

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

September 3, 2014
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
Boardmember Bryan Reil
Councilmember Lynne Robinson

MEMBER ABSENT: Councilmember John Stokes

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 6:06 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the August 5, 2014 meeting minutes was postponed due to a lack of quorum.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

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

V. **CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS**

A. Routine Claims

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

B. Special Claims

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

Councilmember Robinson expressed her concern about Member #11's claim. The Member went to a pain management clinic for lower back pain, right leg pain above the knee and sciatica. The Member had previously been told by COB Medicare Part B that COB would cover Part B expenses. The Member asked the pain clinic if they accepted Premera Insurance and was told that they do. The Member thought the provider was in-network but later found out that they were not. The claim submitted is for the Medicare portion and out-of-network remainders. Ms. Dillon clarified that the Member is done with treatment and will no longer be going to this facility.

Councilmember Robinson stressed that it is the Member's responsibility to check with Premera to determine if a physician is in-network. If the physician is out-of-network, then the Member should obtain pre-approval from the Board. She added that if there is misinformation provided by the Member's physician the ultimate responsibility still lies with the Member. Provider information should always be obtained from the insurance provider, not the physician.

Ms. Dillon clarified that staff informed the Member that it is the Member's responsibility to confirm if a physician is in-network, and that the insurance provider should confirm this information. She added that the Member was not notified about the out-of-network status until all of the treatments were complete. Staff will prepare a letter to be sent to all LEOFF 1 Members reminding them of this issue. This letter will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

At the question, motion carried (3-1) 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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.