

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

December 4, 2012  
5:30 p.m. – Administration  
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-119  
Bellevue City Hall

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

**MEMBER 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 6:04 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Councilmember Stokes to approve the November 6, 2012 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES**

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

**Motion by Councilmember Stokes 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

None.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS**

A. Routine Claims

**Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Councilmember Stokes to approve the Routine Claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

B. Special Claims

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

Ms. Dillon explained that Member #21's claim included the hearing aid claim that was approved at the November 6, 2012 Board meeting. The claim also included an additional expense for a FM noise reduction system.

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the Special Claims as presented.**

**VI. PRE-APPROVED RECURRING LONG TERM CARE CLAIMS**

The pre-Approved recurring long-term care claims were reviewed and included in the Board packet.

**VII. STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Dillon explained that the Board has determined that it is appropriate to establish a cap on reimbursing Long Term Care (LTC) charges that represents a reasonable charge for these services. This cap is based on The MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home & Home Care Costs, a nationally recognized survey of average costs for LTC adjusted annually in October of each year (in 2012 it was released on November 8 due to hurricane Sandy). The survey provides average costs by geographic region. For services listed in the survey, the Board will reimburse up to 120% of average cost for the geographic region in which the member lives.

Ms. Dillon further explained that the 2012 survey for the Seattle area shows a large decrease in the Assisted Living rate over the previous year. The decrease in the rate was 9.6%. Somewhat inconsistently, the 2012 surveyed rates nationally increased by 2.1% and the rest of Washington State increased by 1.1%.

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Councilmember Stokes to maintain the 2012 Long-Term Care charges at the 2011 rate level. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**X. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.