for the expansion area without the existing EMS system incurring additional expense. This approach would better utilize our existing resources to address the needs of the underserved neighborhoods in the proposed expansion area, including Crown Heights, Brownsville and East New York. Data obtained from the New York City Fire Department Open Data System ¹² indicate that the need for additional EMS services persists in these neighborhoods, where 911 EMS response times for priority calls average 12 minutes. In contrast, BSVAC maintains a 4-minute response time for critical or life-threatening emergencies, which is significantly below the area average. While one might argue that the current municipal or commercial EMS system could address this problem by deploying additional resources, the municipal system does not have the necessary staffing to make such deployments, as evidenced by their current and past public recruitment campaigns and as detailed by journalists reporting on the critical understaffing. ¹³ During EMS call surge scenarios, ambulances

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¹² See Note 10 above.

¹³ See, e.g., "NYC's paramedics and EMTs 'continually short-staffed' as emergency call response times grow longer" by Caroline Lewis, published in the Gothamist on September 23, 2022, available online at: https://gothamist.com/news/new-york-city-struggles-staff-paramedics-emt-emergency-call-response-times-grow-longer; "Overworked, underpaid and understaffed: EMS In crisis As NYC faces tridemic" by Bob Hennelly, published in Work-Bites on December 30, 2022, available online at: https://www.work-bites.com/view-all/8aptfu6iko3uiriibi29uyl5hrd4cj; "Dispatch system outages spotlight understaffing, union leaders say: Back-to-back 16-hour shifts at FDNY" by Duncan Freeman, published in The Chief on December 19, 2022, available online at: https://thechiefleader.com/stories/dispatch-system-outages-spotlight-understaffing-union-leaders-say,49464.

are often relocated throughout the borough of Brooklyn and the City of New York to meet the increased demand. As recently seen during the COVID-19 EMS call surge, which sometimes resulted in nearly 7,000 calls citywide per day, ¹⁴ ambulances were not always readily available, and additional EMS resources were mobilized from the volunteer and FEMA sectors via the National Ambulance Contract (NAC). Although this was an unprecedented situation, the existing EMS system's daily response model does not allow for the frequent fluctuations in demand that regularly occur during the summer months and in the event of natural disasters/extreme weather conditions.

Positive Effects and Benefits

The proposed area expansion would bring numerous benefits to both the community and our organization. Most importantly, it would allow for the immediate and improved utilization of existing EMS resources without causing any increase in response times – instead it would assist in reducing critical call response times. The proposed expansion would enable BSVAC's already existing EMS and ambulance service resources to be provided to the underserved neighborhoods in the proposed expansion area without imposing any additional costs on the patients or the City of New York. Not only would the proposed expansion help reduce critical call response times, it would also allow BSVAC to provide its emergency medical standby teams at local community and municipal events in the proposed expansion area as well as in its current primary operating territory.

Moreover, the proposed expansion would provide increased training opportunities for new CFRs and EMTs volunteering with our organization. At BSVAC, training is essential to our core mission of "Saving Lives Today; Changing Lives for Tomorrow." Our experienced trainers possess decades of EMS experience and are invaluable resources for training new CFRs and EMTs and for serving as mentors and inspiring role models. An expanded operating territory would provide BSVAC volunteer CFRs and EMTs with additional opportunities to gain exposure and experience while they attend school or maintain their current employment. Furthermore, our community outreach and training activities would be extended to the proposed expansion area, and we would

¹⁴ Per New York City Fire Department Open Data System data. See Note 10 above.

provide training in lifesaving procedures (e.g., CPR/AED, First Aid and Stop the Bleed) and opiate overdose awareness residents of the neighborhoods in the proposed expansion area.

Throughout the past 35 years, students and volunteers at BSVAC have gone on to become physicians, physician assistants, nurses, EMTs, paramedics, and respected leaders in the emergency medical field. At BSVAC, we are committed to providing quality community-focused volunteer EMS and ambulance services, developing leadership in EMS, and fostering community wellness.

Proposed Expansion Service Description

BSVAC proposes to expand its operating territory to include the adjacent neighborhoods of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York. BSVAC currently operates with two ambulances; we propose to put an additional ambulance in service and then position our ambulances strategically throughout our current operating territory and the proposed expansion area.

As explained above in the "Proposed Service Expansion" section, BSVAC is currently authorized to operate within Brooklyn Community Board #3. ¹⁵ BSVAC seeks approval to expand its primary operating territory, which currently encompasses approximately 2.56 square miles, ¹⁶ to include Brooklyn Community Boards #5 and #16, along with a portion of the area within Brooklyn Community Board #8. ¹⁷ The proposed expansion service area encompasses approximately 8.42 additional square miles. ¹⁸

The volunteer team at BSVAC includes approximately 40 EMTs and 17 dispatchers and drivers, ¹⁹ working on either three eight-hour tours or two twelve-hour tours per day, with a mix of

¹⁵ As detailed in Note 2 above, BSVAC's current primary operating territory also includes the Ocean Hill neighborhood, located in Brooklyn Community Board #16. As detailed in Note 1 above, the proposed expansion area would also include the 2-block area south of Fulton Street (to Atlantic Avenue), which is contained within Brooklyn Community Board #3.

¹⁶ Brooklyn Community Board #3 is 2.9 square miles, approximately 75% of which (2.18 square miles) is included in BSVAC's current operating territory. See: https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/3. BSVAC's current operating territory also includes approximately 20% (0.38 square mile) of Brooklyn Community Board #16.

¹⁷ As explained in Note 3 above, to avoid overlap with the operating territory of Park Slope Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the proposed expansion area would not include the westernmost portion of Brooklyn Community Board #8.

¹⁸ See Note 4 above for details of the computation of the size of this area.

¹⁹ Approximately two dozen BSVAC volunteers currently engage on a regular basis as active ambulance crew members who ride on the ambulances and render patient care; other volunteers serve on in irregular basis as their work schedules and other demands permit.

in-house and on-call crews. Our ambulances are manned, in accordance with NYS DOH and NYC REMAC requirements, with a minimum of one Emergency Vehicle Operator and one Emergency Medical Technician per ambulance crew, although BSVAC ambulance crews usually include two EMTs. BSVAC provides EMS services round-the-clock to its service community, pending volunteer crew availability.

Five months ago, an online application feature was added to our website to enable individuals interested in volunteering with BSVAC to submit their written applications online. On average, 10 individuals apply online each month to volunteer as EMTs (in addition to those who apply in person). Although we already have a full roster of EMTs, there are currently almost 70 individuals who have applied during the past several months to volunteer at BSVAC as EMTs but who have not yet completed all the steps required to ride our ambulances and render patient care.²⁰

Population Demographics

The proposed expansion area includes the Crown Heights, Brownsville and East New York neighborhoods in Brooklyn Community Boards #5, #8 and #16. The total population of the proposed expansion is more than 365,000. ²¹ This population has steadily shown increases in each previous Census and is continuing to grow, due to an influx of new residents and ongoing efforts to develop more housing, including middle-class and affordable options. Recent growth in the population of each of these Community Board districts is reflected in numerous new residential



²¹ This figure was derived from the 2014-2018 estimates for the population of Community Board districts, available in the respective Community District Profiles found at: communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov, adjusted to reflect the portions of the Brooklyn Community Board districts that are included in the proposed expansion area.

developments. ²² Given the size and increasing population of these neighborhoods, expanding BSVAC's primary operating territory makes sense. These neighborhoods receive few tourists due to their location and their reputations as high-crime areas in New York City. However, traffic flow is heavy, due to their location between major highways and thoroughfares, including the Belt Parkway, Jackie Robinson Parkway, Linden Boulevard, Eastern Parkway and Pennsylvania Avenue. Brownsville and East New York are the closest neighborhoods in Brooklyn to John F Kennedy International Airport. Additionally, an industrial park in the area sees significant commercial traffic.

The NYC Health Department's 2018 Community Health Profiles indicate that average life expectancies in the proposed expansion area are lower than the average life expectancy for NYC overall. The average life expectancies for Brownsville (75.1 years), ²³ East New York (78.6 years), ²⁴ and Crown Heights (79.3 years) ²⁵ are lower than the average life expectancy for NYC overall, which is shown as 81.2.

Description of Calls

Through research conducted on the NYC Open Data website, ²⁶ it has been established that the proposed expansion area generated approximately 26,894 requests for EMS assistance in 2022. This translates to an average of 215 calls per day. Historical data from 2020 and 2021 further confirm the high demand for EMS services in this area, with 23,808 and 31,507 annual calls respectively. Given the cost and volume constraints associated with deploying additional municipal or commercial resources, it is clear that this approach would be impractical. However, permitting the expansion of BSVAC's primary operating to include this area would help alleviate delays in

²² As detailed in the respective Community District Profiles (see note 21 above), the following residential developments are in progress: CB #5: 136 units at Sutter Crossing and 142 units at Grace Houses; CB #8: 150 units at 962 Pacific Street and 348 units at 1720 Atlantic Avenue; and CB #16: 77 units at 2111 Atlantic Avenue, 200 units at Belmont Osborne, and 290 units at Brownsville Arts Center and Apartments.

²³ See "Life Expectancy by Community District" on the last page of Brownsville 2018 Community Health Profile available at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2018chp-bk16.pdf

²⁴ See "Life Expectancy by Community District" on the last page of East New York and Starrett City 2018 Community Health Profile available at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2018chp-bk5.pdf

²⁵ See "Life Expectancy by Community District" on the last page of Crown Heights and Prospect Heights 2018 Community Health Profile available at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2018chp-bk8.pdf

²⁶ See Note 10 above.

emergency response times without causing the existing EMS resources serving the area to incur additional costs. Thus, the proposed expansion would effectively optimize existing community resources and have a positive impact on the community and regional EMS system.

Our crews currently transport patients to the following EMS Hospital destinations, which will continue to be utilized following the proposed expansion:

- Woodhull Medical Center
- Interfaith Medical Center
- Wyckoff Heights Medical Center
- Kings County Hospital Center

The only hospitals that will be affected by our service expansion are Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center, and SUNY Downstate Medical Center, due to their Level I Trauma/Thrombectomy and Stroke/STEMI specialties. ²⁷

Response Times

BSVAC utilizes a range of 3-5 minutes as its primary performance measure for critical calls; during 2022, BSVAC achieved an average response time of 4 minutes. This is in comparison to the available priority EMS response statistics for the FDNY EMS system. It should be noted that data for EMS requested by local medical facilities is not readily available, as these facilities typically contract privately for services based on their specific needs and provider abilities.

Our agency has always operated on a community-based model, ensuring our availability within our designated service area to maintain our target response times. This holds true even during sustained operations through mutual aid activations, such as during the recent COVID-19 surge.

Our operational plan for the proposed expansion is to strategically locate our ambulances ²⁸ throughout both our current operating area and the proposed expansion area, in order to maintain our 3 - 5 minute response time in both areas. Our strategic planning goals also include exploring the

²⁷ See Note 11 above.

²⁸ We do not foresee a need to acquire additional vehicles in order to provide service to the proposed expansion area because we already have an additional ambulance that we can put into service. However, we do expect to eventually purchase an additional ambulance with NYS funding earmarked for that purpose (in the amount of \$125,000) that has been promised to BSVAC (by NYS Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, who presented a ceremonial check for that amount to BSVAC on July 15, 2023).

possibility of establishing a satellite location. We have already engaged in discussions with community-based organizations within the proposed expansion area to potentially house satellite indoor space and provide parking for ambulance(s) in the interim.

Quality of Service

At present, there is no established metric for developing a reporting system on service quality and its impact. Regarding certification and baseline training, our EMTs and Paramedics are subject to identical state and regional credentialing programs and procedures. However, there appears to be a clear disparity in agency-based orientation and training for clinicians once they receive certification from the credentialing body (i.e., NYS DOH) before being released as a lead provider. To address this, BSVAC has implemented a rigorous onboarding process to elevate the training level for incoming volunteer crew members. Prior to providing direct patient care, BSVAC's volunteer EMTs and drivers must complete mandatory additional training on various topics, including dispatching (for which they must demonstrate competence).

and quality assurance efforts. Through this system, we have clinical data at our fingertips to monitor patient care reports and to allow our internal Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee review them. Additionally, we participate in the West Queens Volunteer Ambulance Association's QA/QI group and we maintain regular interaction with our Medical Director. We also host periodic virtual call review sessions with our crews to improve patient care.

