

## **MASON COUNTY LEOFF DISABILITY BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES MASON COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS January 6, 2015**

**Members Present:** Mike Longan – Firefighter Representative; Nick Patterson – Law Enforcement Representative - Chair; Sylvia Florez-Milsom – Member at Large (arrived at 8:08 a.m.); Randy Neatherlin – Mason County Commissioner; Mike Olsen – City of Shelton Commissioner; Diane Zoren, Secretary

*Chairperson Nick Patterson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.*

#### **Approval of Minutes**

*Longan/Olsen moved and seconded to approve the December 9 minutes as circulated. Motion carried.*

#### **Old Business:**

##### Continued Discussion of Long Term Care

Cmmr. Olsen suggested the Board consider adopting a long term care policy similar to the Pierce County policy. There was a discussion of long term care benefits and the importance of making sure any policy would allow for a couple to stay together. Although LEOFF 1 covers only the member, Cmmr. Neatherlin wants to be certain any policy would not cause any restrictions for the member to stay with a spouse.

Members Longan and Patterson expressed concern with restricting LEOFF 1 member benefits. They provided history of how the benefits came to be and they were reassured they would have coverage for life. The issue was debated and the other LEOFF members stated there would be nursing home coverage, but they would like to establish a maximum amount paid. Concern was expressed that a member could go for the “Cadillac” version of a nursing home and without a cap it could be detrimental to the responsible jurisdiction. Members Longan and Patterson believe that limits cannot and should not be set on coverages that are mandated by law.

Cmmr. Olsen offered to draft a policy for consideration at the next LEOFF meeting. Nick asked that before adopting any policy, the members be notified and have the opportunity to review the policy. Diane suggested the Board first agree on a draft policy and that can be circulated to membership.

#### **New Business:**

##### Executive Session - Review of Bills

The Board met in executive session from 8:50 a.m. to 8:53 a.m. to review the bills.  
*Longan/Florez-Milsom moved and seconded to approve the bills as submitted.*

Open Public Meeting Act training will be provided at a future meeting.

Nick Patterson remains the Law Enforcement member.

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**Calendar:**

Next LEOFF meeting will be February 10 (rather than February 3)

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren  
LEOFF Board Secretary

Approved:

Nick Patterson  
Chair