

Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 18-354A, Version: 1

Subject:

Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, issue a renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for each wheelchair/stretcher van transport provider on the attached listing.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

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

- 5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.
- 5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support.

Summary:

The firms on the attached provider list have completed a renewal application and have met the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport business in Pinellas County. Current COPCNs will expire June 30, 2018. There are a total of twelve (12) providers of which six (6) have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services. On a separate BCC item two additional new providers of wheelchair service COPCNs are being considered under item 18-720A. If approved, the total number of providers will increase to fourteen (14). This item however is for renewal of the existing 12 providers.

Background Information:

Pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, firms providing Wheelchair/Stretcher Van Transportation Services are required to obtain a COPCN in order to operate in Pinellas County.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Americhair Transport Service, Inc.

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CareCabee Transportation, L.L.C.

Care Ride, L.L.C.

EKallevig Transport, L.L.C. d/b/a Caliber Patient Transport

Liberty Wheelchair Transport, L.L.C.

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

MedFleet, Inc.

Pinellas Transportation, L.L.C. (Formerly Tender Touch Transport Service L.L.C.)

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 List COPCN Certificates COPCN Applications