In the proposed expansion area, the general public currently has only two options for activating the EMS system in an emergency: the municipal 911 system operated by FDNY, or a commercial or hospital-based system that includes an expected fee for service whereby the patient is responsible for paying for the services rendered, including any balance due after the patient's insurance provider remits payment to the servicing agency. The proposed expansion will provide those in the expansion area with an additional choice: our community-based volunteer EMS and ambulance service, for which there is no expected fee from patients or their families. At BSVAC, we have never based our responses on a patient's or family's ability to pay for services rendered, and we do not pre-qualify any patient prior to our response. We offer our services regardless of ability to pay.

Mutual Aid

In accordance with NYS DOH BEMS Policy Statement 12-06, all EMS agencies in New York are obligated to maintain mutual aid agreements. Since it is located in the City of New York, BSVAC is required to participate in the New York City Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Regional Mutual Aid Plan and must ensure that its mutual aid arrangements are accepted by NYC REMSCO and accurately reflected in the Mutual Aid Matrix maintained by NYC REMSCO. BSVAC has been an active participant in this Regional Mutual Aid Plan since it was first authorized by NYC REMSCO in January of 2013, and BSVAC's current mutual aid arrangements have been accepted by NYC REMSCO and are reflected in the Mutual Aid Matrix. ²⁹ It is important to note that mutual aid is intended for occasional use and not to be relied upon for daily operational needs. Instead, it is meant to provide additional resources as needed and to fill in gaps in EMS services.

Employee/Membership Qualification

To provide EMS assistance, current providers must maintain at least a New York State EMT Level certification. The providers who would be used by BSVAC to staff crews in the proposed expansion area would also have the same qualifications, in terms of clinical experience, as our crews serving our current service area. Our crews have been responding to EMS calls in our current service area and would maintain the same level of care in the proposed expansion area. Adding this area would help us make better use of our existing resources and provide additional clinical opportunities for our personnel.

Skill Retention

Based on our observation and review of area statistics, there appears to be a great need for EMS resources in the proposed expansion area. Accordingly, the proposed expansion would result in increased call volume for BSVAC, which would in turn increase the number of patient encounters for our ambulance crews. This can be expected to reinforce and enhance the proficiency of our volunteer EMTs as they will have additional opportunities to utilize their cognitive, affective psychomotor skills. As a result, there be no diminution or dilution of skills. On the contrary, it is anticipated that skills would be not only retained but also reinforced and enhanced.

²⁹ See Note 9 above.

Communications

At present, EMS providers in this region use different radio and cellular/data communication systems that operate according to their respective designs, allowing field providers to communicate with their headquarters or dispatch points and online medical control facilities. Since its inception, BSVAC has maintained an independent, agency-managed radio communications system. This system has been continuously maintained and upgraded and remains active to date. The proposed expansion would not add any burden to the existing EMS communications system since BSVAC's existing system, as well as the regional system, can support day-today, interoperable, and collaborative operations without any impediment. Furthermore, the proposed expansion would provide inherent redundancy without requiring additional costs.

Fiscal Stability

With an annual budget of approximately \$200,000, BSVAC has consistently maintained a net positive revenue and cash reserves sufficient to fund at least six months of operating expenses to prepare for any cash flow disruptions. ³⁰ BSVAC has been very fortunate to enjoy significant support from a large group of regular contributors. As can be seen from the chart below, donations and grants have historically constituted a major portion of BSVAC's revenues, with insurance reimbursements for ambulance service constituting the other most significant revenue source. BSVAC's change in March 2021 from paper to electronic PCRs resulted in processing efficiencies that contributed to ambulance service revenue becoming a more significant portion of BSVAC's revenues.

BSVAC – Portion of Annual Revenues Attributable to Specific Revenue Types					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Ambulance service revenue	19.22%	18.03%	15.88%	48.97%	
Donations and Grants	72.02%	81.37%	63.50%	42.71%	
Training	8.76%	0.60%	8.82%	6.46%	
EMT standby	-	-	11.80%	1.86%	

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³⁰ As shown on BSVAC's IRS Forms 990, available cash at the end of 2021 was \$93,773; available cash at the end of 2022 was \$98.823.

To help manage expenses, we consistently prioritize the regular inspection and preventive maintenance of our ambulances through a preferred provider. BSVAC is well-positioned to fund the proposed expansion from existing resources, and while the proposed expansion can be expected to result in increased call volume – and increased revenue from insurance reimbursement – BSVAC does not rely on insurance reimbursements alone for fiscal stability.

Organization and Administration

BSVAC is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and is also a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. BSVAC is exempt from registration with the NYS Charities Bureau (under Article 7-A(13) of the NYS Executive Law and also under Section 8-1.4(b)(6) of the NYS Estates Powers and Trusts Law). BSVAC is governed by a Board of Directors, and is served by a corporate Secretary and Treasurer, who are responsible for financial transactions, bookkeeping, and administration. Day-to-day operations EMS and ambulance services are led by BSVAC's Commanding Officer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Field Services, and designated Captains and Lieutenants. BSVAC's Directors, corporate officers and operational leaders have all participated in the process of developing and submitting this application; this fact is a testament to their willingness to support the proposed expansion and perform any required additional services.

Cost Benefit Ratio

Following a review of the proposed expansion by our Board of Directors, it was determined that this expansion would not result in unmanageable additional costs. The increased costs associated with placing an additional ambulance in service (fuel, equipment, maintenance, repairs, and increased insurance premiums) are expected to be significantly offset by increased revenues from insurance reimbursements, as well as increases in community contributions arising from the proposed expansion area. Therefore, the net cost to BSVAC can be expected to be minimal, as we plan to strategically locate our ambulances to maintain service in our existing service area and to service the proposed expansion area, along with personnel and fiscal resources currently utilized by our agency.

Community Support

BSVAC maintains strong existing relationships with community-based organizations and businesses in the proposed expansion area, and we consider them to be crucial stakeholders in our effort to move forward with the proposed expansion. In the course of preparing our proposed expansion application, BSVAC leadership engaged in discussions and met on multiple occasions with the Brooklyn Community Boards representing the neighborhoods included in the proposed expansion area. Our application includes letters of support from each of the affected Brooklyn Community Boards: # 3; #5; #8; and #16. The support of these Community Boards is evidence of the need for the community-based service that BSVAC would provide to the proposed expansion area.

Government Support

BSVAC has engaged in meetings with local elected officials to discuss the proposed expansion. These officials, including those who represent parts of our current service area, have expressed overwhelming support for our organization and believe that we have the capacity to extend our community-based EMS model to the proposed expansion area. This support has been further validated through the letters of endorsement we have received from various stakeholders, as included in our application for expansion of primary operating territory.

Reallocation of Existing Resources

We strongly believe that approving this expansion is the most effective solution to address the need for additional EMS resources in the proposed expansion area. We understand that commercial EMS providers may not support this direction; however, if commercial EMS providers were to attempt to address the need for additional EMS services in the proposed expansion area through reallocating their existing resources, it would inevitably risk impairing their delivery of services to the other areas they currently serve. If, instead of reallocating existing resources, they were to invest in acquiring additional resources in order to serve the proposed expansion area, this approach would entail high costs, requiring additional personnel, vehicles, equipment, and insurance. This is the most likely explanation for the fact that no other authorized first response or

ambulance service provider has shown an interest in servicing the proposed expansion area or advertised their services as being available for that area.

BSVAC's service delivery model has remained centered around our community for 35 years. Our focus on providing emergency and non-emergency medical transportation, EMT standby services for local community and municipal events, as well as CPR, AED and other training, have remained unchanged since our inception. This focus ensures that our activities remain community-based and that our EMS crews are available to the neighborhoods we serve.

The EMS sector employs various service delivery models, each with their own objectives tailored to their respective service populations. Our proposed expansion is essentially an improved utilization of our existing resources, a reallocation that will enable BSVAC to reduce wait times for emergency ambulance services in the neighborhoods within the proposed expansion area. We are confident that our existing resources will be sufficient to meet the needs of the proposed expansion area.

APPENDIX A

Current NYS DOH Ambulance Service Certificate

Agency Code Number: 7143 | Issued: 2/9/2022 | Expires: 5/31/2024

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Ambulance Service Certificate

Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.
DBA: Save a Life Rescue Corps



is hereby certified as a New York State ambulance service in accordance with the provisions of Article 30 of the Public Health Law

PRIMARY TERRITORY:

Myrtle Avenue East to Broadway, Broadway Southeast to Eastern Parkway, Eastern Parkway South to Fulton Street, Fulton Street West to Bedford Avenue, Bedford Avenue to North to Myrtle Avenue

Emergency Medical Services Program

Commissioner of Health

This certificate may be revoked, suspended, limited or annulled for violation of the Public Health Law

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
Keep conspicuously posted

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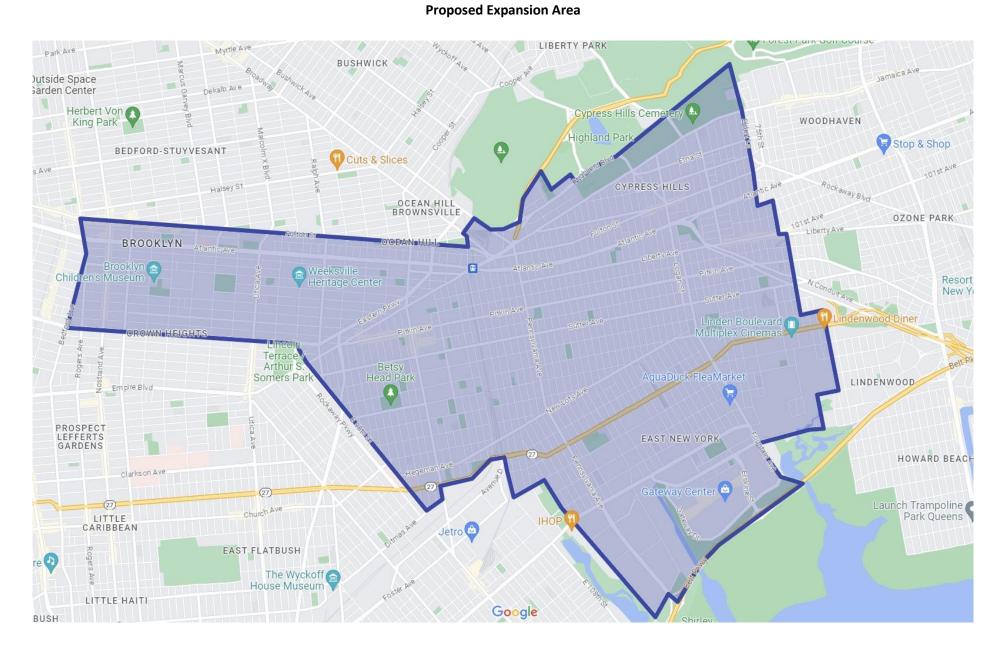
APPENDIX B

Maps of Current Operating Territory and Proposed Expansion Area

Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps



Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps



APPENDIX C NYS DOH Application Form (DOH-3777)

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Emergency Services and Trauma Systems

Application for New Service, Expansion of Primary Operating Territory or Transfer of Ownership

