

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

September 1, 2010
5:30 p.m. – Administration
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118
Bellevue City Hall

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Claudia Balducci

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Dillon, Human Resources
Jerome Roaché, City Attorney's Office

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the July 7, 2010 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

V. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

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

B. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

None.

VI. 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.

Boardmember Bergeron sought further clarification regarding Member #9's claim for railings and grab bars to help the member at her summer residence. Ms. Dillon reminded Boardmembers that Member #9 lives in Arizona in the winter and stays with her daughter in Washington during the summer months. The member needs handrails and grab bars installed in the daughter's house for safety reasons. A prescription from the member's physician was included with the documentation.

Councilmember Chelminiak expressed his concern with the medical necessity of Member #9's claim and did not feel the claim fell under the Board's approval process. Boardmember Bergeron concurred with Councilmember Chelminiak and added that the handrails and grab bars are a preventative measure but not medically necessary. There was general consensus amongst Boardmembers that Member #9's claim is not medically necessary and should be denied.

Boardmembers discussed Member #22's claim for dental treatments. The member had a tooth abscess that needed to be treated before having surgery. Ms. Dillon reminded Boardmembers that treatment for the abscess was preapproved at the December 2, 2009 Board meeting. She added that the abscess was extensive causing teeth to be extracted and then requiring denture realignment.

Councilmember Chelminiak called attention to the periodic oral exam and periodontal maintenance charges that were included in the claim. These items are typically not covered. Boardmembers requested further documentation regarding the charges/services for Member #22.

Boardmembers sought clarification regarding Member #51's claim. Ms. Dillon explained that the member was given a 45 day prescription. However, Premera will only cover 34 days at a time. The claim was for the 11 day difference at \$19.20. Boardmembers concurred that the member should have requested a 34 day prescription supply and the 11 day difference is the member's responsibility.

Boardmembers briefly discussed the claim for Member #44. Ms. Dillon explained that the member is covered under Group Health and had a pain medication prescribed at a dosage that wasn't covered under the Group Health plan. There was general consensus to approve the claim.

When discussing Member #12's claim, Boardmember Bergeron explained that the member is new to the area and went to a new physician. The member was charged for a new patient exam. However, Premera didn't cover the charge because the service was "unbundled." There was general consensus to approve the claim.

Ms. Dillon noted that there were two months worth of claims for Member #20 included for consideration because the Board did not meet in August.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the Special Claims for Consideration, except for Members #9, #51, and #22's claims. Boardmembers denied Member #9 and Member #51's claims; and requested further documentation for Member #22's claim.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.