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Dear Dr. Goldfrank:

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Sincerely,

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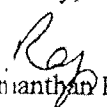
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To this end, we are prepared to commit the administrative and technical resources of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and Bellevue Hospital Center, in particular, to this endeavor including its operating rooms, emergency department and associated equipment and supplies.

We are pleased to partner with other members of the consortium to investigate opportunities to close the gap between the need for organs to save lives and the number of viable organs available. We look forward to working with you and other members of the team to address this public health need.

Sincerely,


Ramanathan Raju



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NICHOLAS SCOPPETTA
Fire Commissioner



May 3, 2007

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Dr. Goldfrank:

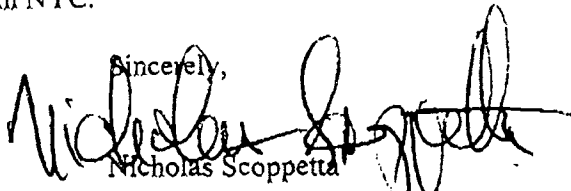
The Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) has the authority and responsibility under the New York City (NYC) Charter to provide ambulance services, emergency medical services, and other responses necessary to preserve public health, safety and welfare, and to perform any functions relating to the provision of such services.

The FDNY is pleased to provide this letter of support for the grant application (HRSA-07-077) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration to investigate clinical interventions to increase organ procurement. We understand that you will be the primary investigator (PI) and our Deputy Medical Director, Dr. Bradley Kaufman, will be a co-PI.

Presently there are more than 94,000 individuals on the U.S. organ transplant waiting list, and most will die while waiting for a donation. Most transplantable organs come from deceased donors who have been declared dead by neurologic criteria. Since many more deaths in the United States are determined by circulatory criteria, the recent Institute of Medicine report, "Organ Donation: Opportunities for Action", has identified the potential to increase the numbers of transplantable organs by pursuing donation after circulatory determination of death (DCDD) in large urban areas with excellent emergency medical care. Using data from the NYC PHASE study (Pre-Hospital Arrest Survival Evaluation), a conservative estimate is that approximately 350 patients per year would meet DCDD criteria in NYC, each with the potential to donate multiple organs thereby potentially saving hundreds of lives.

We understand that this project will involve various phases, the first of which will identify the feasibility of a pilot project via discussions with the City Council, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York State Department of Health, as well as the public. If DCDD is determined to be feasible in NYC, the grant will fund a dedicated FDNY ambulance to transport potential donors who had been pronounced dead in the prehospital setting to Bellevue Hospital Center for subsequent organ preservation and donation.

This is an important public health initiative with the potential to save hundreds of lives every year. We applaud the HRSA for funding research that will help us understand and remove institutional, professional, and community barriers and resistance to DCDD. We look forward to partnering with you, the Health and Hospitals Corporation, and the Organ Donor Network, to increase DCDD in NYC.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Scoppetta



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May 7, 2007

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Dear Dr. Goldfrank:

On behalf of the Organ Donor Network, we are pleased to offer our support for the grant opportunity entitled: "Opportunities for Organ Donation: Expanding the Right to Donate Organs Following Uncontrolled Circulatory Determination of Death". We are confident that the pilot project will be conducted in an ethically and morally responsible manner, sensitive to the needs of all stakeholders.

To this end, we are prepared to commit the following resources: Dr. Eric Grossman, Medical Director at ten percent or four hours per week. His role will be to provide logistical, research, methodology and public relations support. In addition, we will allocate Mr. Fred Selck as Data Analyst at 20% percent or eight hours per week. Additionally, there are two full time organ donor counselors included in the grant request, and we will provide them with initial and continuous training and supervision throughout the grant cycle. An important component of the grant is the work in building community support and in developing and implementing a public education campaign. Our organization, and in particular, our Communications Department has extensive experience and expertise in this area, and will be committed to ensuring that these initiatives are successful.

With 6,000 Americans needlessly dying every year waiting for a transplant, it is imperative to find creative new solutions to this problem. We are pleased to partner with Bellevue Hospital Center and other members of the consortium to investigate opportunities to address this important public health need.