Application for (check one) New service (Sections A,B,C,D,F)				Type of Service (check one) Ambulance			
Expansion of Primary Operating Territory for existing service (Sections A,B,C,D,F)				All ALS First Responder			
Transfer of existing service operating authority (Sections A,D,E,F)				•			
Section A Organizational Structure							
For a corporation, attach a copy of certificate of incorpor parent corporations or sub-corporations. For LLC attach a			ockholders, p	rincipals, invest	ors and/or		
Name of Service		DOH Agency Code	Federa	l Employer Ider	ntification Numb	er	
Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance	Corps	7143	11-	2957898			
Address		City	State	Zip	County		
727 Greene Avenue		Brooklyn	NY	11221	Kings		
Contact Person		Title	••				
James Pointer		Chief of Sta	π				
Business Phone Home Phone (347) 290- 9788 (347) 2		Cell Phone (347) 290 -	9788	E-mail jamespoint	er@bsvac.n	et	
Current Organizational Sponsor Type							
Proprietary Hospital Bas Volunteer Fire Department Municipal/G		Volunteer Independent Other		Industrial			
Type of Ownership							
Individual Partnership		Government	~	Corporation		LLC	
Specify geographic area requested using municipal, polisuch as "surrounding, adjacent, vicinity, proximity, conti Proposed new or expanded primary operating territory In Kings County, the confines of NYPD 73	guous, adjoining, or	portions of, etc." are not a	cceptable w	hen defining a p	orimary operatir	ng territory.	
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Myrtle Avenue East to Broadway, Broadway Fulton Street West to Bedford Avenue, Bed				rkway South	n to Fulton S	treet,	
Section C Financial Responsibility							
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Section D Description of Proposed Services For a corporation attach a certificate of incorporation, any DBAs and a listing of all owners, stockholders or principals. Level of Service (check only one) EMT. AEMT Critical Care Paramedic Agency Medical Director Dr. Reynold Trowers Agency Providing Medical Control System Medical Director Address City State Phone Number Size of Population to be Served Days of operation Hours of operation 365,000 Monday - Sunday 24 hours Projected Call Volume Total 800 Emergency 750 Non-Emergency 50 Source of Statistics for Call volume PCR Dispatch Center Agency Call Record Other Area demographics / existing volume Total no. of ambulances Total no. of ALS First Response vehicles Total no. of emergency ambulance service vehicles (EASV'S) 2 currently Section E **Proposed Organizational Structure** For a corporation attach a copy of certificate of incorporation for any DBAs listing of all owners' stockholders, principals, investors and/or parent corporations or sub-corporations. For LLC attach a copy of NYS DOS Application For Authority. Proposed Name of Service Federal Employer Identification Number Address City State Zip County Contact Person Title **Business Phone** Home Phone Cell Phone E-mail 1 Proposed Organizational Sponsor Type Proprietary Hospital Based Volunteer Independent Industrial Volunteer Fire Department Municipal/Government Other Proposed Type of Ownership Individual LLC Partnership Government Corporation Name of Proposed Individual Owner, Partners, Corporation or Government Entity (attach any/all owners of 10% or more stock) **Certification of Accuracy and Ownership Competency** Section F As owner/CEO/operator of the ambulance service described herein I attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and its attachments and to having received and read Public Health Law Article 30 and State EMS Code Part 800. I also state that neither the corporation nor any of the owners, principals or stockholders in the corporation, or LLC members, have been convicted of Medicare or Medicaid fraud. I understand that under Section 3012(a) of the PHL Article 30 that the ambulance service or ALS FR service certificate for this agency may be revoked, suspended limited or annulled if this application includes willful misrepresentation. Attachments Required · Detailed narrative to support need or statement of purpose and intent for transfer Affirmation of Fitness and Competence (DOH-3778) DOS Certificate of Incorporation or Authority, DBA's, owners, partners, shareholders or members listing · Financial information including funding budget and insurance · Primary operating territory map Name of Owner or CEO Title Antoine Robinson President / Commanding Officer Signature Date FOR REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL USE ONLY Notary Public affirmation and acknowl **Date Application Received** Date of Council Decision JUAN CRUZ Rejected - Incomplete Notary Public, State of New York Approved Denied NO. 4911427 Council Chair Signature DOH-3777 (12/16) p 2 of 2 Qualified in Kings County Commission Expires Jan. 19, 2026

APPENDIX D

Competency and Fitness Forms (DOH-3778)

Affirmation of Fitness and Competency

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Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps			7143		
Name of EMS Agency			NYS EMS Agency Code		
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REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO THIS AFFIRMATION

- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- Copies of any related licenses and certifications
- Listing of address of residence, or if less than 2 years, addresses of prior residences.

Certification of Competency

By completing and signing this affirmation, I certify that I have operated all of the agencies indicated, in compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and policies, specifically 10 NYCRR800.

Further, I certify that there have been no administrative orders issued by any Federal, State or local agency for matters that are or were recurrent or uncorrected, or dealt with patient harm or neglect in accordance with NYS Public Health Law during my tenure as a director, sponsor, principal, stock holder, operator or operations manager.

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If you are unable to sign this affirmation, attach copies of all background information, Department orders and/or justification to Ayeronde David Full Name Solution | 1 | 1 | 22 | 23 **Certification of Fitness** By completing and signing this affirmation, I certify that I have not been convicted of any crime at anytime, involving murder, manslaughter, assault, sexual abuse, theft, robbery, drug abuse, or sale of drugs, nor have I pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge relating to any of these offenses. Further, I certify that, I am not, or was not subject to a state or federal administrative order relating to fraud, embezzlement or patient harm, including, but not limited to actions involving Medicare and or Medicaid. If you are unable to sign this affirmation, attach copies of all background information, Department orders and/or justification to assist in the review and determination of fitness. Ayeronde Davis Full Name Date 6/22/23 **Notary Public Affirmation and Acknowledgement** June 22, 2023 **CLASSIE DOCKERY**

Please affix Notary Public Stamp or equivalent.

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS

City of New York - No. 212903 **Qualified in Kings County** Commission Expires December 1, 2022

Ayeronde Davis

Objective

To obtain a position will provide me with the opportunity to utilize my skills and supply me with more
experience within my field of study.

Education

- 2002 NYS Department Of Health Clinical Lab Instructor/Certified Instructor Coordinator
- 2002 CEVO II Train The Trainer Course CEVO Instructor
- 2001 Sealy Training Institute American Heart Association BLS Instructor
- 1997 EMT Training Inc. Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillation Certified
- 1994 LaGuardia Community College GED Obtained

CERTIFICATIONS

- · American Health and Safety Institute Instructor
- American Heart Association BLS Instructor
- New York State Department of Health Certified Instructor Coordinator
- 2020 NYC REMSCO Train the Trainer BLS Protocol Update
- 2019 NYS BLS Adult and Pediatric Protocol Update
- 2019 REMSCO BLS IM Epi Administration
- 2019 REMSCO Blood Glucometry and Pulse Oximetry
- 2019 REMSCO Stroke Protocol Update
- 2019 NYS BLS Adult and Pediatric Protocol Update
- 2019 NYC Commission on human rights Confronting Sexual Harassment course.
- 2016 NYC REMSCO Infection Control Standards & Practices Trainer Program Qualified Fit Tester
- 2015 Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- 2015 Administration for Children's Services Mandated Reporting
- 2014 Biological Incidents Awareness
- 2014 Reversing Opioid Overdose
- 2014 Intranasal Naloxone Administration
- 2007 Customized Radiation Emergency Response and Ultra-Radiac Training
- 2007 Infection Control Series II Biological Agents
- 2007 HAZMAT Hazardous Materials
- 2006 New York City Office of Emergency Management Hazardous Material Awareness.
- 2002 Staten Island University Hospital Caring for Burn Victims
- 2002 Columbia University The Role of EMS in Bioterrorism: Recognition and Response

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Community Corner Stone Recipient received from the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams
- Founder of Brooklyn Med Troop Youth Development Program

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

• Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps. - EMT-D Chief of Staff and Training Officer

REFERENCES

• Furnished upon Request



Welcome Tamsin Wolf



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Provider ID:

259915

Name:

Davis, Ayeronde C

County:

Suffolk

Status:

Status OK

Certification Level	Expiration Date		
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	10/31/2025		
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	11/30/2023		

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Attachment to DOH-3778 Ayeronde Davis

Listing of Address of residence:

This has been the residence of Ayeronde Davis for more than 2 years

Affirmation of Fitness and Competency

By completing this form, you are aware that the NYS Department of Health will be conducting a detailed background review in order to determine fitness and competency in accordance with Article 30 of the NYS Public Health Law. Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps NYS EMS Agency Code Name of EMS Agency Full Name of Corporate Entity requiring F&C review as a new owner/operator Chief of Staff James Pointer Title Full Name of Individual Address of the Individual or Corporate Entity requiring F&C review as a new owner/operator eleasable under the provisions of FOIL) As the proposed new owner/operator of an EMS agency, I hereby certify that I am or have been a director, sponsor, principal, stock holder, operator or operations manager of one or more of the following in the past 10 years (Article 30 §3005[5]). YES NO Emergency Medical Service certified by the NYS Department of Health, or equivalent in any other state. Hospital, long term care facility or other Article 28 facility licensed by the NYS Department of Health, or equivalent in any other state.

Public Health Law; signing this affirmation is informational only and a testimony to the accuracy of the information provided.

Invalid coach (Ambulette) Service authorized by the NYS Department of Transportation or equivalent in any other state.

Halfway house, hostel or residential facility or institution licensed by, or subject to the rules of the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) or Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD), or equivalent in any other state.

🗠 If NO has been marked for all of the above, it indicates that there is no history of operating an entity identified in NYS

- → If YES has been marked for any of the above, on an attached page, please provide the following information for each:
 - · Name of agency or facility
 - · Mailing address of facility or agency
 - · Name of Certifying or Licensing authority
 - · If applicable, a copy of license, certificate or identification number

Home or residence licensed by NYS or equivalent in any other state.

· Individual position(s) held with start and end dates

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO THIS AFFIRMATION

- · Current resume or curriculum vitae
- · Copies of any related licenses and certifications
- · Listing of address of residence, or if less than 2 years, addresses of prior residences.

Certification of Competency

By completing and signing this affirmation, I certify that I have operated all of the agencies indicated, in compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and policies, specifically 10 NYCRR800.

Further, I certify that there have been no administrative orders issued by any Federal, State or local agency for matters that are or were recurrent or uncorrected, or dealt with patient harm or neglect in accordance with NYS Public Health Law during my tenure as a director, sponsor, principal, stock holder, operator or operations manager.

If you are unable to sign this affirmation, attach copies of all background information, Department orders and/or justification to assist in the review and determination of competency.

Full Name

Signature

Signature

Certification of Fitness

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James Pointer

Full Name

Signature

Date

Notary Public Affirmation and Acknowledgement

Notary Public Name

Signature

Date

Please affix Notary Public Stamp or equivalent.

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James Pointer

OBJECTIVE:

Seeking a position within an organization that will utilize my skills and where

there is room for professional advancement.

EXPERIENCE:

Northwell Health EMS

911 EMT

Manhasset, NY

September 2022 - Present

NYU Langone Hospital EMS

911 -EMT

Brooklyn, NY

September 2022 - Present

Wyckoff Hospital EMS

911 - EMT

Brooklyn, NY

March 2020 - Present

Mount Sinai Health System

911 - EMT

New York, NY

July 2019 - Present

Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Chief of Staff

Brooklyn, NY

June 2000 - Present

EDUCATION:

Boys and Girls High School

Student

Brooklyn, NY

September 2002 – June 2005

Bronx Regional High School

Student

Bronx, NY

September 2005 – June 2007

TRAINING:

Bergen County Emergency Training

Rescue Technician

Bergen, NJ

June 2023

NYS Department of Homeland Security

Hazardous Material/Anti-Terrorism Awareness

Oriskany, NY January 2011

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Healthcare Provider (Recertification)

Incident Command System

June 2009

New York, NY

CERTIFICATION(S):

American Heart Association

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Brooklyn, NY June 2023

New York State Department of Heath Bureau of EMS

Brooklyn, NY August 2021

EMT - Basic (Recertification)

SKILLS:

Proficient in pre-hospital care

Knowledgeable in protocols

Computer illiterate Team oriented

Leadership Communication



Welcome Tamsin Wolf



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Provider ID:

358516

Name:

Pointer, James R

County:

Kings

Status:

Status OK

Certification Level

Expiration Date

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

09/30/2025

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

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Antoine Robinson

Full Name

Signature

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Antoine Robinson

Full Name

Signature

8/21/23

Notary Public Affirmation and Acknowledgement

Notary Public Name

Signature

JUAN CRUZ Notary Public, State of New York

NO. 4911427 Qualified in Kings County Commission Expires Jan. 19, 2016

Please affix Notary Public Stamp or equivalent.

