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Benton County Representative

Scott Hamilton, Pro-Tem
Member at Large Representative

Don Smith
Second Law Enforcement Representative

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MEETING MINUTES FOR THE December 1, 2021 LEOFF I MEETING

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

Shon Small called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Don Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 6, 2021. Scott Hamilton second and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Medical Claims

The Board went into executive session to review medical claims submitted at 2:01 PM. At 2:13 PM, the Board came out of executive session.

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

Hearings

There were no hearings to discuss.

Other Business

The Board discussed air ambulance options for LEOFF members. It was discussed 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. After further discussion, the Board wants to go forward with the motion voted on during the October 6th meeting. Each Benton County LEOFF member is to enroll into the Life Flight Program and turn in a claim to the county for reimbursement.

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

There has been no interest in the board positions that will expire 12/31/2021. Both Scott Hamilton and Don Smith have expressed a willingness to serve an additional term. Chairman and Pro-Tem assignments were also addressed.

MOTION: Shon Small motions that Scott Hamilton and Don Smith be re-appointed for another term on the LEOFF Board. Bob Elder seconds and upon vote the motion carries unanimously.

MOTION: Don Smith motions that Shon Small serve as Chairman for 2022 and Bob Elder serve as Pro-Tem for 2022. Scott Hamilton seconds and upon vote the motion carries unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding in home care for LEOFF members when a family friend is called in vs a health care agency. Before any reimbursement is made, the family friend (health provider) must meet all the requirements mandated by WA State to provide in-home care. Suggestion was made to look at getting State funding and/or contacting the Long-Term Care agency and asking what services are covered under the policy before going to LEOFF for reimbursement. This topic is up for further discussion at the next meeting.

Without further discussion, the board adjourned at 2:40 PM.



Chairman



Clerk to the Board