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November 18, 2021

TO: Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Alison Zerbe, Board Coordinator, Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council *AZ*

SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Review Subcommittee's recommendation regarding Class 2 and Class 3 COPCN renewal applications

On November 18, 2021, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Review Subcommittee of the EMS Council met to discuss the Class 2- Advanced Life Support (ALS) transfer and Class 3- Basic Life Support (BLS) transport Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) renewal applications for Broward Ambulance, Inc. d/b/a AMR and MCT Express, Inc. brought forth by Environmental and Consumer Protection Division. Based upon the requirements of Chapter 3 ½, Emergency Medical Services and Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services, and the review of all complaints and resolutions of both providers over the last COPCN period, the EMS Review Subcommittee recommended a motion to approve the Class 2 and Class 3 COPCN renewal applications for both providers contingent on meeting the requirements of Broward County, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 3 ½.

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Broward Regional EMS Council
EMS Review Committee
November 18, 2021 - SKYPE
1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Call to Order

Alison Zerbe, Staff, called Skype meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

Roll Call

Alison Zerbe called roll and quorum established.

Announcements: N/A

Identify Conflicts of Interest

Merlin Underwood, AMR Ambulance

Approval of Minutes from September 2, 2021:

MOTION to Accept the minutes of September 2, 2021

Motion made by: Joanne Richter

Seconded: Terrence Davis

MOTION passed unanimously

Old Business

None

New Business

Alison Zerbe- Our current private ambulance provider's COPCNs are up for renewal. Per Broward County Code of Ordinance, Chapter 3 ½, If the Division has received a complaint against a current EMS provider within the past certificate period, the Division must forward the renewal application to the EMS Review Committee for its review and recommendation to the Board, through the County Administrator. Broward Ambulance, Inc. d/b/a AMR and MCT Express, Inc. each received one complaint within the past five years. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide a recommendation regarding their COPCN renewal taking into consideration the complaints and resolution of the complaints. The information regarding the complaints, resolutions, agenda for the meeting, and draft meeting minutes from the September meeting were provided to the Committee before the meeting.

Broward Ambulance, Inc. d/b/a AMR COPCN renewal application

Discussion:

Alison Zerbe recapitulated the complaint and resolution regarding Broward Ambulance, Inc. d/b/a AMR. She mentioned she also followed up with the complainant, Chief Jason Pindell of Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue, to confirm the matter was resolved and there has been no further concern.

MOTION was made by Chief Julie Downey to recommend the approval of the COPCN renewal applications for Broward Ambulance, Inc. d/b/a AMR COPCN and SECONDED by Terrence Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

MCT Express, Inc. COPCN renewal application

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Alison Zerbe recapitulated the complaint and resolution regarding MCT Express, Inc.

MOTION was made by Terrence Davis to recommend the approval of the COPCN renewal applications for MCT Express, Inc. and SECONDED by Julie Downey. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates

TBD

Adjourned

1:48 PM