Agenda Item No.: 5E1

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Department: Submitted By: Palm Tran	Meeting Date: May 1, 2007	[]	Consent Workshop	[X] []	Regular Public Hearing
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Staff's recommendation not to renew the Subcontracted Transportation Provider Service Agreement (STP) with the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) to provide the Medicaid Non Emergency Transportation Program in Palm Beach County.

Summary: The BCC, on January 11, 2005, approved Palm Tran entering into a contract with the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) for the administration and provision of non-emergency transportation services to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries in Palm Beach County. There have been two (2) amendments that have extended the contract's expiration date to June 30, 2007. When Palm Tran agreed to provide this service, we were not experiencing the phenomenal transportation growth we are now experiencing. We are now having problems keeping up with the overall demand of this program and it's beginning to adversely impact the level of service we are able to provide for our other Palm Tran Connection programs. For cost and operational efficiency reasons, we believe Plan Tran would be better off eliminating this program by allowing these trips to be provided by another State selected vendor. Countywide (DR)

Background and Justification: Palm Tran, as part of the contracted duties, serves as the gatekeeper for the NET program in the County. These activities include verifying a beneficiary's Medicaid eligibility, verifying the trip purpose, and utilizing the most appropriate and cost-effective mode of transportation (paratransit vehicle or fixed-route bus). Palm Beach County, through Palm Tran Connection provides approximately 12,000 Medicaid non-emergency trips monthly. Our paratransit service program has experienced unprecedented growth since we entered into this contract. (Continued on page 3)

Attachments:		
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Recommended by	Department Birector	April 16, 2005
Approved By:	Assistant County Administrator	1/8/87 Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: **Fiscal Years** 2007 2008 2009 200-200-Capital Expenditures **Operating Costs** (660,858)**External Revenues** 660,858 **Program Income** (County) In-Kind Match (County) -0-**NET FISCAL IMPACT** # ADDITIONAL FTE **POSITIONS** (Cumulative) is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No **Budget Account No.:** Fund <u>1340</u> Dep't. <u>540</u> Unit <u>5015</u> Object <u>3401</u> Program _ Rev. Account 1340 - 540 - 5015 - 4490 В. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: C. **Departmental Fiscal Review:** III. REVIEW COMMENTS OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments: A. Contract Dev. and Cor В. Legal Sufficiency: C. Other Department Review:

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

Department Director

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Year to date ridership for FY 2007 alone has increased by over 20%. Currently, there are days which strain the capacity of our existing vendors to meet the demand.

The elimination of the Medicaid program will allow us to reallocate our resources to better service our customers. Medicaid transportation requires us to operate a number of unproductive trips which impacts Connection's ability to more efficiently schedule our paratransit service. For example, each weekday we must operate Medicaid trips outside of Palm Beach County primarily to Miami or Broward County for medical appointments. Medicaid transportation is required to be available 24 hours a day resulting in several late night trips that are leaving vehicles out on the road with little ridership. Additionally, last month we had to spend over \$1,200 to fly a child to Ohio for treatment required under the Medicaid contract.

Even though we have a signed contract with the CTD to provide Medicaid transportation, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has the ability to reduce funding at any time during the contract. In 2005 they reduced our monthly allocation to reflect a reduction in funding retroactive to three previous months. If the County does not provide the Medicaid service, these trips would be performed by a private provider either designated by AHCA or by a bid issued by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Currently, Broward, Brevard, Duval, Manatee and Hillsborough Counties do not participated in the Medicaid NET program.