



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Owl, Inc., a non-medical wheelchair transport provider.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for a new applicant, Owl, Inc., to provide non-medical wheelchair transport services.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificate.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

Owl, Inc. has completed the application and met the Authority's inspection requirements to operate as a non-medical wheelchair transport business in Pinellas County. The COPCN will be effective August 9, 2016 with an expiration date of June 30, 2017. The total number of providers is currently fourteen (14) in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) and (2) pending approval for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17).

Background Information:

Pinellas County Code, Section 54, requires firms providing Wheelchair Transportation Services to apply for a COPCN in order to operate in Pinellas County.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Michael Cooksey, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

AVS Mobility, Inc.

Americhair Transport Service, Inc. (Pending Approval)

CareCabee Transportation, LLC

Care Ride, LLC

Comfort Coach Wheelchair Transportation, Inc.

Express Medical Transporters, Inc.

Lifefleet Southeast, Inc. d/b/a American Medical Response (AMR)

Mac J Transport, Inc.

MedFleet, Inc.

Owl, Inc. (Pending Approval)

Safe Choice Transportation Services, LLC

Tender Touch Transport Service, LLC

The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Inc. d/b/a TransCare Medical Transportation Services

Trinity Mobility, Inc., d/b/a, A Trinity Wheelchair Transportation

Wheelchair/Stretcher Limo, Inc.

Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc.

Attachments:

Provider agency listing

COPCN