



EDMONDS DISABILITY BOARD
Meeting minutes

April 21, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Jones, Chair
Gary McComas, Board Member
Strom Peterson, Council Member
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Council Member
Dr. Michael Deming, Citizen at Large

STAFF PRESENT:

Debi Humann, HR Director
Mary Ann Hardie, HR Analyst

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Ken Jones called the Board meeting to order at 8:40 am. Dr. Michael Deming arrived at the meeting at 8:50 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Gary McComas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 13, 2011. Council Member Strom Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVED UPDATED TERMS OF DISABILITY BOARD MEMBERS:

HR Director Debi Humann distributed an updated list of term appointments and expiration dates of Board members. Ms. Humann stated that as a result of the recent election process, Ken Jones (the sole nominee) was re-elected to serve another term as the Police representative to the Board (which is reflected on the updated term list).

Ms. Humann further pointed out that Dr. Michael Deming's term as the Citizen at Large to the Board would be expiring at the end of December 2011.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE CLAIMS SUMMARY REPORT:

Ms. Humann reviewed the Claims Summary of January 1, 2011 up to and including March 31, 2011 as follows:

SUMMARY OF CURRENT COSTS: (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)

SERVICE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS	COST
Prescription Co-Pays	14	\$3,182.97
Visiting Angels Nurse Care	2	12,575.25
Purchase of Eye Glasses	2	300.00
Medicare Premium Reimbursement	15	16,654.00
Dental Reimbursement	4	525.00
TOTALS:	37	\$33,237.22

The total expense for the period 1/1/11 – 3/31/11 was \$33,237.22 with a total of 37 claims for the period which is lower than the total claims expense in 2010 for the same period. Chair Ken Jones made a motion

to approve the expenditures for the period 1/1/11 – 3/31/11. Council Member Adrienne Fraley-Monillas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Visiting Angels Nurse Care Services in the amount of \$2,380.00

HR Director Debi Humann explained that a LEOFF 1 member with advanced stage Parkinson’s disease had requested reimbursement for nurse care services in the amount of \$2,380.00 based on medical necessity. Ms. Humann explained that she had contacted Chair Jones and received temporary approval for this immediately needed service and was bringing the full request before the board at this meeting for payment approval. Board Member McComas made a motion to approve the request for reimbursement for the LEOFF 1 member of discussion in the amount of \$2,380.00 based on medical necessity. Chair Jones approved the motion. The motion carried.

Request for payment of cabulance transport service for a LEOFF 1 member with metastatic cancer

A LEOFF 1 member submitted a note from their attending physician detailing the need for cabulance services based on medical necessity for the Board to review [for future reimbursement requests for this service]. Chair Jones made a motion to approve reimbursement requests for the LEOFF 1 member of discussion for the cabulance service. Board Member McComas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Request for payment of ambulance services above the 80% coverage allowed under Regence in the amount of \$118.28

A LEOFF 1 member submitted a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$118.28 to the Board (along with the explanation of benefits information from Regence). Under contract, Regence paid for 80% of the cost of this medical service, but the additional 20% co-pay (in the amount of \$118.28) was paid for by the LEOFF 1 member as it was not covered. Dr. Deming made a motion to approve the reimbursement request for the LEOFF 1 member of discussion for ambulance services in the amount of \$118.28 based on medical necessity. Board Member McComas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW SUMMARY OF REIMBURSEMENTS FOR ONE LEOFF 1 MEMBER FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/08 – 3/15/11

Ms. Humann explained that one LEOFF 1 member, who has been using Board approved Visiting Angels Nurse Care Services (based on medical necessity) since January of 2008, has been reimbursed a total of \$206,272.79 for the period 1/1/08 – 3/15/11. Ms. Humann further explained that while the HR department has been processing the reimbursement requests (approved previously at a Board meeting in 2007), it was important for the Board to know the status of these reimbursements due to the amount. Council Member Fraley-Monillas inquired as to whether any other due diligence should be taken by the Board to determine if there were any other available long term care options (which may or may not be cost-effective) that should be considered.

There was some discussion that followed by the Board as to the information that has previously been provided to the Board by the LEOFF 1 member’s healthcare provider and spouse as well as the physical status of the LEOFF 1 member (which did not allow for her to be in a nursing home for any extended period of time). The Board requested that the LEOFF 1 member of discussion provide the Board with updated documentation from their healthcare provider which included information on whether or not her physical condition had changed and/or improved for review at the July 2011 meeting. HR Director Humann stated that she would contact the LEOFF 1 member’s spouse and let them know of the Board’s request.

OTHER

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Disability Board meeting adjourned at 9:07am