



EDMONDS' DISABILITY BOARD
Meeting minutes

5/6/14

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Jones, Chair
Joan Bloom, Council Member
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Carrie Hite, Reporting Director for HR
Mary Ann Hardie, HR Manager
Yvonne Chan, HR Analyst

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Ken Jones called the Board meeting to order at 8:35 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ken Jones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, 2013. Councilmember Joan Bloom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE CLAIMS SUMMARY REPORT:

Ms. Hardie reviewed the Claims Summary of January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 as follows:

SUMMARY OF CURRENT COSTS: 1/1/14 through 3/31/14

SERVICE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS	COST
Prescription Co-Pays	15	\$7,792.74
In Home Assisted Living Care	3	23,004.00
Purchase of Eye Glasses	2	182.79
Medicare Premium Reimbursement	17	20,302.60
Dental Reimbursement	3	265.00
Payment of Annual deductibles & co-insurance	19	8,886.05
Hearing Aids (batteries)	1	16.45
Routine & Preventative Costs or costs associated with Annual Physical Exams	0	
Eye Exam and Refraction	1	6.80
Out-of-Pocket Expense	1	86.33
Medical Equipment/Medically Necessary Services	0	
TOTALS:	62	\$60,542.76

The total expense for the period 1/1/2014 through 3/31/2014 was \$60,542.76 with a total of 62 claims for the period. The total Visiting Angels Nurse Care costs for the quarter were \$23,004.00.

Council Member Bloom made a motion to approve the claims summary report for the period 1/1/2014 up to and including 3/31/2014 in the amount of \$62,542.76 based on medical necessity. Chair Ken Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was some discussion that followed by the Board about the Board policy for in-home assisted living assistance. Councilmember Adrienne Fraley-Monillas inquired as to whether or not it made sense to obtain an updated doctor's note from the current LEOFF 1 member using in-home assisted living care and obtaining three quotes from local area assisted living care facilities or providers. Councilmember Bloom mentioned our policy requirements of three nursing home quotes and that we should hold LEOFF 1 members responsible for providing three quotes.

The Board requested that the one LEOFF 1 member using assisted living care provide an update note from the attending physician to the Board. There was further discussion by the Board about adding to the assisted living care and the members finding out an average cost of three nursing homes in our area. Ms. Hardie stated she would contact the LEOFF 1 member of discussion and have them provide an updated doctor's note/assisted living care quotes for Board's review at the next meeting in July.

Chair Ken Jones is attending the WSLEA 2014 Conference and will ask around to see what others are paying for the same kind of services.

CITIZEN-AT-LARGE OPENING-PROCESS

The Board would like to reach out to retired physicians Dr. Jaffey, Dr. Bettis and Dr. Hickman to see if any of them are interested in sitting on the board.

REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Medical services (eye exam) - \$92.67
- Medical services (eye exam) - \$310.25
- Medical services (eye exam) - \$87.54
- Medical services (rehabilitative/nursing home care costs) - \$547.79

Chair Jones moved that the Board approve all the above medical expenditures for LEOFF 1 retirees based on medical necessity. Council Member Fraley-Monillas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CURRENT CITY OF EDMONDS' DISABILITY BOARD POLICIES

Councilmember Bloom said that we need to consider caps on the in-home assisted living payments in our policy. She asked Ken to check with other cities to see if they had

- 1) Daily caps
- 2) Monthly caps
- 3) Lifetime caps

Councilmember Fraley-Monillas mentioned that we will probably see additional users of in-home assisted living needs, our costs will increase and we need to plan for the these changes in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am