ANTOINE ROBINSON

EXPERIENCE

07/1999 - PRESENT

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.

09/2019 - PRESENT: PRESIDENT/CEO. BOARD CHAIRPERSON, AND COMMANDING OFFICER

Responsible for managing ambulance operations, delivering emergency medical services, developing training programs, supervising volunteers, and maintaining community relations.

07/1999 - 09/2019: CHIEF OF STAFF

Responsible for all staff members. Scheduled all volunteer service, including ambulance crews. Maintained and updated all files and certifications. Performed staff training sessions and evaluations.

07/1999 - PRESENT: EMT COURSE INSTRUCTOR

Emergency Medical Technician - Basic instructor. Responsible for providing lectures and coordinating practical skills lab sessions on all topics within all courses.

08/2016 - PRESENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, PARAMEDIC

Providing emergency medical care, including advanced life support, to New Yorkers in critical medical situations and other emergencies.

09/08/2015 - 01/23/2017

SENIOR CARE EMS, PARAMEDIC

Provided advanced medical transport in non-emergency and emergency situations, including for patients on ventilators and other life support systems. Utilized IV pumps, EKG's and other interventions. Provided standby emergency medical services with NY Roadrunners at several NYC Marathons.

05/12/2013 - 11/02/2015

FIRST RESPONSE AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC

Provided standby emergency medical care at The Barclay Center and Mets stadium for sports and musical events, including basketball and baseball games (NBA Brooklyn Nets, NCAA college basketball, and MLB NY Mets).

07/2008 - 11/2012

CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE, PARAMEDIC

Provided advanced medical transport in non-emergency and emergency situations, including for patients on ventilators and other life support systems. Utilized IV pumps, EKG's and other interventions.

EDUCATION

METHODIST PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM, PARAMEDIC

The New York State paramedic program is an intensive one-year course, leading to the New York State Department of Health and New York City Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee certifications as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. Training included ECG interpretation, IV skills, advanced airway management and placement, drug calculations and administration. Maintained 3.7 GPA.

OLIVACHI EMT TRAINING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

The New York State Department of Health basic like support EMT training and certification. This basic life support course included advance first aid, detailed patient assessment, thorough documentation skills, and safe transport of patients to the emergency room. Maintained 4.0 GPA.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The New York State Department of Education high school diploma. Maintained 3.3 GPA.

OLIVACHI EMT TRAINING, CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER

The New York State Department of Health basic like support CFR training and certification. Skills consisted of basic first aid, administering oxygen, CPR and defibrillation. Maintained 4.0 GPA.

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- · NYS Department of Health CLI certification
- NYS Department of Health Paramedic certification
- American Heart Association advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, and healthcare provider certifications
- NYS driver license
- CEVO driver training
- FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800, IS-5 HAZWOPER First Responder Awareness
- FDNY Active Shooter Training
- FDNY Hazmat Awareness Training



Welcome Tamsin Wolf

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

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Provider ID:

263372

Name:

Robinson, Antoine M

County:

Kings

Status:

Status OK

Certification Level	Expiration Date		
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P)	11/30/2024		
Certified Lab Instructor	08/31/2023		

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Attachment to DOH-3778 Antoine Robinson

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Affirmation of Fitness and Competency

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- Copies of any related licenses and certifications
- Listing of address of residence, or if less than 2 years, addresses of prior residences.

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By completing and signing this affirmation, I certify that I have operated all of the agencies indicated, in compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and policies, specifically 10 NYCRR800.

Further, I certify that there have been no administrative orders issued by any Federal, State or local agency for matters that are or were recurrent or uncorrected, or dealt with patient harm or neglect in accordance with NYS Public Health Law during my tenure as a director, sponsor, principal, stock holder, operator or operations manager.

If you are unable to sign this affirmation, attach copies of all background information, Department orders and/or justification to assist in the review and determination of competency.

Vernice Robinson

Full Name

Signature

Date

Certification of Fitness

By completing and signing this affirmation, I certify that I have not been convicted of any crime at anytime, involving murder, manslaughter, assault, sexual abuse, theft, robbery, drug abuse, or sale of drugs, nor have I pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge relating to any of these offenses.

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Notary Public Affirmation and Acknowledgement

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Dr. Lakima Latisha Lewis
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01LB6438197
Qualified in Kings County
My Commission Expires
August 8, 2026

Please affix Notary Public Stamp or equivalent.

Overseer Dr. Vernice Robinson





Professional Summary

A 31-year veteran of the United States Postal Service. Extremely motivated and results-driven professional with over three decades of exceptional leadership. Has a strong combination of software knowledge and interpersonal skills while demonstrating professionalism. Principal strengths include managing, problem solving, and the ability to handle multiple tasks at the same time.

Professional Experience

United States Postal Service (stationed in Brooklyn, NY)

1979 - 2010

- •1979 1982 District Clerk Machine
- •1982 1989 District Window Clerk
- •1989 2003 Supervisor for Customer Services
- •2003 2010 Manager for Customer Services

Parson Temple Fellowship Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)

1972 - Present

Various roles and positions held during 1972 – 1987, including: President of the Usher Board, President of the Youth Choir, Sunday School Teacher, Secretary of the Sunday School, Missionary, Evangelist, Adult Choir Member and Church Cook.

Became the Assistant Pastor in 1987. Currently serving as the Overseer.

Volunteer Service

Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (Brooklyn, NY)

1989 - Present

Served in various capacities since the organization was established in 1989, including administrative, leadership, and operational roles. Became a licensed EMT-B in 1991 and then initiated the midnight shift. Served as BSVAC's Chaplain.

Currently serving as a member of BSVAC's Board of Directors and as the organization's corporate Secretary.

Education

Hunter College – Liberal Arts (New York, NY)

Community Association Development Corp. (Brooklyn, NY)

Community Bible Institute (Brooklyn, NY)

Lighthouse Christian College (New York, NY)

Jacksonville Theological Seminary (Jacksonville, FL) – Doctor of Religious Education

International Theological Seminary of California (West Covina, CA) – Doctorate in Theology

Awards of Service

Award for Patriotic Services, U.S. Savings Bonds – 1983, 1985, 1987, & 1988 Certificate of Appreciation NYC Combined Federal Campaign – 1985 & 1986 Silver Award, Combined Federal Campaign, Outstanding Service - 1987 & 1988 Letter of Appreciation, No Use of Sick Leave - 1994 Attachment to DOH-3778 Vernice Robinson

Listing of address of residence:



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VOLUNTEER / PRO BONO / EXPERIENCE:

1988 - present BEDFORD-STUYVESANT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC., Brooklyn, NY Incorporated organization and secured tax-exemption, then continued to serve as director and officer, responsible for legal and other areas, including strategic planning, grant writing and government contract administration, fundraising, program development and administration, project management, government affairs, and compliance and regulatory matters.

Various

Extensive volunteer service with a variety of non-profit organizations, including:

- Mobilization for Justice (New York, NY) handled federal and state income tax issues for indigent clients at Low-Income Tax Clinic
- Crisis Center (St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, New York, NY) served as advocate and counselor for victims of sexual assault
- New York Center for Law and the Deaf (New York, NY) helped establish a legal center for deaf and hard-of-hearing New Yorkers
- Parents for the Advancement of Conductive Education (Long Beach, NY) helped establish a school for children with motor neuron disorders, including cerebral palsy
- Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (New York, NY)- incorporated charitable organizations and secured tax-exemption for non-profits
- Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice (Bronx, NY) wrongful convictions
- Amnesty International (New York, NY) handled immigration applications/refugee claims

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2009 - present TAMSIN WOLF, ESQ., Legal and Business Solutions, New York, NY

Legal and business consultant in a broad range of areas, including organizational development and strategic planning, with focus on negotiating contracts, compliance and regulatory matters, employment and benefits, tax, communications and training, corporate governance, HIPAA, intellectual property, immigration, and real estate. Clients included businesses, nonprofit organizations (including religious organizations) and individuals. Achievements include:

- Conceived and implemented innovative asset protection strategy specifically approved by IRS (for Catholic religious order)
- Designed and delivered HR management training program for multi-state organizations

2008 - 2009

MORRISON COHEN LLP, New York, NY

Senior Counsel

Areas of responsibility included executive compensation, employment matters, employee benefits, non-profits and HIPAA privacy matters.

2002 - 2007

TIME WARNER INC., New York, NY

Assistant General Counsel

Primary areas of responsibility included employment/benefits, contracts (including events contracts and vendor contracts), corporate philanthropy/non-profits, privacy, work-life initiatives, and employee volunteerism. Contexts included corporate governance, strategic planning, M&A transactions, communications, and dispute resolution. Supervised 2 other lawyers. Achievements include:

- Reduced average annual outside benefits counsel costs from \$477K to less than \$10K.
- Managed all aspects of enterprise-wide HIPAA privacy compliance on an in-house basis, resulting in cost savings in excess of \$350K.

- Converted NYS STD coverage to self-funded as part of enterprise-wide integrated disability management initiative, resulting in savings of \$13.6 million to \$17.9 million per year. Trained two executive assistants as paralegals for this project and utilized them to complete the entire project in-house, resulting in significant additional cost savings.
- Negotiated fee savings of \$9 million in 401(k) plan record keeping and investment advice service contracts.
- Negotiated favorable settlements in numerous benefits litigation matters (including AD&D settlements of \$1.3 million and disability settlement of \$350,000) without use of outside counsel, resulting in significant cost savings.
- Successfully proposed changes in state and federal legislation, regulations and interpretations. Successfully resolved IRS, PBGC and DOL audits/examinations, resulting in significant cost savings.

1994 - 2001 MERRILL LYNCH & CO., New York, NY

Vice President

Broad experience in employment and benefits law. Responsible for employment and benefits aspects of M&A transactions, negotiation of executive employment contracts and severance agreements, employment/benefits ADR/litigation and related corporate governance. Also responsible for providing legal advice in connection with products and services marketed by Merrill Lynch, including qualified plan investments and prohibited transaction analysis. Responsible for legal support for full array of internal employee benefits programs, including executive compensation, stock-based compensation, qualified plans, and health/welfare benefits. Counsel for Administrative Committee and liaison for Investment Committee. Served on Diversity Task Force. Achievements include:

- Drafted comments adopted in Revenue Procedure issued by IRS providing relief for employers adversely affected by 9/11.
- Successfully resolved employment and benefits disputes, including international mediation, without use of outside counsel, resulting in significant cost savings.
- Successfully resolved DOL and IRS audits/examinations, resulting in significant cost savings.
- Developed position that ultimately prevailed in litigation involving acquisition of leveraged ESOP.
- Updated and streamlined forms of customer contracts used for benefit products and services, and designed protocol for negotiation of customer contracts in all market segments (small, middle and large market customers).

1989 - 1994 PATTERSON, BELKNAP, WEBB & TYLER, New York, NY

Associate

Broad experience in employee benefits, including health plans and plans maintained by taxexempt organizations and governmental agencies, as well as union plans.

1985 - 1989 MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, New York, NY

Associate, Tax Department

Transaction-based practice as an equipment leasing tax-shelter specialist. Experience also included general tax work, including partnership, corporate and individual tax matters.

EDUCATION: NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY - LL.M. in Taxation HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Massachusetts - J.D. MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, New York, NY - B.A. (Flute Major)

OTHER: - Recipient of 2004 Andrew Heiskell Community Service Award.

- Formerly Licensed NYS EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)

Attachment to DOH-3778 Tamsin Wolf

Listing of address of residence:



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APPENDIX E Agency Medical Director Letter





May 23, 2023

Mr. Antoine Robinson
President and Commanding Officer
Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps
727 Greene Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: <u>Statement of Support from Medical Director of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance</u> <u>Corps for Proposed Expansion of Primary Operating Territory Expansion</u>

Dear Mr. Robinson:

As Medical Director of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC), I fully support BSVAC's application to expand its current primary operating territory into the adjacent neighborhoods of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York. I have served as Medical Director of BSVAC for more than two decades; in this role I have, among other things, performed clinical oversight and quality improvement of the BLS services provided by BSVAC. I have witnessed the critical role that our agency fulfills in providing emergency medical services to the Bed-Stuy neighborhood. It is my intention to continue serving as BSVAC's Medical Director for the proposed expanded area if the proposed expansion of its BLS services is approved. I have decades of experience in emergency medicine, including as Director of Emergency Medicine at Harlem Hospital and as a REMAC NYC Credentialed On-Line Medical Control Physician.

