

Public Safety Memorial Fund Board

Minutes - DRAFT

July 27, 2017

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair Patrick-Joling called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Attendees

Board Members:

Patricia Patrick-Joling, Chair
Tricia Connolly
Brian Wolfe
Nadine Purington
Jeff Hering
Colette Peters

DPSST Staff:

Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director
Marsha Morin, Criminal Justice Certification Program Manager
Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator



1. Minutes from March 28, 2017 Meeting

Approve meeting minutes from March 28, 2017.

Colette Peters moved to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2017 Public Safety Memorial Fund Board meeting. Jeff Hering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discretionary Benefits of the Public Safety Memorial Fund

Presented by Linsay Hale

An overview of the laws and rules that govern the Public Safety Memorial Fund was provided. The following issues were presented for discussion/direction:

Issue #1: Application Process

Currently the PSMF Board convenes to consider an initial application for PSMF benefits. If eligible, staff works directly with the family on any further applications for supplemental benefits, preventing the Board from meeting its statutory obligation to consider each application on a case-by-case basis, take into account changing circumstances and to consider the current status of the Fund.

By consensus the Board agreed to change the application process to ensure all applications (initial and supplemental) are reviewed by the Board prior to approval.

Issue #2: Additional Information for Consideration for Award of Discretionary Benefits

The Board reviewed and discussed what information should be/is required to be considered when making eligibility determinations for the award of discretionary benefits. This information includes verification that mortgage insurance is not provided, verification that other available benefits have been requested/received, verification that a spouse has not re-married, etc.

By consensus the Board directed staff to alter the initial and supplement Applications for Benefits to require the submission of the required information for Board consideration upon application.

Issue #3: Alternative Health/Dental Coverage

Staff discussed the statutory restriction on providing reimbursement for health and dental benefits if alternate coverage is provided and what that means with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Oregon Health Plan, COBRA plans, etc.) The Board discussed the possibility of defining “alternate coverage.”

By consensus the Board directed staff to further research the legislative intent of the language and work to develop a legislative concept that would allow for clarification, if needed.

Issue #4: Timelines

Staff discussed the impact of these discussions on families currently receiving PSMF benefits and proposed adjusting the administrative rule to minimize the impact to existing beneficiaries.

By consensus the Board directed staff to prepare a proposed OAR that would allow existing beneficiaries to be grandfathered, minimizing the impact on existing beneficiaries.

3. Next meeting – October 26, 2017

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

** All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@state.or.us.*