



MEETING NO: 18-02 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday February 22, 2018. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Wallace, Kuehne, and Thompson. Staff members present were: Collins, Dixon, Davis, Janicki-Clark, Osipczuk, and Rockett. IMRF medical consultants Dr. Rao and Dr. Miller and vocational expert Kathy Mueller were also present.

(18-02-01)(Visual roll call)

Mr. Wallace presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

(18-02-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from December 14, 2017.

Motion: Copper

Second: Kuehne

Ayes: Kuehne, Wallace, Thompson, and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4-0

(18-02-03) Rudolph Schlecht-Total and Permanent Disability Denial

Mr. Schlecht and his wife Diane appeared in person before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from the member and his spouse. The Committee heard comments from staff, and IMRF consultants and reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

A motion was made by Kuehne to uphold staff, the motion failed for lack of a second.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board overturn the staff decision denying total and permanent disability benefits to Rudolph Schlecht.

Motion: Copper

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Wallace, Copper, Thompson

Nays: Kuehne

Motion Passed: 3-1

(18-02-04) Rhonda Maurer- Total and Permanent Disability Termination

Ms. Maurer appeared by teleconference before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from the member. The Committee heard comments from staff and IMRF consultants and reviewed the written materials submitted.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold the staff decision terminating total and permanent disability benefits of Ms. Maurer. Factors contributing to the Committee's decision included but were not limited to the following:

- 1. The extent of treatment received by Ms. Maurer did not currently include individual therapy despite such therapy being recommended**
- 2. Ms. Maurer is able to engage in activities such as pet care, hobbies, and vacations.**
- 3. Ms. Maurer has a history of missed doses and non-compliance with medication**
- 4. The extent of Ms. Maurer's depression has been characterized as "mild" and "borderline" as evidenced by GAF scores and physician provider questionnaire.**
- 5. The vocational consultant found Ms. Maurer capable of performing 77 occupations and there were 12 open positions in her geographical area that she was capable of performing.**
- 6. Ms. Maurer's diagnosis of lymphoma was after her 2004 termination date and therefore could not legally be considered when making this determination**

Motion: Copper

Second: Kuehne

Ayes: Wallace, Thompson, Copper and Kuehne

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4-0

(18-02-05) Findings and Conclusions of the IMRF Hearing Officer- Cindy David, Benjamin Hollis and Village of Steeleville

General Counsel Janicki Clark presented the findings and conclusions of the hearing officer in the above referenced cases. The Committee reviewed the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer in each case.

After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer in the above referenced cases. The findings and conclusions are attached hereto.

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Copper

Ayes: Wallace, Copper, Thompson, Kuehne

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4-0

(18-02-06) Approval to file Interpleader action on Don Brown Death Benefit.

General Counsel Janicki Clark requested the Committee's approval to file an interpleader action regarding the death benefit payable to the estate of Don Brown.

After further discussion, a motion was made to authorize the filing of an interpleader action regarding the death benefit payable to the estate of Don Brown.

Motion: Copper
Second: Kuehne
Ayes: Wallace, Copper, Thompson, Kuehne
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 4-0

(18-02-07) Benefits Department Annual Reports

Benefits Manager Larry Dixon presented the 2017 annual reports of the Benefits Department.

(18-02-08) Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

(18-02-09) New Business

There was no new business discussed

(18-02-10)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(18-02-11)(Adjournment)

Copper made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Seconded by Kuehne. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Chairperson

5/17/18

Date



Clerk

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