Over the years, our organization has earned a reputation for providing high-quality emergency medical care to the residents of Bed-Stuy, and we have established strong partnerships with local hospitals, FDNY and NYPD. We are gratified that we have been able to establish a record of responding quickly to emergencies and providing life-saving medical care to those in need.

The proposed expansion into the Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York neighborhoods will enable us to extend our services to an even larger population in need. These neighborhoods have historically been underserved, including in terms of emergency medical services, and we are uniquely situated to make an immediate positive impact on the health outcomes of the residents in these neighborhoods. BSVAC has a proven record of excellence in providing emergency medical services and we are confident that we can replicate this success in these additional neighborhoods – our dedicated volunteer EMTs and paramedics are committed to providing the highest quality of care to our patients, and we have the necessary resources to support the proposed expansion of our primary operating territory.

For the reasons outlined above, I support without reservation BSVAC's application to expand its primary operating territory into the Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York neighborhoods.

Reynold L Trowers, M.D. FACEP

Director of Education and Training, Harlem Hospital Center

Attending Physician, Department of Emergency Medicine, Harlem Hospital Center

Asst. Clinical Professor and Special Lecturer

College of Physician and Surgeons, Columbia University

APPENDIX F

Agency Board of Directors Biographies

Antoine Robinson

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Antoine Robinson has been working to help save lives since childhood. He is a son of James ("Rocky") Robinson, founder of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC), and Vernice Robinson, Pastor and Overseer of Parson Temple Fellowship Church. Performing CPR, Antoine saved a life for the first time when he was 15. While still in high school, he became a Certified First Responder and he began teaching CPR and first aid to other students and teachers; he eventually provided life-saving CPR instruction to his entire high school.

Although he was only 16 and attending a high school class at the time, Antoine responded to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in downtown Manhattan on the morning of September 11, 2001; he helped save several lives, including a man suffering a heart attack and several individuals with life-threatening injuries. For two weeks following the attacks, Antoine continued to assist with the recovery efforts at the site.

Not long afterwards, Antoine completed the Emergency Medical Technician program at Olivachi EMT Training Center in Queens and became a NYS certified EMT. After graduating from Brooklyn Academy High School, Antoine continued his volunteer service at BSVAC and pursued paramedic training. He completed the Methodist Paramedic Training Program in Brooklyn and became a NYS certified Paramedic. His work as a Paramedic included advanced medical transport with Citywide Mobile Response and then with Senior Care EMS, as well as emergency medical standby at the Barclay Center and Mets stadium with First Response Ambulance. In 2016, Antione joined the Fire Department of the City of New York as a Paramedic, where he continues to serve our city, responding to 911 calls and providing emergency medical care, including advanced life support, to New Yorkers in critical medical situations and other emergencies.

Throughout his career in emergency medical services, Antoine has continued to devote himself in his spare time to BSVAC. Antoine's volunteer service with BSVAC has spanned more than 20 years and has included serving as an EMT Course Instructor and as Chief of Staff. Following the devastating earthquake in 2010 that killed tens of thousands in Haiti, Antoine was chosen by his father, Commander Robinson, to lead a contingent of healthcare providers sent by BSVAC to provide medical services to those in the Port-au-Prince area who had not yet received any aid. Antoine, already a Paramedic at the time, helped to save lives and treated many patients, including the entire population of children at an orphanage who were in danger of losing their sight from a highly contagious eye disease that Antoine was able to successfully treat using a remedy he needed to improvise because no standard medicines were available in Haiti following the earthquake.

Following the passing of Commander James Robinson in September 2019, Antoine became Commanding Officer of BSVAC; he also serves as President of BSVAC and as a member of its Board of Directors.

Vernice Robinson

Vernice Robinson is the widow of James ("Rocky") Robinson, founder of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC). She is the mother of seven children. She was employed at the United States Postal Service, as Manager of Customer Services, and retired in 2010 after 31 years of service. Her education included study at several theological seminaries and she earned doctorate degrees from Jacksonville Theological Seminary and the International Seminary of California.

While working at the Postal Service, Vernice went to school to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to help serve the community as part of BSVAC's ambulance service. In addition to serving as an EMT, Vernice has provided countless hours of volunteer administrative assistance to BSVAC. She has also served in leadership roles at BSVAC and currently serves as the corporate Secretary of BSVAC and as a member of its Board of Directors.

Vernice is an ordained minister and is the Pastor and Overseer of Parson Temple Fellowship Church of the Apostolic Faith. She serves on the Board of Directors of Adonijah Fellowship Bible School and Seminary, as well as the Ecumenical Leaders Fellowship. She is also the founder and President of the Parson Temple Theological Seminary.

Tamsin Wolf

Born and raised in upstate New York, Tamsin Wolf first came to New York City to attend the Manhattan School of Music, a conservatory where she studied flute. After graduating, Tamsin played in the Colorado Philharmonic Orchestra, then returned to New York where she worked as a free-lance musician, performing a wide range of classical, popular and contemporary music.

In addition to music, Tamsin was actively involved in volunteer work from an early age; as a teenager she served as counselor at a camp for developmentally delayed children. In New York City she served as a victim counselor with the St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Rape Crisis Center and helped to establish the New York Center for Law and the Deaf. Her work with the Center led her to attend law school. More recently, Tamsin helped to set up a school for children with cerebral palsy and other motor-neuron disorders.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Tamsin returned to New York City and began working at a Park Avenue law firm as a tax lawyer. She also earned an LL.M. in Taxation from NYU School of Law. After specializing in equipment leasing tax shelters for several years, Tamsin changed direction and went in-house, serving as Vice President at Merrill Lynch and then as Assistant General Counsel at Time Warner. She currently provides legal and business consulting services to a wide variety of clients.

In 1988 Tamsin helped incorporate and secure tax-exemption for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC). Since then, she has served on the Board of Directors; she also serves as Vice President and Treasurer. For her work with BSVAC, Tamsin was recognized with an Andrew Heiskell Community Service Award.

APPENDIX G Sample Solicitation Letter



727 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 • 917-567-9634 • www.bsvac.org

[Date]

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL / PROOF OF RECEIPT

[Recipient Name] [Recipient Address] [Recipient Address]

Re: Request for Letter of Support for Expansion of Operating Territory

Dear [Sir/Madam]:

We are writing to request your support for the expansion of the primary operating territory of Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) into the Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York neighborhoods. Wait times for ambulances in these areas average 12 minutes for life-threatening emergencies, leaving many residents without access to timely medical care. We understand that this situation constitutes a "public need", defined as "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 community-based EMS service would enable BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) level service to these additional neighborhoods and would help alleviate the burden on existing resources, thus reducing ambulance response times and resulting in a positive impact on the public need. BSVAC has an excellent service record, having provided emergency medical services to the community since 1988. BSVAC's services are provided to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay, making them a socially equitable resource for underserved neighborhoods.

As a regular participant in EMS responses, non-emergency assistance, and provider of training and community outreach services, BSVAC is uniquely qualified to provide not only necessary emergency medical care but also training in lifesaving skills to the residents of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York. We are seeking support from community leaders, organizations, elected officials and other individuals for this crucial initiative to improve ambulance services in these neighborhoods. Enclosed is a sample letter of support; we request that you return a letter of support (signed by your CEO or authorized designee, if applicable) by May 30, 2023, so that it may be added to our application packet. Please use the enclosed stamped return envelope, which is addressed to our V.P. Tamsin Wolf, who is collecting and collating our application documents.

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Sincerely,

Antoine Robinson
Commanding Officer

APPENDIX H

Application Endorsement – Solicitation List

Application Endorsement Solicitation List

<u>Hospitals – Heads of Emergency Departments</u>:

Med Dir of ED, Brookdale Medical Center 1 Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11212 Med Dir of ED, Interfaith Medical Center 1545 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213 *

Hospitals – Executive Directors:

Brookdale Medical Center

1 Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Samaica Hospital Medical Center

8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, NY 11418

Kings County Hospital Center

451 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

585 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203 *

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center 585 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203 **
SUNY Downstate Medical Center 450 Clarkson Avenue #67, Brooklyn, NY 11203

Hospital Based EMS Agencies:

Flushing Hospital Medical Center EMS 45 Avenue at Parsons Blvd, Flushing, NY 11355
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center EMS 8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, NY 11418

Maimonides Medical Center EMS 4802 10th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219

Mount Sinai Hospital EMS 1000 Tenth Avenue, Room GE-01, New York, NY 10019

New York Presbyterian EMS 525 East 68th Street M-101, New York, NY 10065

New York Presbyterian Queens EMS 56-45 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355 NYU Langone Hospital Center EMS 150 55th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220 Northwell Health/North Shore University Hospital EMS 15 Burke Lane, Syosset, NY 11791

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center EMS 348 Stanhope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237

Commercial EMS Agencies:

ALS Services 1070 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230
Ambulnz NY, LLC 35 West 35th Street, 6th Fl, New York, NY 10001

Assist Ambulance 940 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236
Citywide Mobile Response 1624 Stillwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461
Empress Ambulance Service 722 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703
Hunter Ambulance, Inc. 1028 Freeman Street, Bronx, NY 10459
Hunter EMS, Inc 299 Feldman Court, Bayshore, NY 11706

MediSys Ambulance Service 8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, 11418
Midwood Ambulance 2593 West 13th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223
North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service 112-09 14th Avenue, College Point, NY 11356

Primary Care Ambulance 2699 Richmond Terrace Place, Staten Island, NY 10303

P.O. Box 640181, Bayside, NY 11364-0181

Priority One Ambulance 19 Granite Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303
Richmond County Ambulance Service 1355 Casteton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310
SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services, Inc. 700 Havemeyer Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473

Volunteer EMS Agencies:

Jamaica Estates Holliswood South Bayside VAC

Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department

Chevra Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance

East Midwood Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Florest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps

15 Noel Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693

1070 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230

127 Beverly Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218

4623 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY 11234

P.O. Box 750617, Forest Hills, NY 11375

257-02 Union Turnpike, Floral Park, NY 11004

Lindenwood Community VAC North Shore Rescue Squad No. 1 Park Slope Volunteer Ambulance Corps Ridgewood Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Volunteer Heart Ambulance

West Hamilton Beach Volunteer Fire Dept

P.O. Box 170191, Ozone Park, NY 11417 P.O. Box 140702, Staten Island, NY 10314 P.O. Box 150210, Brooklyn, NY 11215

503 Onderdonk Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

P.O. Box 60252, Staten Island, NY 10306 P.O. Box 177, Howard Beach, NY 11414

Municipal EMS Agencies:

NYC Fire Department (FDNY) EMS Division NYC Police Department Emergency Services Unit (ESU) 50 Floyd Bennet Field, Brooklyn, NY 11234

9 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Other:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assn, District #4 NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assn, District #18

214 Kent Avenue #278, Endwell, NY 13760 214 Kent Avenue #278, Endwell, NY 13760

Municipal Organizations:

1360 Fulton Street – 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11216 Brooklyn Community Board #3 127 Pennsylvania Avenue – 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11207 Brooklyn Community **Board** #5 Brooklyn Community Board #8 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213 **Brooklyn Community Board #16** 444 Thomas Boyland Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Elected Officials:

NYC Councilmember Crystal Hudson 35 Hanson Place #778, Brooklyn, NY 11217 NYC Councilmember Chi Ossé 1360 Fulton Street #500, Brooklyn, NY 11216 NYC Councilmember Sandy Nurse 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207 NYC Councilmember Darlene Mealy 400 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212 NYC Councilmember Charles Barron 447 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207 NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams 165-90 Baisley Road, Jamaica, NY 11434 Brooklyn Borough President Antoinio Reynoso 208 Joralem Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 1 Centre Street – 15th Floor NW, New York, NY 10007 NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

NYS Assemblymember Brian Cunningham NYS 249 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11225 Assemblymember Erik Dilan 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 111237

400 Rockaway Avenue – 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11212 NYS Assemblymember Latrice Walker 1368 Fulton Street – 3rd Floor NW, Brooklyn, NY 11216 NYS Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman

