

**MASON COUNTY LEOFF DISABILITY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
MASON COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
September 5, 2017**

**Members Present:** Mike Longan – Firefighter Representative;; Randy Neatherlin – Mason County Commissioner; Kathy McDowell – City of Shelton Commissioner; Diane Zoren, Secretary  
**Absent:** Nick Patterson – Law Enforcement Representative - Chair; Sylvia Florez-Milsom – Member at Large.

*Member Mike Longan called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*McDowell/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve the August 1, 2017 minutes as circulated. Motion carried.*

**Old Business:**

There was a discussion of in-home care for a LEOFF 1 member and the nursing home policy. The policy states "Assisted Living and In-Home Care: The total amount allowed shall not exceed the average cost for nursing home care as determined in #2 and service must be from a state licensed provider." Diane surveyed local nursing homes and downloaded a Genworth survey and determined the average cost of a nursing home private room is \$10,322 per month for Mason County area. Diane suggested the Board consider authorizing payment for this member for a period of time so the payment requests can go directly to the City.

**New Business:**

Executive Session - Review of Bills

The Board met in executive session from 8:15 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. to review the bills.

*Neatherlin/McDowell moved and seconded to approve the bills as submitted except for the in-home care request, which will be paid at \$10,322 pursuant to the long-term care policy. Motion carried.*

*Neatherlin/McDowell moved and seconded to allow for in-home care for this LEOFF 1 member for an additional three month period not to exceed \$30,966 and bills can be direct billed to the City of Shelton for payment. After the additional three month period, a doctor review may be requested and the Board directed Diane to notify the member's caregiver. Motion carried.*

**Calendar:**

Next LEOFF meeting will be October 3, 2017

**Adjourn:**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren  
LEOFF Board Secretary

**Approved:**

Nick Patterson  
Chair