

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
LEOFF 1 DISABILITY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

February 1, 2010
5:30 p.m. – Administration
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118
Bellevue City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Susan Neiman
Boardmember Wayne Bergeron
Councilmember John Chelminiak
Boardmember Bryan Reil

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Claudia Balducci

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Dillon, Human Resources
Siona Windsor, City Attorney's Office

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the December 1, 2010 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Approval of the January 5, 2011 meeting minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum for the minutes.

V. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

Motion by Councilmember Chelminiak and second by Boardmember Bergeron to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

B. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

VI. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS

A. Routine Claims

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Routine Claims as presented.

Chair Neiman requested clarification regarding Member #20's claim. Ms. Dillon explained that Member #20 is in an Alzheimer's wing at his care facility. The Board has been paying the monthly semi-private level-2 rate. Beginning in January 2011, the facility rate increased by 4% per year. In addition, the Member has been reevaluated as a level-3 because he needs more attention from the staff due to inappropriate behavior toward other residents. This level of care will also cause an increase in the rate.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the Routine Claims.

B. Special Claims

Motion by Councilmember Chelminiak and second by Boardmember Bergeron to approve the Special Claims as presented.

Boardmembers discussed the nutritionist pre-approval request for Member #57. Ms. Dillon explained that the Member is recovering from a mastectomy. Her Dietician recommends a visit to go over a nutrition plan to lessen the chance of the cancer recurring. Ms. Dillon noted that a 30 minute visit with the Dietician is \$145. The Member requested pre-approval for 90 minutes.

Boardmember Bergeron thought there might be new language in the 2011 Premera guidelines that allows nutritional consultations. However, Ms. Dillon clarified that she reviewed the policy and nutritional consultations are not an approved benefit.

Although the Dietician consultation is a justified treatment, Boardmembers concurred that the claim is not within the Board's scope for approval.

Boardmembers discussed the prescription claim for Member #25. Ms. Dillon explained that when Premera updated their plan coverage for 2011 they accidentally changed the prescription coverage for LEOFF 1 members. Members were charged the difference in price between generic drugs and name brand drugs. The plan was supposed to grandfather in anyone already taking a name brand drug. This was corrected in Premera's system on January 24, 2011. However, the pharmacy couldn't refund the member because it was over 7 days from the date of purchase.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the Special Claims except for Member #57's claim for a Dietician consultation. This claim was denied.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilmember Chelminiak and second by Boardmember Bergeron to change the LEOFF 1 Disability Board regular meeting schedule to the first Tuesday of each month. The Administrative Meeting will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. with the Business Meeting commencing at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Windsor confirmed that recent changes in the health care laws do not affect the LEOFF 1 Disability Policies and Procedures.

X. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.