

Broward Regional EMS Council  
EMS Review Committee  
January 17, 2024  
1:30 PM  
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## Call to Order

Chief Bruce Caruso, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

## Roll Call

Self-introductions and quorum established.

## Announcements

None

## Identify Conflicts of Interest

None

## Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023

**MOTION to Accept** the minutes of February 9, 2023

Motion made by: Chief Harris Bouchillon

Seconded by: Chief Julie Downey

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## Old Business

None

## Revision to February 9, 2023, minutes:

Raini Jones, not Michelle Valverde, for Consumer Protection.

## New Business

### Presentation:

Alison Zerbe presented an overview PowerPoint presentation on RG Ambulance Service d/b/a Century Ambulance Service Class 3, BLS Transport and Class 2, ALS Transfer COPCN applications. These are new applications due to the change in ownership.

Chapter 3½ is the ordinance that covers Emergency Medical Services and Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services. The purpose is to determine necessity and maintain quality and integrity of Broward County's medical transportation system.

The EMS Review committee meets to make recommendations on these applications to the Broward Board of County Commissioners.

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Century Ambulance Service, Inc. has held a COPCN in Broward County since the end of 2016.

RG Ambulance Service acquired all the assets of Century Ambulance Service, Inc. in September 2023.

RG Ambulance is seeking to have Century Ambulance Service, Inc.'s COPCN assigned to them as RG Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Century Ambulance Service. RG Ambulance Service intends to do business as Century Ambulance Service, Inc. if awarded COPCN. Both RG Ambulance and Century Ambulance have operated in good standing with Broward County without issues.

The Board of County Commissioners approved issuance of temporary COPCN at the September 7, 2023, commission meeting to avoid service interruption until the closing on September 14, 2023, and the COPCN process could not be completed in time.

The Trauma Agency is recommending approval of the two COPCN applications to provide a seamless transition to the residents and visitors of Broward County as RG Ambulance intends to do business as Century Ambulance Service, Inc. and maintain the level of service provided in Broward County since Century Ambulance Service, Inc. was awarded a COPCN in 2016.

Charlie Maymon, Century Ambulance Service, Inc., said they predominantly operate in the northeastern state (eleven counties surrounding Duval and to the west). Century is an old company and has 100s of years of experience running private sector ambulances throughout Florida.

The driving reason for the acquisition was for the northeastern part of the state but they are interested in continuing to operate in Broward County.

RG Ambulance operates all county ambulances on the Treasure Coast, American Ambulance in Orlando (central market), and Century Ambulance is the latest acquisition.

## QUESTIONS:

Dr. Randy Katz asked if there were any plans for personnel and/or leadership changes with Century? Charlie Maymon said that Century Ambulance also operates MCT in Broward County. Century maintains a separate identity through state licensure and management, internally. They haven't done anything much to change the identity of Century Ambulance.

Century Ambulance was based out of Jacksonville, Florida and has a dispatch center there. Request for service from Broward is through Century Ambulance dispatch center in Jacksonville. They haven't changed that.

Chief Bruce Caruso noticed they had one Certificate of Insurance that expires this month and must be renewed. Century will send it to Alison Zerbe and/or Consumer Protection. Dr. MacDougall said It must be updated before it goes to the commission.

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Dr. Peter Antevy is medical director for Century.

Since there are two COPCNs they will be motioned separately.

**MOTION for Recommendation of Approval** of Class 3 – BLS Transport.

Motion made by Chief Julie Downey

Seconded by Chief Harris Bouchillon

**Motion** passed unanimously.

**MOTION for Recommendation of Approval** of Class 2 – ALS Transfer.

Motion made by Chief Julie Downey

Seconded by Dr. Randy Katz

**Motion** passed unanimously.

Alison Zerbe said this is a recommendation and it will go before the Broward County Commission as an agenda item. It is contingent upon the Commission and Century Ambulance passing all the requirements of Chapter 3½.

Next meeting date TBD.

Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Motion by Chief Downey

Seconded by Chief Bouchillon