

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

April 1, 2009
5:30 p.m. – Administration
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118
Bellevue City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT Boardmember Wayne Bergeron
 Councilmember John Chelminiak
 Boardmember Bryan Reil

MEMBER ABSENT: Chairperson Susan Neiman

OTHERS PRESENT: Lou Faehnrich, Fire Department
 Jillian Hostenske, Human Resources
 Warren Merritt, Fire Department
 Siona Windsor, Legal Advisor

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Boardmember Bergeron.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 4, 2009 meeting minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum for the meeting minutes.

Councilmember Chelminiak reported that Councilmember Lee is expected to join the Disability Board to fill the vacant Board position.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

Motion by Councilmember Chelminiak and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 Month as presented. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Applications for Disability Allowances

Motion by Councilmember Chelminiak and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances as presented.

Councilmember Chelminiak requested verification that the plantar fasciitis claim is duty related.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (3-0).

V. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS

A. Routine Claims

Motion by Councilmember Chelminiak and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Routine Claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Special Claims

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

Councilmember Chelminiak requested a status update from Member #31's physician. Boardmembers recalled a treatment plan for tapering the medication and would like to know if the medication is being tapered as planned.

Boardmembers discussed the claims related to Proliance. The injury for Member #139's claim occurred prior to the Proliance/Premera separation.

Ms. Hostenske reported that there will be a general policy discussion regarding the out-of-network claims at the May Board meeting, when all Boardmembers can be present to discuss the subject matter.

The preauthorizations for Member #107 will be reviewed after the May policy discussion. Boardmembers encouraged Member #107 to continue services and treatment as usual until a formal policy is set forth for out-of-network claims. Once the policy is determined, the preauthorization request will be reviewed. Boardmembers requested that a letter be sent to Member #107 to explain this issue.

All out-of-network claims will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (3-0) to approve the Special Claims except for the claim for Member #107, which will be reviewed after the out-of-network policy discussion.

VI. REPORTS BY STAFF

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Boardmembers would like the following questions addressed during the May out-of-network policy discussion:

- Are Proliance and Premera closer to reaching an agreement?
- What is the policy of other Boards for out-of-network claims?
- What is the cost difference for out-of-network claims versus in-network?
- How much money has been spent on out-of-network claims?
- How many orthopedic physicians are available through Premera versus Proliance? (Are there other options available for in-network physicians?)
- How would a new policy fit with the laws set forth?

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

X. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.