



Deschutes County Board of Commissioners  
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## **AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT**

**For Board Business Meeting of June 20, 2016, Work Session**

**DATE:** June 17, 2016

**FROM:** Jane Smilie, Health Services Director                      Health Services                      ext. 7502

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:**

Consideration of Board Authorization of Patrol Services Transport to Provide Secure Transport Services within Deschutes County

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DATE?** NO

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Oregon Administrative Rule 309-033-0432, Standards for the Approval of a Secure Transport Provider to Transport a Person in Custody or on Diversion to an Approved Holding Hospital or Nonhospital Facility," requires authorization by the governing body of an Oregon county in order for a secure transport provider to transport individuals within the county, pursuant to the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes 426.228, 426.231 and 426.233 relating to the emergency care and treatment of persons with mental illness.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The costs of transporting a person as authorized under Chapter 426 of the Oregon Revised Statutes shall be the responsibility of the county whose peace officer or community mental health program director directs the authorized person to take custody of a person and to transport the person to a facility approved by the authority, but the county shall not be responsible for costs that exceed the amount provided by the state for that transportation.

**RECOMMENDATION & ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorization of Patrol Services Transport to provide secure transport services within Deschutes County

**ATTENDANCE:** Jane Smilie, DeAnn Carr.

**DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS:**

Please send an electronic copy of the signed letter of authorization to Kathe Hirschman, Health Services department ([katheh@deschutes.org](mailto:katheh@deschutes.org)).

**PATROL SERVICES  
TRANSPORT**

P.O. Box 1374, Bend, OR 97709  
541-617-9999

May 25, 2016

Deschutes County Mental Health  
Jane Smiley, Director  
2577 NE Courtney Drive  
Bend, OR 97701

Dear Ms. Smiley,

Patrol Services Transport is a secure transportation company, located in Bend, which provides non-emergent secure transports for allegedly mentally ill persons throughout Oregon. We have been providing these services since 2008.

In order to continue to provide these services in Malheur/Umatilla Counties, in compliance with OAR 309-033-0200 through 309-033-0340, General Standards for Civil Commitment and OAR 309-033-0400 through 309-033-0440, Standards for Transportation and Transfer of persons in custody or Diversion, we would like to ask you to take a moment to provide us with a Letter of Recommendation. Letters of Recommendation should be addressed and sent to:

Addictions and Mental Health Division  
Keith Breswick, Oregon State Civil Commitment Coordinator  
500 Summer Street NE E86  
Salem, OR 97301-1118

Please feel free to call myself or Keith Breswick for further information regarding Patrol Services Transport.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Bowers  
Patrol Services Transport, LLC



## HEALTH SERVICES

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June 13, 2016

Keith Breswick, MS  
Civil Commitment Coordinator  
Addictions & Mental Health Division  
500 Summer Street, NE, E86  
Salem, OR 97301-1118

Dear Mr. Breswick:

Based on the provisions of OAR 309-033-0432, Standards for the Approval of a Secure Transport Provider to Transport a Person in Custody or On Diversion to an Approved Holding Hospital or Nonhospital Facility," Deschutes County Health Services recommends the State of Oregon's Addictions & Mental Health Division approve the certification of Patrol Services Transport to transport persons in custody or on diversion.

This letter of recommendation does not constitute an endorsement of Patrol Services Transport's services and shall not be used for any purpose other than meeting the requirement of the referenced OAR or other OARs. Deschutes County has not undertaken any investigation or evaluation of the secure transport company's operations and by this letter is expressing no opinion on the adequacy or quality of the company's services. The County relies on the State's certification process to satisfy the necessary regulation of this service.

As the Deschutes County Local Mental Health Authority, the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes Patrol Services Transport to transport persons in custody or on diversion within Deschutes County, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 426.228, 426.231 and 426.233.

Keith Breswick, MS  
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This authorization to provide services in Deschutes County is conditioned upon Patrol Services Transport's obtaining from the State a Certificate of Approval to provide secure transport services and maintaining that certification at all times while providing the service in Deschutes County.

Sincerely,



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Jane Smilie, Health Services Director  
Deschutes County Health Services

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cc: Patrol Services Transport  
DeAnn Carr, DCHS  
Nancy Tyler, DCHS