

March 23, 2017

The Honorable Arlene González-Sánchez  
Commissioner  
New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services  
1450 Western Avenue  
Albany, New York 12203

Re: NYSOASAS RFP # 16104  
Capital Development and Operation of Residential Services within Richmond County

Dear Commissioner González-Sánchez:

I am writing to express my firm support for Camelot of Staten Island, Inc. and their efforts to establish Staten Island's first women's intensive residential treatment program for substance use disorder (SUD) on the Sea View Hospital campus.

I know you are aware of the depth of the opioid addiction crisis here on Staten Island, and that Camelot has been at the forefront in the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicted men and women for over 40 years. The proposed 25-bed women's facility will complement the 45-bed men's facility that has operated successfully on the Sea View campus since 2012. That facility and its grounds have been well-kept and maintained, and has established itself as part of the landscape of the campus; I am sure a new women's facility will do the same.

I therefore ask the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services to look approvingly at the proposal made by Camelot, and again express my strong support.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

CC: Luke Nasta, Executive Director, Camelot of Staten Island, Inc.