Sincerely,

Elaine R. Berg
President & CEO

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May 9, 2007

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Dear Dr. Goldfrank,

I am writing in support of the grant application (HRSA-07-077) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration to investigate clinical intervention to increase organ procurement "*Opportunities for Organ Donation: Expanding the Right to Donate Organs Following Uncontrolled Circulatory Determination of Death*," for which Bellevue Hospital Center will be the lead facility. The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and Bellevue Hospital Center is uniquely positioned to lead the effort in determining the feasibility of a Citywide effort to expand the pool of transplantable organs by offering families/significant others the opportunity to make a decision about organ donation following circulatory determination of death. Bellevue Hospital Center wholeheartedly supports these initiatives.

Bellevue agrees to offer our facility as the primary site for organ retrieval/transplantation should the family/significant others consent. In Partnership with New York University, we agree to commit 20% (8 hours a week) of your time to this grant. In addition, our existing staff in the Emergency Department and Operation Room will lend their skills and technical expertise to the organ donation effort that outline in the grant application.

Bellevue Hospital Center is the premiere safety net leader of services, medical education and public health and has been an important community partner to New York City for over 271 years. We have worked closely with The Organ & Tissue Donor Network for many years and greatly anticipate working with this inspiring new organ donation project.

We look forward to continue working towards the goal of increasing organ donations in the City of New York.

Sincerely,


Lynda D. Curtis



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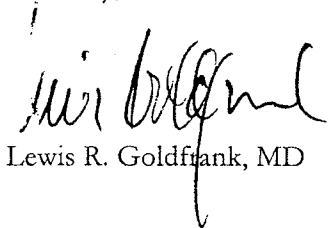
Ms. Lynda Curtis
Senior Vice President/Executive Director
South Manhattan Health Network
Bellevue Hospital Center
462 First Avenue, ME-8
New York, New York 10016

Dear Ms. Curtis:

It is with great pleasure that we submit this proposal entitled "Opportunities for Organ Donation: Expanding the Right to Donate Organs Following Uncontrolled Circulatory Determination of Death." I feel that my expertise, as well as the support of Bellevue Hospital Center, the New York City Emergency Medical Services, and the New York Organ Donor Network, will drive this project to a successful conclusion.

To further the goals of this proposal I am prepared to commit 20% of my time from my responsibilities at New York University Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center or eight hours per week, toward my role as Principal Investigator. I will also commit the other resources of the New York University Department of Emergency Medicine and of that the Bellevue Hospital Center Emergency Department as necessary and available, toward the successful completion of this grant.

Sincerely,



Lewis R. Goldfrank, MD





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May 7, 2007

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Dear Ms. Curtis:

On behalf of the NYU Department of Surgery, we are pleased to offer our support for the grant opportunity entitled: "Opportunities for Organ Donation: Expanding the Right to Donate Organs Following Uncontrolled Circulatory Determination of Death". We are confident that the pilot project will be conducted in an ethically and morally responsive manner, sensitive to the needs of the stakeholders.

To this end, we are prepared to commit the following resources: Dr. Lewis Teperman, Director of Transplantation at ten percent or four hours per week. His role will be to provide logistical, research, methodology and public relations support.

We are pleased to partner with Bellevue Hospital Center and other members of the consortium to investigate opportunities to address this important public health need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric C. Rackow".

Eric C. Rackow, M.D.

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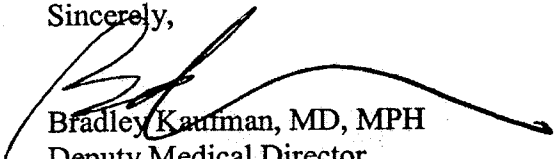
Dear Dr. Goldfrank:

On behalf of the New York City Fire Department, I am pleased to offer support for the grant opportunity entitled "Opportunities for Organ Donation: Expanding the Right to Donate Organs Following Uncontrolled Circulatory Determination of Death".

Based upon Commissioner Scoppetta's letter, the Fire Department is prepared to commit 10% of my time (4 hours per week) as well as an ambulance fully stocked with basic life support supplies and staffed with two EMT's (4 EMT's required to fulfill staffing requirements) for one shift per day, 7 days per week should the project proceed to the implementation phase.

We are pleased to partner with you and the other members of the consortium to investigate opportunities to address this important public health need.

Sincerely,



Bradley Kaufman, MD, MPH
Deputy Medical Director