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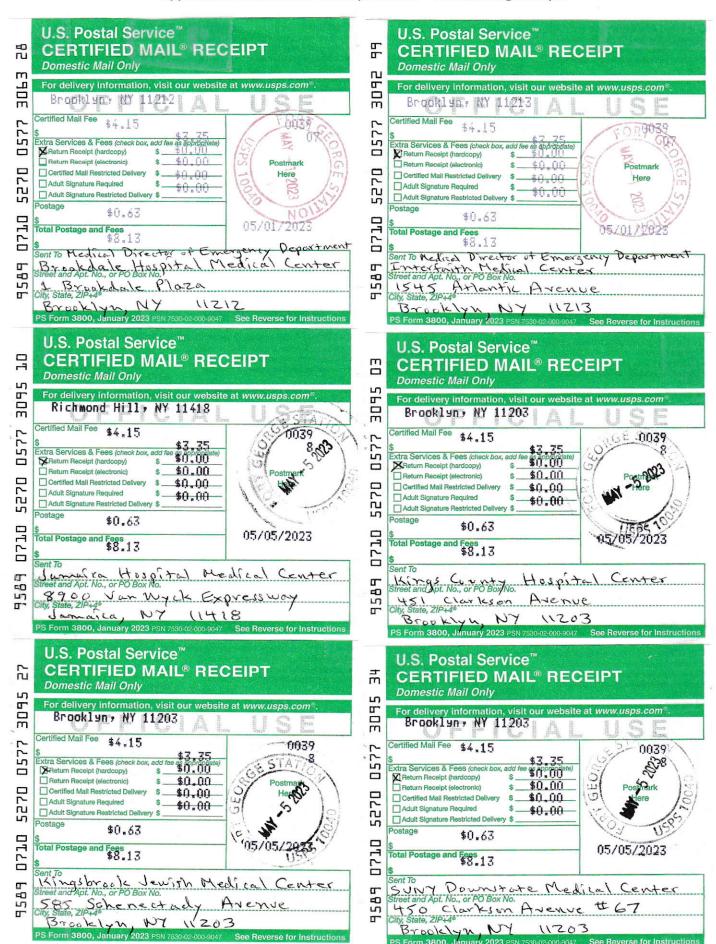
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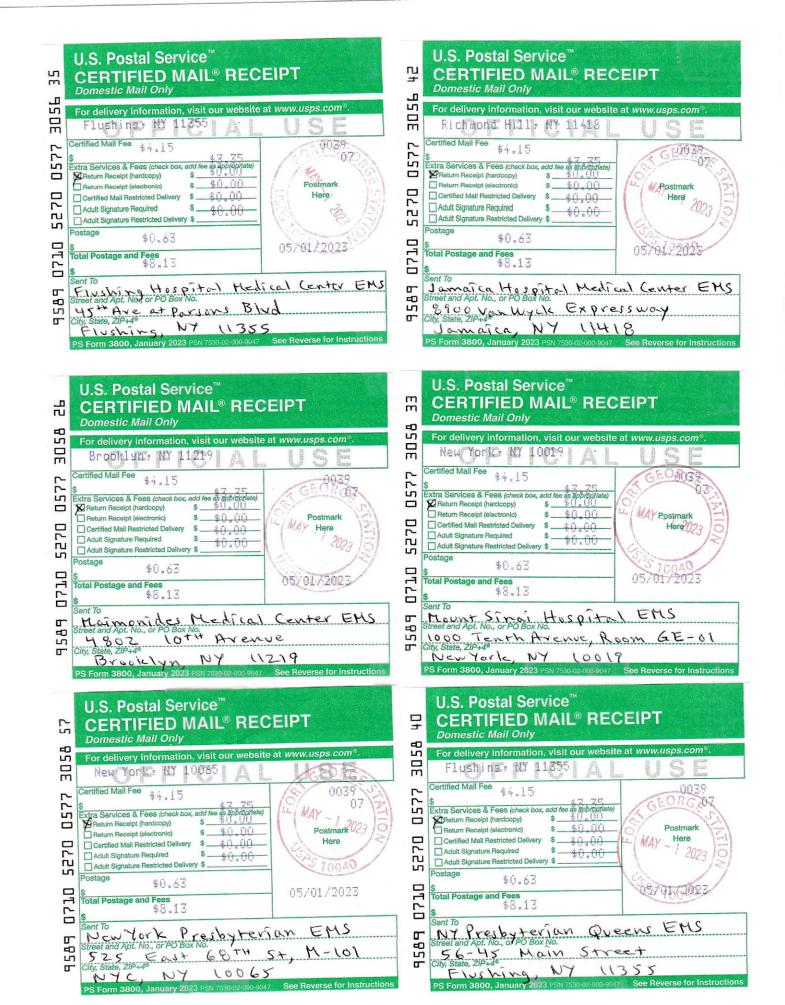
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APPENDIX I

Application Endorsement Solicitations – USPS Certified Mail Receipts









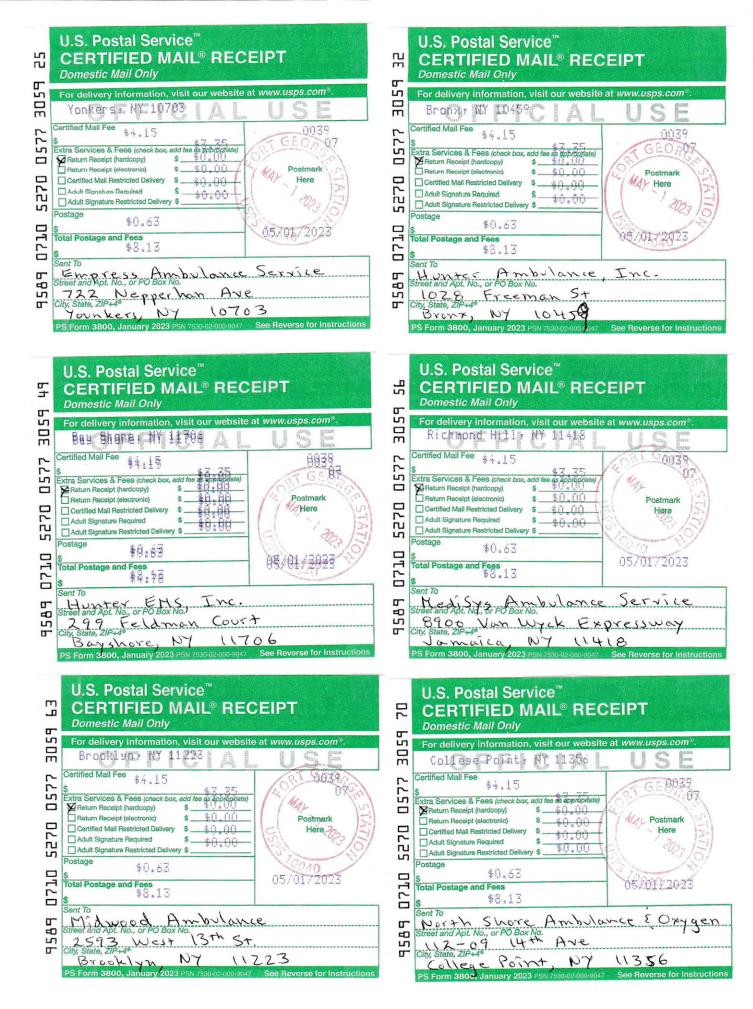


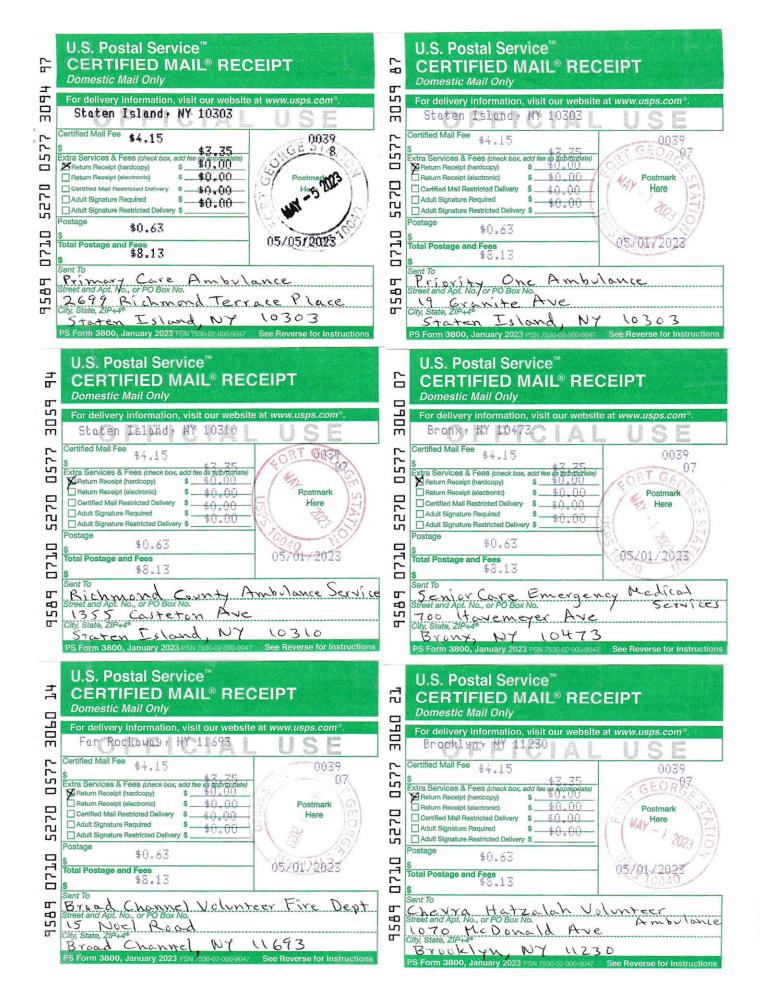


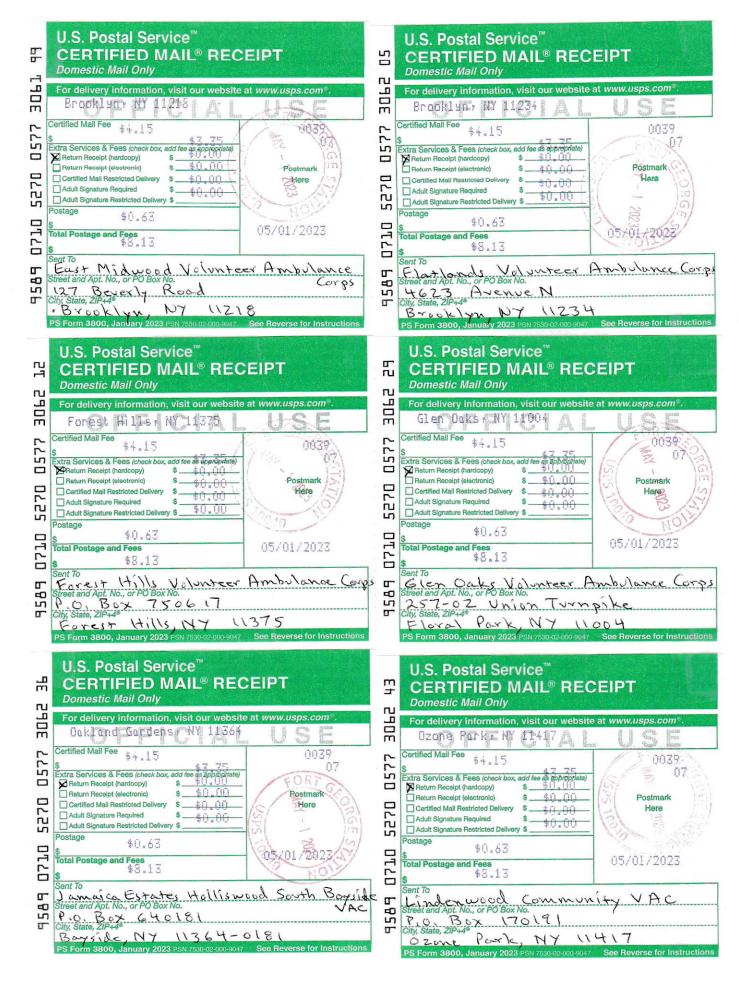
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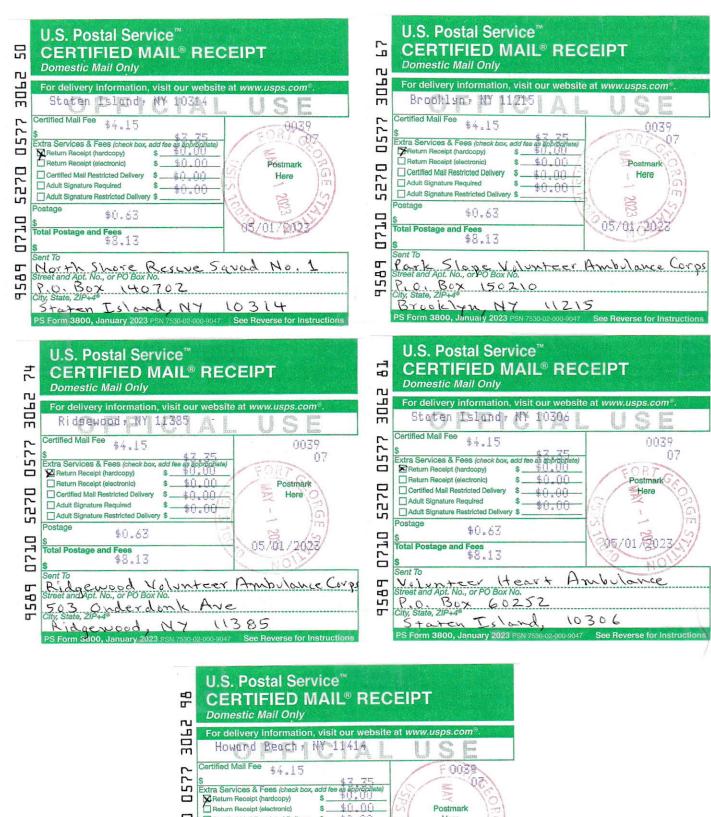


















