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AGENDA DATE: June 21, 2006

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING AUTHORITY TO MTN. RETREAT SECURED TRANSPORT, NORTHWEST REGIONAL LCC, OREGON REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL SERVICES AND SECURE TRANSPORTATION OF OREGON TO CARRY OUT PROVISION ORS 426.233 FOR SECURE TRANSPORT SERVICES

I. MOTION

ORDER _____ / To Grant Authority to Mtn. Retreat Secured Transport, Northwest Regional LCC, Oregon Regional Behavioral Services and Secure Transportation of Oregon to Carry Out Provision ORS 426.233 for Secure Transport Services.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) requires secure transportation providers for mental health patients to be certified by OMHAS in order to be reimbursed for transportation services. ORS 426.233 specifies that the county governing body grant authority to the transport provider as part of this certification process.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

The Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) is charged with regulation of secure transportation providers that transport mental health patients in custody or on diversion to an approved holding hospital or non-hospital facility. The regulation of these providers includes issuance of a certificate of approval by OMHAS to provide these services. A component of the certificate of approval is a letter from the governing body of the county granting authority to operate.

Board Order No. 04-3-10-5 granted authority to providers who contracted with Lane County for secure transport duties per requirements of ORS 426.233. The authority to carry out the provisions of ORS 426.233 was effective for two years after which time the transport providers are required to apply for recertification.

In May, 2006, Lane County initiated a competitive process and requested Letters of Intent for secure transport services. Lane County received four letters of intent and will award contracts to all providers that submitted letters and are awarded final certification from OMHAS.

Upon approval by the Board of Commissioners, it is requested that a letter (attached) be signed by the Board Chairperson and be forwarded to OMHAS. OMHAS will then determine that the agency has met all of the eligibility requirements for certification. A letter of recommendation from the local mental health director requesting approval of the transport providers is also required. This authority to carry out the provisions of ORS 426.233 will be effective for an additional two years after which transport providers will be required to renew their certification.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To grant authority to Mtn. Retreat Secured Transport, Northwest Regional LCC, Oregon Regional Behavioral Services and Secure Transportation of Oregon to carry out provision ORS 426.233 for secure transport services.
2. Not to accept the motion. This option would prevent Lane County Mental Health from being able to use a necessary service required to transport mental health patients to approved holding hospitals or non-hospital facilities.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the Department of Health & Human Services will send the attached letter signed by the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners to OMHAS.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order
Attachment A – letter

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION) IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING AUTHORITY TO MTN.
AND ORDER:) RETREAT SECURED TRANSPORT, NORTHWEST
) REGIONAL LCC, OREGON REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL
) SERVICES AND SECURE TRANSPORTATION OF OREGON
) TO CARRY OUT PROVISION ORS 426.233 FOR SECURE
) TRANSPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has accepted revenues pursuant to the 2005-2007 Biennium County Financial Assistance Contract #113006 with the state Department of Human Services; and

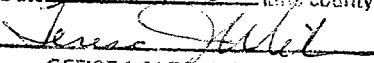
WHEREAS, the ability to transport mental health patients who are in custody to approved holding hospitals or a non-hospital facility is required by Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services is requiring secure transport providers to obtain a letter from the Board of County Commissioners granting authority to transport mental health patients in custody or on diversion.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners grant authority to Mtn. Retreat Secured Transport, Northwest Regional LCC, Oregon Regional Behavioral Services and Secure Transportation of Oregon to carry out provision ORS 426.233 for secure transport services.

DATED this ____ day of June, 2006

Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 6/12/06 Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Attachment A

June 21, 2006

Mr. Jerry R. Williams
Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services
2575 Bittern St., NE
PO Box 14250
Salem, OR 97309-0740

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Lane County Board of Commissioners has granted authority to Mtn. Retreat Secured Transport, Northwest Regional LCC, Oregon Regional Behavioral Services and Secure Transportation of Oregon to carry out provision ORS 426.233 for secure transport services.

Sincerely,

Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

June 21, 2006 Agenda Item

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In the Matter of Granting Authority to Mtn. Retreat Secured Transport, Northwest Regional LCC, Oregon Regional Behavioral Services and Secure Transportation of Oregon to Carry out Provision ORS 426.233 for Secure Transport Services.