

MASON COUNTY LEOFF DISABILITY BOARD

**MEETING MINUTES
MASON COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
June 2, 2015**

Members Present:; Nick Patterson – Law Enforcement Representative - Chair; Sylvia Florez-Milsom – Member at Large; Randy Neatherlin – Mason County Commissioner; Mike Olsen – City of Shelton Commissioner; Diane Zoren, Secretary

Members Absent: Mike Longan – Firefighter Representative

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

Approval of Minutes

Olsen/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve the May 5, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Request for reimbursement of non-medical expenses

Discussion of a request from a member who had a medical emergency while in Mexico that caused him to extend his vacation to obtain medical care. At the May meeting, his request for medical expenses was approved. The Board requested additional information on the remaining expenses which included motel, food and airline charges. Sylvia stated she brought this issue up at the recent WSLEA conference she attended and the consensus was the medically necessary items would be covered for the member only. Possibly some expenses could be shared if the member provided a doctor's note explaining the medical reason for the extended stay. There is no coverage for the wife's expenses. The question was also posed at the AWC conference and the consensus was for medical expenses only.

The Board discussed the request and concluded the request is contrary to what is required by RCW 41.26, medical services and no motion was made to approve the request.

Diane will inform the member that his request was not approved.

New Business:

Executive Session - Review of Bills

The Board met in Executive Session from 8:15 a.m. to 8:18 a.m. to review submitted bills.

Neatherlin/Florez-Milsom moved and seconded to approve the bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Hearing Aid Request

A member has submitted two bids for hearing aids. Although the bids were submitted in May, the Board stated the policy to pay up to \$3,000 for hearing aids is effective June 1, 2015 and no purchase has been made.

Florez-Milsom/Olsen moved and seconded to pay up to \$3,000 for hearing aids, per the policy. Motion carried.

Conference Information

Sylvia reviewed the variety of information she learned at the recent WSLEA conference she attended. One item in particular is that some Boards do not pay the allowed amount for hearing aids that are purchased from Costco for 90 days because Costco has a 90 day return policy. Apparently some jurisdictions have experienced members returning the hearing aids, collecting the cash and keeping it.

Sylvia brought up whether to authorize payment of a Costco membership so a member could purchase hearing aids there, which saves the jurisdictions money. The idea was debated and the Board asked Diane to place on the July agenda for further discussion.

Open Government Trainings Act Compliance

Due to time constraints, the members agreed to view the video for the Open Public Meetings Act at home. Diane will send the link to the training.

Calendar:

Next LEOFF meeting will be July 7, 2015.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren
LEOFF Board Secretary

Approved:

Nick Patterson
Chair