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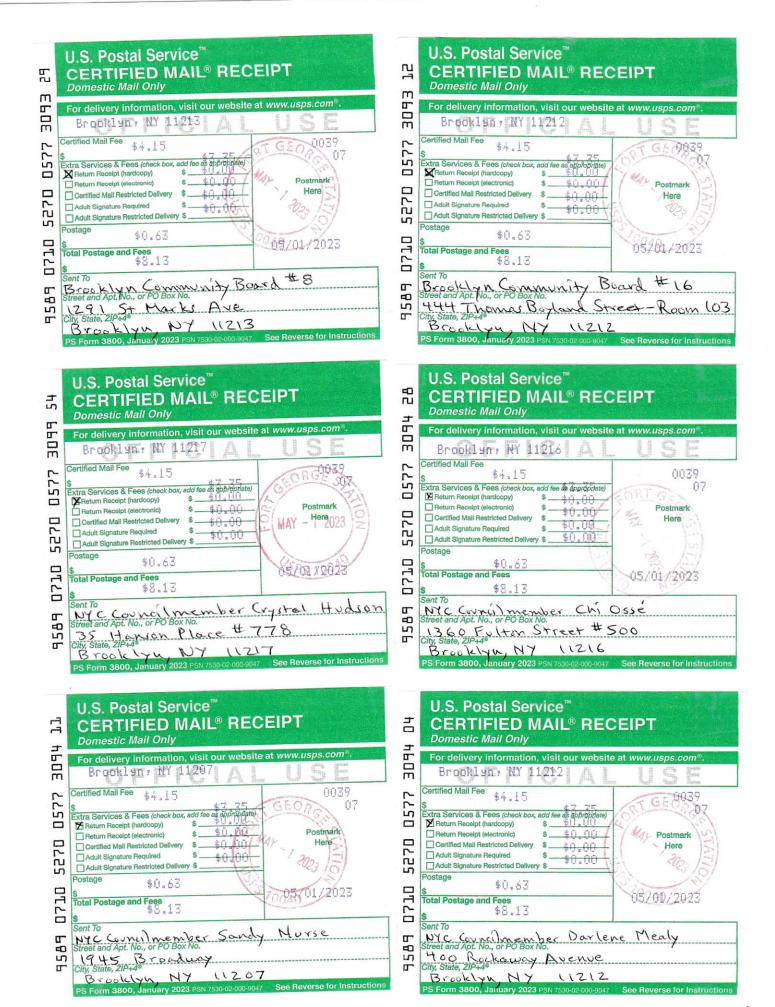
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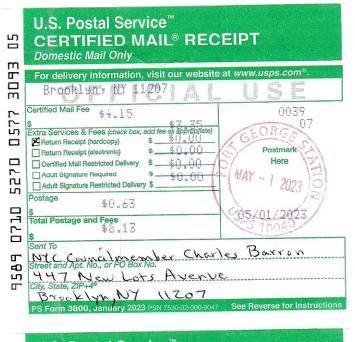
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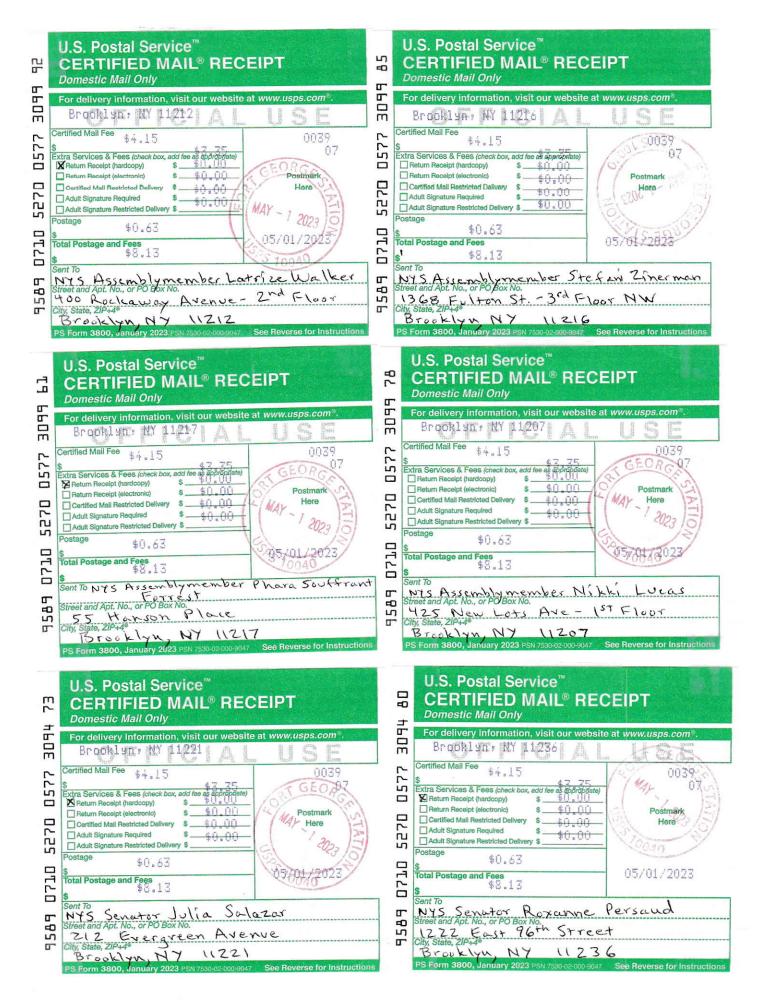
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APPENDIX J

Application Endorsement Letters of Support

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<u>Hospitals – Heads of Emergency Departments:</u>

Brookdale Medical Center

(co-signed by Chairman of ED and by Executive Director)

Interfaith Medical Center

(co-signed by Chairman of ED and by Director of Emergency Services)

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

(signed by Chairman of Emergency Department)

<u>Hospitals – Executive Directors</u>:

Brookdale Medical Center

(separate letter signed by Executive Director)

Jamaica Hospital Medical Center

(signed by President/Chief Executive Officer)

Hospital Based EMS Agencies:

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center EMS (signed by EMS Manager)

Volunteer EMS Agencies:

Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department
Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Jamaica Estates Holliswood South Bayside VAC
Park Slope Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Ridgewood Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Volunteer Heart Ambulance

Other:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assn, District #4 NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assn, District #18

Municipal Organizations:

Brooklyn Community Board #3
Brooklyn Community Board #5

Brooklyn Community Board #8

Brooklyn Community Board #16

Elected Officials:

NYC Councilmember Crystal Hudson

NYC Councilmember Chi Ossé

NYC Councilmember Sandy Nurse

NYC Councilmember Charles Barron

NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams

Brooklyn Borough President Antoinio Reynoso

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

NYS Assemblymember Brian Cunningham

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NYS Senator Julia Salazar

NYS Senator Roxanne Persaud

NYS Senator Zellnor Myrie

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US Representative Hakeem Jeffries

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Community Organizations:

Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation



May 30, 2023

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Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Vaccari, MD

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Chairman of ED

Brookdale University Medical Center

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Brooklyn, NY, 11212

Off: 718-240-7955

Sandra Scott, MD

Executive Director

Brookdale University Medical Center

1 Brookdale Plaza

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Brookdale

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Kingsbrook 585 Schenectady Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11203 718.604.5000

Alternative Housing 1366 East New York Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11212 713 613 6711

Bedford Avenue Dental 1536 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11216 718 613 7375

BFCC Bristol 1235 Linden Blvd. Brooklyn, NY 11212 718,240,5071

BFCC Eastern Parkway 1883 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11233 718.240.8700

BFCC Linden 2554 Linden Blvd Brooklyn, NY 11208 713 240 8600

BFCC New Lots 465 New Lots Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207 718 240 8900

BFCC Pennsylvania 1110 Pennsylvania Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207 718.649,5519

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Bishop Orris G. Walker Health Center 523 Prospect Place Brooklyn, NY 11238 718-613-6800

MMTP and Primary Care 880/882 Bergen Street Brooklyn, NY 11238 718-613.7511

Pierre Toussaint Family Health Center 1110 Eastern Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11213 718.735.1900

Rutland Nursing Home 1 David Minkin Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11203 718-604-5603

Schulman & Schachne Institute for Nursing & Rehabilitation 551 Rockseasy Parkway Brooklym, NY 11212 718 240 6902

Urgent Care 1235 Linden Blvd Brooklyn, NY 11212 718,975,8363 May 30, 2013

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Interfaith Medical Center

1545 Atlantic Avenue

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Jeff Cheung, MD

Chairman of ED

Jack Finkelstein, MPA, CEM, NREMT-P, CIC Director of Emergency Services

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585 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203

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585 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman of Emergency Department Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

585 Schenectady Avenue

Brooklyn, NY, 11203

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May 30, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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Sincerely,

Sandra R. Scott, M.D. Executive Director Brookdale Hospital



BRUCE J. FLANZ PRESIDENT & CEO

May 22, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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Additional emergency medical resources benefit any community by reducing the response time of qualified medical personnel. Furthermore, volunteer organizations such as Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps provide an opportunity for members of the community to receive emergency medical training.

We support community-based volunteer ambulance services.

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Flanz

President and Chief Executive Officer



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

348 Stanhope Street Brooklyn, New York 11237 718-302-8403 / 718-381-1784

5/9/2023

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Michael Kaufman EMS Manager

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

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Dan McIntyre, President

Broad Channel Volunteers





Volunteer First Aid Corps, Inc.

05/25/2023

Mr. James Pointer

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Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps

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Stuart Weiselberg

Captain

Sincerely

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Sincerely,

Henry Ehrhardt

President



JAMAICA ESTATES - HOLLISWOOD - SOUTH BAYSIDE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.

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Daryl Mazlish, EMT-B

President

May 5, 2023

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Park Slope Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. www.psvac.org

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Sincerely.

Louis Greco III President / Chief



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May 28, 2023

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Sincerely,

Jesus D. Rodriguez Sr.

Board Chair



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May 12, 2023

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Accordingly, I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of the members, officers, and Board of Directors of Volunteer Heart Ambulance. We endorse BSVAC's application and request that their request to expand their primary operating territory be approved.

