

COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Commission Business Meeting



Agenda
July 29, 2011

2740 Centerview Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

10:00 am until completion

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David Darm, Chairman
Vacant, Vice Chairman
Walter Schoenig, Commissioner
Charlotte Temple, Commissioner
Jill Houghton, Commissioner
Michael Horan, Commissioner
Mike Willingham, Commissioner

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III. Welcome and Introduction of New Commissioners

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

June 24, 2011, Governor Scott announced the appointments of Michael A. Horan and David M. Willingham to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Mr. Horan, of Venice, is the president of Ajax Paving Industries of Florida LLC. He succeeds Lawrence S. Forman and is appointed for a term beginning June 23, 2011, and ending August 31, 2014.

Mr. Willingham, of Lake Placid, is the executive director of Sebring Regional Airport. He succeeds Donna M. Loggie and is appointed for a term beginning June 23, 2011, and ending August 13, 2013.

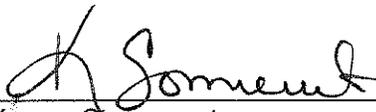
Welcome to the Commission and we look forward to working with you both.

ATTACHMENTS:

Governor's Scott Press Release – June 24, 2011

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Information Only.



Karen Somerset
July 29, 2011

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

Governor Rick Scott Appoints Two to Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

6/24/2011 Tallahassee, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott today announced the appointments of Michael A. Horan and David M. Willingham to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Horan, 58, of Venice, is the president of Ajax Paving Industries of Florida LLC. He succeeds Lawrence S. Forman and is appointed for a term beginning June 23, 2011, and ending August 31, 2014.

Willingham, 59, of Lake Placid, is the executive director of Sebring Regional Airport. He succeeds Donna M. Loggie and is appointed for a term beginning June 23, 2011, and ending August 13, 2013.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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V. Election of Vice Chairman

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Chapter 427.012(2), F.S., states that the chairman shall be appointed by the Governor, and the vice chairman of the commission shall be elected annually from the membership of the commission.

The Vice Chairman shall serve as chairmen of the Personnel Committee and shall fulfill the Chairman's duties in the Chairman's absence.

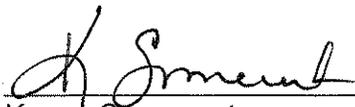
The previous Vice Chairman, David Darm, was appointed as Chairman by Governor Scott in May, thereby leaving the vice chairman position vacant. Recommendations may be made at this time for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Executive Director recommends Commission receive nominees from the Commissioners for consideration of Vice Chairman.



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VI. Sarasota County Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Provider Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission was notified by TMS on April 11, 2011, that they would no longer maintain the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation contract in Sarasota County with the Commission after June 30, 2011. TMS stated that Medicaid eligibles and trip volumes had increased to such a level that they could no longer sustain losses in Sarasota County.

After further negotiations, TMS agreed to continue providing service through September and requested to be allowed to implement trip limiting. TMS submitted a request for trip limiting in accordance with their service agreement and AHCA's and the Commission's trip limiting procedure. Commission, AHCA and TMS staff attempted to negotiate a mutually acceptable Trip Limiting Agreement, however, it was unsuccessful.

Commission staff contacted other qualified providers and began negotiations. Ultimately, a successful arrangement was reached with Logisticare.

Logisticare agreed to begin providing trips on an emergency basis. There was no interruption of services. As you can see from their attached letter, Logisticare worked closely with existing providers as well as met with primary healthcare providers to ensure a smooth transition. They are continuing to look for ways to operate efficiently.

ATTACHMENTS:

July 19, 2011 Letter from Logisticare - Sarasota Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

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July 19, 2011

Chairman David Darm
Florida Commission for the transportation Disadvantaged
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Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0450

Dear Mr. Darm:

As you are aware, with essentially 24 hours to implement before possible service disruptions, LogistiCare took over the management of the Medicaid Transportation program in Sarasota County on an emergency basis on July 1st, 2011. Beginning on the evening of June 29th, LogistiCare was able to provide a dedicated toll free number and have agents available to assist the Sarasota County Medicaid enrollee's and HealthCare providers. In efforts to insure continuity of service, we worked with the two transportation providers who were currently providing service, and they agreed to contract with LogistiCare. We also added a third provider who was servicing Charlotte and Sarasota Counties for us under other contracts to provide trips for Sarasota Medicaid enrollees under the CTD contract.

In addition to keeping the existing provider network intact and enhancing it with additional providers, we have met with the primary healthcare providers such as for Dialysis and Mental Health services to discuss service needs and how efficiencies can be found. During our visits we exchanged contact information and verified their clients' appointment information to make sure our records are accurate and minimize any potential service disruptions. These providers were all very helpful and we appreciate their attention to the issues that we are working to resolve.

