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MEETING MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 LEOFF 1 MEETING

The LEOFF 1 Disability Board met in session on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at the Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, Washington. Present was Chairman Shon Small, Benton County Representative; Dave Donovan, Law Enforcement Representative, Don Smith, Second Law Enforcement Representative; Scott Hamilton, Member at Large Representative; Bob Elder, Mayors' Representative and Lisa Small, Board Secretary.

Chairman Shon Small called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Scott Hamilton moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 1, 2012. Dave Donovan second and upon vote, the motion carried.

Executive Session – Medical Claims

The Board went into executive session to review medical claims submitted at 2:01 PM. At 2:28 PM, the Board came out of executive session.

MOTION: Dave Donovan moved to approve the claims as presented. Bob Elder seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

During executive session, Lisa Small updated the Board on the status of a member who had exhausted the Medicare coverage for physical therapy. The Board had requested additional information from the physician on what the medical necessity was for the physical therapy and if there were any other options. The Member's physician indicated that they would provide a home exercise plan for the Member to resolve the office visit expense. This issue was listed under Unfinished Business on the agenda, but felt the update it should be discussed in executive session.

Also during the executive session the Board was informed of a note that was received from a member indicating the status of a reimbursement that is expected from the insurance company and the amount of time estimated before the reimbursement would be processed. The member indicated in the note that "they would never pay up front again". A reply memo was sent to the member, confirming the members understanding that the LEOFF I benefit is an out of pocket reimbursement and strongly encouraged the member to stay current with all medical bills as the LEOFF I Board will not reimburse late fees or collection fees.

Unfinished Business:

Pre-Authorization Update

The update on the pre-authorization issue was discussed during executive session. Brief minutes of this discussion have been noted above.

New Business:

2013-2014 Preliminary Budget Discussion

The Board was provided a copy of the preliminary budget that was proposed for the 2013-2014 Biennial LEOFF I Budget. The LEOFF I Board was informed that if the budget is passed as presented that it would be a very tight budget for the next two years. The numbers that were proposed were estimates only and the insurance rates could possibly be greater than what was submitted in the preliminary budget. Shon Small shared his concerns regarding the overall County budget and the fact that budget cuts will mostly likely have to be made countywide in order to balance the budget. The LEOFF I Board members were informed that it may be possible that they will need to reevaluate the LEOFF I benefits if there is a short fall in the budget.

The LEOFF I Board will revisit the budget after all actuals have been received to determine if any necessary adjustments are needed.

With no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Chairman

Clerk to the Board