

Staff Report

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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 Authority, issue a renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for each wheelchair/stretcher van transport provider on the attached listing. Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

- The current certificates expire on June 30, 2019.
- The 14 firms on the attached list have completed a renewal application and meet the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport business.
- 8 of the 14 firms have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services.

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. The current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) will expire on June 30, 2019. There are a total of fourteen providers of which eight have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services.

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. BeSafe Transportation, L.L.C. Care Ride, L.L.C. Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Inc. d/b/a TransCare Medical Transportation Services DSH Services Inc. d/b/a Home Helpers 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. On-Time Transports, L.L.C. Pinellas Transports, L.L.C. 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