I'm glad to report that there were no service failures during the short transition. Further, we must specifically thank Diplomat Transportation, Doctors Transport, and the healthcare providers for their cooperation in successfully executing the transition with very little notice, as well as the Commission for their assistance in our efforts.

We have been in discussions with Sarasota County Area Transit and are planning to meet in the near future to discuss possible partnerships that would result in further efficiencies and reduce the cost in this underfunded county. For the moment, SCAT has agreed to provide LogistiCare with an electronic file of their bus routes. We will upload this file into our internal system and identify riders whose pick up and drop off locations are on bus routes which they can utilize for transportation at the time of the reservation. By increasing the use of bus passes, we expect to maximize the use of

public transit as well as other lower cost modes of transport in efforts to manage the program as efficiently as possible.

On July 12th LogistiCare mailed out notices to every known rider in Sarasota County notifying them of the change in Broker, the new phone numbers to call, and the upcoming daily trip limits which were approved by AHCA. We have also requested approval from the Commission to place a recording on our Sarasota reservation line alerting callers of the trip limits effective August 12th. Once approval is obtained, the recording will go live and will provide further notice to Sarasota County enrollees of the impending service changes.

We appreciate your confidence in LogistiCare and we look forward to continuing to provide top notch service to the CTD and Florida's Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

Alex Batista
General Manager-Florida

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VII. Medicaid Contract Amendment and Updates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Agency for Health Care Administration has provided an amendment for the Commission to consider. Amendment #5 changes include:

- Removal of the requirement that the Agency give written approval to all policies and procedures;
- Removal of the Trip Limiting Procedure;
- Removal of the description of vehicle modes and simply requiring the vehicle be the most medically appropriate type of vehicle;
- Removal of Service Standards, other than to say that the CTD, and its subcontractors, must follow all applicable federal and State statutes and regulations;
- Establishes date for providing evaluation of allocation methodology;
- Establishes new requirements for when a subcontractor terminates and decides not to renew a contract; and
- Adds a section relating to Scrutinized Company Lists.
- Extends the contract term to August 31, 2012.

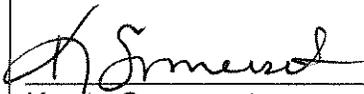
Commission staff continue to work with AHCA staff to address service issues and explore program efficiencies.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Commission move to approve the amendment.



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VIII. Rural Capital Equipment Grants

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Florida Department of Transportation transfers \$1.4 Million to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund to provide financial assistance to eligible recipients in rural areas for the purchase of capital equipment. The Department recently advised Commission staff that these funds are available for the 2011/2012 state fiscal year. These funds were not transferred last year due to budget reductions and the availability of Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

These grants require that applicants state specifically the amount of money needed to complete the project, and provide specific details as to how the project will be implemented, with special emphasis on the capital needs of rural areas. Generally applicants have purchased vehicles and computers. The grants are funded at 90%, with the applicant match of 10% of the total project.

After receipt of the applications, a subcommittee reviews the applications and presents a recommendation for grant awards. Generally, the Commission reviews and approves all grant requests recommended by the subcommittee, and grants are executed on or after July 1. All projects must be completed and capital equipment purchased by June 30, 2012.

In the past, the Application packages have been sent out in March and awards have been made by July 1. We were just recently informed that these funds were transferred to the Commission and therefore, our timeframe for the process is limited.

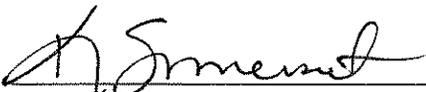
In order to provide as much time possible for the implementation of the grants, staff is requesting the Commission allow the subcommittee to review and award the grants. Grant applications packages have been prepared and will be sent to eligible applicants the first part of August 2011. Applications would be due at the end of August. Grants could begin October 1, 2011.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Commission move to allow the Rural Capital Equipment Subcommittee review grant applications and make final awards.



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IX. Performance Report of Executive Director

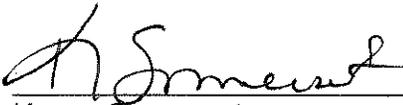
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Attached is the performance evaluation of Bobby Jernigan that was adopted by the Commission on March 28, 2011. The Commission has not yet adopted a corrective action plan to address the performance deficiencies within the evaluation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Performance Evaluation of Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:



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To request a copy of the Executive Director Performance Evaluation, please contact Vicki Scheffer at 850-410-5703 or by email at Vicki.scheffer@dot.state.fl.us