Steven Guadalupe, NREMT, CSHO Compliance, Health & Safety Officer Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator



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June 1st, 2023

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Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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It is because of these reasons that I, as chair of NYSVARA District 4, give my support to BSVAC and their efforts to expand their area of service.

Sincerely,

Travis Kessel

Chair, District 4

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May 21, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: <u>Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Expansion of Operating Territory Application</u>

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Sincerely

Jerry Gelbard, EMT-P District Director ANTHONY BUISSERETH CHAIR

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 3 1360 FULTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11216

May 26, 2023

James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Dear Mr. Pointer,

On behalf of Brooklyn's Community Board 3, representing Bedford-Stuyvesant, I write to express the Board's executive committee's unanimous support for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health 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), thus enabling BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support level volunteer EMS/ambulance service to these additional neighborhoods.

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BSVAC is a treasured neighborhood resource and has been model for volunteer ambulance corps across the country. The Board's executive committee enthusiastically supports the approval of the request to expand their primary operating territory.

Sincerely,

Anthony Buissereth

Chair



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June 30th, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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Chairwoman

Brooklyn, Community Board 5



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May 5, 2023

Mr. James Pointer, Chief of Staff Bed-Stuy Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Dear Mr. Pointer,

Brooklyn Community Board 8 supports Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and the NYS Dept. of Health for expansion of its primary operating territory. If approved, the expanded territory would cover the habitually underserved communities of Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York, where residents in the zip codes of 11212, 11213, 11207, and 11208.

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BSVAC has a positive reputation in the community, notably because of their treatment of everyone in a quality manner and regardless of their ability or inability to pay. Their mission of saving and changing lives helps many of those that receive their services to follow in the same vein of community building, which is why the volunteer corps is so successful. In operation since 1988, BSVAC's community service is second to none, as they fill other crucial needs such as emergency care and training. We look forward to their expanded zone covering residents of District 8.

Sincerely,

Michelle George District Manager



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June 28, 2023

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Crystal Hudson

New York City Council Member, District 35

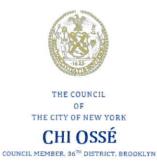
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May 22, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: <u>Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Primary Operating Territory Expansion</u>

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Sincerely,

Honorable Chi Ossé New York City Council Member, District 36 DISTRICT OFFICE 56 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11207 TEL: (718) 642-8664

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May, 30th, 2023

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Sandy Nurse

Sincerely,

上Council Member- District 37

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May 17, 2023

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

Councilmember Charles Barron



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June 5, 2023

Tamsin Wolf 720 Fort Washington Ave. #4-K New York, NY 10040

Dear Ms. Wolf:

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

Sincerely,

Adrienne E. Adams

Speaker New York City Council



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Brooklyn Borough President

May 19, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: <u>Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Primary Operating Territory Expansion</u>

Dear Mr. Pointer:

I am writing to express support for the application of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) 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), thus enabling BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support level volunteer EMS/ambulance service to these additional neighborhoods.

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

Sincerely,

Antonio Reynoso

Brooklyn Borough President



PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Jumaane D. Williams

May 16th, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

RE: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps — Primary Operating Territory Expansion

Dear Mr. Pointer:

I am writing this letter in support of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps' (BSVAC) application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health 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).

These areas constitute a "public need", established under the NYS Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services 2006 policy statement as: "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."

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. Wait times for ambulances in these areas average 12 minutes for life-threatening emergencies, leaving many residents without access to timely care.

Since its inception in 1988, BSVAC has been a strong community partner. BSVAC's services are provided to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay, a crucial and equitable resource for underserved communities. In addition to this, BSVAC has trained over two thousand local residents, giving many the first foothold in becoming professional EMTs, law enforcement officials, nurses, physician assistants, paramedics and even doctors.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to endorse your application and request to expand their primary operating resources. For your response and any additional questions or discussion, please contact First Deputy Public Advocate Nick E. Smith at nsmith@advocate.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Jumaane D. Williams

Public Advocate for the City of New York



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May 11, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Dear Mr. Pointer,

I write in support of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and the New York State Department of Health to expand operation territory to Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East New York. This expansion would offer vital services, such as Basic Life Support level volunteer EMS/ ambulance services, to parts of my district.

Since 1988, BSVAC has provided vital emergency medical services to Brooklyn residents in their catchment area. As the nation's first multi-racial volunteer ambulance corps, BSVAC continues to save lives through its neighborhood first responder station and emergency medical training. BSVAC provides services to residents regardless of their ability to pay, which aligns with their motto, "saving lives and changing lives."

Recent fires have illuminated the acute need for an expansion. The proposed expansion of BSVAC's primary operating territory into these three communities will help alleviate the burden on existing community-based EMS resources and reduce ambulance response times. East New York, Brownsville, and Crown Heights residents will all benefit from the responsiveness, access to local events and community outreach, and emergency care and training, only available to residents through municipal, commercial, and hospital systems with significant financing.

The expansion would significantly bolster the existing services, ensuring my constituents are safe in times of crisis. I support BSVAC's application and request to expand its primary operating territory. If you have further questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Sydney Renwick, at renwicks@nyasembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Cunningham

New York State Assembly Member

Brooklyn, District 43



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June 6, 2023

Mr. James Pointer
Chief of Staff
Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps
727 Greene Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: <u>Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Primary Operating Territory Expansion</u>

Dear Mr. Pointer:

I am writing to express my support for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) and their application to expand their primary operating territory into the neighboring areas of Crown Heights (zip codes 11213 and 11216), Brownsville (zip code 11212), and East New York (zip codes 11207 and 11208). This expansion will allow BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support level volunteer EMS/ambulance service to these communities in need.

BSVAC has provided a clear definition of "public need" as defined by the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Policy Statement 06-06: EMS Certificate Application Process (CON) (May 26, 2006). This includes factors such as geography, population, level of care, quality of existing services, type of service, special needs, service effectiveness, cost and operation, and other local factors. BSVAC's proposed expansion into these areas meets the criteria for public need, as it will help address the lack of ambulance and emergency medical services in these communities.

The expansion of BSVAC's primary operating territory will not only provide much-needed emergency care and training, but it will also alleviate the burden on existing community-based EMS resources and reduce ambulance response times. BSVAC has a proven track record of excellence since its founding in 1988, and their services are available to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay.

As such, I wholeheartedly endorse BSVAC's application and urge the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health to approve their request to expand their primary operating territory.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Erik Martin Dilan

Member of Assembly, 54th District-Kings

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STATE OF NEW YORK

May 26, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: BSVAC Primary Operating Territory Expansion

Dear Mr. Pointer:

I am Latrice Walker, the duly elected representative of New York State's 55th Assembly District, which includes Brownsville and parts of East New York, Crown Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant. I am writing to lend my voice to the chorus of people who may be communicating with you about the potential expansion of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The BSVAC, which has provided emergency medical services and training programs to Bedford-Stuyvesant since 1988, has filed an expansion application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health. They seek to broaden their primary coverage territory to include the adjacent neighborhoods of Crown Heights (zip codes 11213 and 11216), Brownsville (zip code 11212), and East New York (zip codes 11207 and 11208), thus enabling BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support level volunteer EMS/ambulance service to these additional neighborhoods.

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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. The ambulance service has an excellent service record since its inception.

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.

I respectfully request full and fair consideration of the proposal by the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Service Corps. to expand their primary territory in accordance with any and all applicable laws, regulations, and statutes.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. And, thank you for your kind consideration. Please reach out to me if I can be helpful during your deliberations. Alternatively, you may contact my Chief of Staff, Jessica Douglas, by email: douglasj@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Latrice Monique Walker, Esq.

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May 11, 2023

STEFANI L. ZINERMAN Member of the Assembly 56th District, Kings County

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Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

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

Stefani L. Zinerman

Sincerely

Member of the New York State Assembly

56th District, Brooklyn



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May 23, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff, Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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

Sincerely,

Phara Souffrant Forrest

NYS Assemblywoman, 57th District



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May 26, 2023

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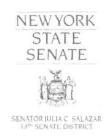
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Accordingly, it is my pleasure to endorse BSVAC's application and request that their request to expand their primary operating territory be approved.

Sincerely,

Nikki I Lucas

ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 60TH AD



5/17/23

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

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

Sincerely,

Senator Julia Salazar, 18th Senate District

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Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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The proposed expansion of BSVAC's primary operating territory to these other neighborhoods would help alleviate the burden on existing community-based EMS resources. It would, among other things, reduce ambulance response times. BSVAC has an excellent service record since its inception in 1988. BSVAC aims to provide community-based volunteer EMS/ambulance service to these new 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 participant in EMS responses, non-emergency assistance, local events, and community outreach, providing much-needed emergency care and training, which cannot be replicated by other municipal, commercial, and hospital systems without the expenditure of considerable resources.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse BSVAC's application to expand its primary operating territory.

Sincerely,



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

Sincerely,

Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie 20th District, Brooklyn

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May 23, 2023

Mr. James Pointer, Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

Dear Mr. Pointer,

Brooklyn, NY 11221

I am writing to express support for the application of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) 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), thus enabling BSVAC to provide Basic Life Support level volunteer 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,

NAS Senator Jabari Brisport

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May 24, 2023

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Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today in full support for the application of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) 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 neighboring communities of Crown Heights (11213 & 11216), Brownsville (11212), and East New York (11207 & 11208). This would allow the BSVAC to continue to provide their essential health support services to additional neighborhoods.

As a strong advocate for the BSVAC, it cannot go without noting the incredible benefits of this volunteer based and run organization. This includes responding on average to more than 1,200 calls per year, maintaining an average response time of less than 4 minutes, and protecting the lives of men and women in disadvantaged communities. Ever since their inception in 1988, BSVAC's goal has been to provide community-based volunteer EMS/ ambulance service to any person in need of it, no questions asked. They pride themselves in their expertise, having witnessed firsthand the impact they create on low-income and underserved communities of color over time. The BSVAC has also received additional legislative aid from Assemblywoman Zinerman, as she has introduced a bill on their behalf. The bill states that the city of New York transfers and conveys certain city owned property to the Bedford-Stuyvesant volunteer ambulance corps, which provides them a permanent home and space in Brooklyn, the borough they have dedicated to serve.

The proposed expansion of BSVAC's primary operating territory to these additional neighborhoods would not only help alleviate the burden on existing EMS resources, but it would save the lives of many individuals in distress. Their critical services are provided to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay, which would make a tremendous difference as ambulatory costs are on the rise in the city. As the Representative for the 8th Congressional District, I urge full and fair consideration for the expansion application of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 9, 2023

Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Primary Operating Territory Expansion

Dear Mr. Pointer:

As the representative of New York's 7th Congressional district, I write in support of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health for authorization to extend its core operational area into the surrounding communities of East New York and Cypress Hills in my district (zip codes 11207 and 11208) and the neighboring communities like Crown Heights (zip codes 11213 and 11216), and Brownsville (zip code 11212).

Since its inception in 1988, BSVAC has maintained an exemplary service record. The proposal to expand and meet the urgent healthcare needs of the local community is vital. I have witnessed first-hand the dire need for additional medical emergency response services, especially in communities with high health needs. Expanding your scope is also a testament to your organization's unwavering commitment to social justice and equitable healthcare. By enhancing your capabilities, you will be better equipped to reach underserved areas, provide medical education, and offer preventive care services that can significantly impact the overall health and well-being of our community.

Your commitment to providing timely and professional emergency medical services is a beacon of hope for those who often find themselves without proper access to care. The COVID-19 pandemic revealed significant weaknesses in our healthcare infrastructure and exposed our vulnerabilities. It underscored the importance of preparedness, efficient resource allocation, and a strong community-based approach to healthcare.

I am confident that the expansion of the BSVAC will not only meet the growing demand for emergency medical services but also inspire members of the community to volunteer and amplify your mission.

Therefore, it is without hesitation that I extend my support for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps application to expand. Together, we can help preserve and strengthen the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

Thank you for the vital work you do. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me or District Director Evelyn Cruz at (718) 599-3658.

Sincerely

Nydia M. Velázquez

Member of Congress

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Mr. James Pointer Chief of Staff Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps 727 Greene Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Re: Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Primary Operating Territory Expansion

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

Sincerely,

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