




COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : August 26, 2016

To : Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor James Schmitt, Chairman, Personnel Committee

FROM : Marian Ninneman, Director of Retirement Plan Services 

SUBJECT: **Informational report from the Department of Human Resources regarding the processing of disability retirement claims.**

Background

Budget Amendment 1A058 requested that Human Resources provide updates on the status of the backlog of disability retirement claims, until the backlog of claims is eliminated. The backlog we had experienced due to difficulty in contracting with a medical review team has been eliminated.

At this point in time, since there is no backlog remaining, this is HR's final report on this matter.

2016 Activity

In January of 2016 Retirement Plan Services completed the implementation with a new medical review third-party administrator. During the implementation phase, the list of individuals requesting a disability applications was reviewed. The names of individuals who had requested and received applications but had not returned them after 30 days were removed.

The Pension Board began reviewing disability retirement cases in January of 2016. The list below represents the number of cases scheduled/reviewed to date:

January	1
February	1
March	1
April (Annual Meeting)	0
May	2
June	2
July	10
August (no meeting)	0
September (scheduled)	5
TOTAL	22

There are currently 10 disability applications in progress. One has been submitted to the TPA, and the other nine are pending awaiting information from treating physicians.

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