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MEETING MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 4, 2012 LEOFF 1 MEETING

The LEOFF 1 Disability Board met in session on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at the Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, Washington. Present was Chairman Dave Donovan, Law Enforcement Representative, Don Smith, Second Law Enforcement Representative; Scott Hamilton, Member at Large Representative; Shon Small, Benton County Representative and Lisa Small, Board Secretary.

Chairman Dave Donovan called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for December 7, 2011.

Executive Session – Medical Claims

The Board went into executive session to review medical claims submitted at 2:01 PM. At 2:35 PM, the Board came out of executive session.

MOTION: Don Smith moved to approve the claims as presented. Scott Hamilton seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- During executive session the Board discussed a members claim regarding excessive dental work. After further discussion the board agreed to only reimburse the member the allotted maximum amount for Dental.

MOTION: Shon Small moved to reimburse the member \$500.00 as a maximum payment for dental for 2011. Scott Hamilton seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- During executive session the Board discussed a letter that was submitted from a member for the replacement of hearing aids. The last pair of hearing aids was purchased and reimbursed in December 2007 and as per the policy the LEOFF I Board will reimburse for hearing aids for one or both ear(s), not more frequently than once every five (5) years.

MOTION: Shon Small moved to deny the authorization of the replacement of hearing aids until after December 2012. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- During executive session the Board discussed a request from a member seeking authorization to start the process of getting tested and quotes from an audiologist. The last pair of hearing aids was purchased in 1999.

MOTION: Shon Small moved to authorize the member to move forward with testing and getting quotes for new hearing aids. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, Scott Hamilton abstained and the motion carried by the majority of the Board.

- During executive session the Board discussed a request from a member seeking authorization for prescriptions that are not covered by his insurance. After further discussion, the Board requested a letter be provided by the member's physician with his opinion on why this member should be treated with the prescriptions.

MOTION: Scott Hamilton moved to request from a letter from the doctor indicating the reasoning why this member should be treated with said prescriptions. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

LEOFF I Board Representatives Update

Scott Hamilton, Member at Large was recently elected as a City of Prosser Councilman in the November 2011 election. Scott had indicated his interest in sitting on the LEOFF I Board, as there was a vacancy for the Mayor's Representative position. Ballots were sent to the Mayors of the City of Prosser and the City of West Richland with an option to elect Scott Hamilton as the new Mayors' Representative or the option to write in another name for nomination. Mayor Paul Warden, City of Prosser and Mayor Donna Noski, City of West Richland both elected Scott Hamilton as the new Mayors' Representative.

Scott informed the LEOFF I Board that the elected position was pulled from the City of Prosser Council meeting by Mayor Paul Warden with concerns that Scott was a City Councilman, Mayors' Representative on the LEOFF I Board, and a LEOFF I Member retired from the City of Prosser.

Scott Hamilton respects the Mayor's decision and will continue to serve on the LEOFF I Board holding his current position as Member at Large until further notice. The Board asked Lisa to send a letter to both Mayors requesting them to nominate another person to fill the position of Mayors' Representative for the LEOFF I Board.

LEOFF I Policy Update

The Board briefly discussed a few more suggestions for changes to the LEOFF I Policy. Lisa informed the Board that the Benton County Attorney would not be available to start review the policy and suggested changes until the middle of February. We will revisit this issue again in March.

New Business:

Election of Officers

The nomination and election of officers of the Board was conducted, and the Board unanimously agreed to elect Shon Small as Chairman and Dave Donovan as Chairman Pro-Tem.

MOTION: Don Smith moved to elect Shon Small as Chairman. Scott Hamilton second and upon vote, the motion carried.

MOTION: Scott Hamilton moved to elect Dave Donovan as Chairman Pro-Tem. Don Smith second and upon vote, the motion carried.

Hearing Aid Authorization

The Board discussed this issue in executive session and a motion was made as mentioned above.

2012 LEOFF I Conference

Lisa briefly discussed the LEOFF I Conference coming up May 8th – 10th. This year the Washington State LEOFF I Board elected to not hold any sessions on Friday.

With no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Chairman

Clerk to the Board