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Member at Large Representative

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Second Law Enforcement Representative

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MEETING MINUTES FOR THE October 6, 2021 LEOFF I MEETING

The LEOFF 1 Disability Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 via teleconference. Present was Chairman Shon Small, Benton County Representative; Scott Hamilton, Member at Large Representative; Don Smith, Second Law Enforcement Representative; Paul Hart, Law Enforcement Representative, Bob Elder, Mayor's Representative, and Peggy Brown, Board Secretary.

Shon Small called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Scott Hamilton moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 2, 2021. Bob Elder second and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Medical Claims

The Board went into executive session to review medical claims submitted at 2:09 PM. At 2:15 PM, the Board came out of executive session.

MOTION: Paul Hart moved to approve the claims as presented. Scott Hamilton second and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Hearings

There were no hearings to discuss.

Other Business

The Board discussed keeping the dental crown and root canal limit at \$1,300 per member. The LEOFF budget can reimburse this amount at this time.

MOTION: Don Smith moved to approve the dental crown and root canal reimbursement limit of \$1,300. Bob Elder second and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed air ambulance options for LEOFF members. Medicare Part B does supply some coverage for air ambulance as long as Medicare deems it "**medically necessary**". The other option discussed was using the Life Flight Network which is a medical transport service which provides air ambulance services. The Life Flight Network Program is a \$69 annual membership.

MOTION: Don Smith moved to approve the enrollment of LEOFF members into the Life Flight Program for an annual fee of \$69 per person. Bob Elder second and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

After the meeting, at the request of the Board Secretary, the Chairman agreed to more research into the Life Flight plan and costs involved. The Chairman asked the Secretary to check if other LEOFF groups have air ambulance options in place and how they manage the costs involved. The Secretary will have an update at the December 2021 meeting.

The Board discussed a reimbursement claim for non-medical charges. They decided the charges merited reimbursement.

MOTION: Bob Elder moved to approve the claim for non-medical charges be reimbursed. Don Smith second and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Without further discussion, the board adjourned at 2:34 PM.



Chairman



Clerk to the Board