



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

- Ontario Works
- Child Care
- Social Housing
- Land Ambulance

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room (Civic Centre – Foster Drive)

PRESENT:	D. Edgar M. Bruni	P. Mick B. Watkins	J. Gawne
STAFF:	M. Nadeau J. Bowen	D. Petersson C. Fairbrother	P. Lebel A. Nanne
REGRETS:	R. Niro R. Amadio	L. Turco	J. Krmpotich

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, D. Edgar at 5:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #13-021

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the April 18, 2013 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #13-022

Moved By: J. Gawne
Seconded By: P. Mick

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated March 27, 2013 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

J. Bowen spoke to his report. They have recently hired two (2) new part time staff that are now on board. The “My Medication” program has registered many seniors and is working in conjunction with the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation.

Resolution #13-023

Moved By: M. Bruni
Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the EMS 2013 1st Quarter Report as information.”

CARRIED

SOCIAL SERVICES

M. Nadeau presented his report. In the future his report will be more results oriented for Board members.

Ontario Works targets, statistics and employment support were discussed in detail. Employment services will look to become client focused and job focused.

On April 26th, Social Services is hosting a staff interaction session at the Rhodes Arena to bring everyone together.

Resolution #13-024

Moved By: J. Gawne
Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Consolidated Social Services Program Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information.”

CARRIED

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE

C. Fairbroth discussed the resolution regarding the New Funding Formula.

Resolution #13-025

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.3 “**Whereas** the local child care funding has been reduced as a result of the new funding formula AND

Whereas the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board is mandated to contribute a minimum of 20% as part of their service contracts for Child Care AND

Whereas we are very concerned about the impact of these reductions in our community AND

Whereas the Ministry of Education has established Utilization Funding to provide an opportunity for District Social Service Administration Boards to leverage supplementary funds for their community so therefore

Be it Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board maintain the current level of funding for Community Child Care.”

CARRIED

C. Fairbrother highlighted the charts provided in the meeting packages showing a decreasing child population in Northern communities and the potential effect to future funding levels.

Resolution #13-026

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 5.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the NOSDA 2013 resolution to call on the Ministry of Education to re-examine the calculation components of the

New Child Care Funding Formula to avoid funding reductions to Northern communities and their access to Child Care funding.”

CARRIED

ONTARIO WORKS

P. Lebel spoke about the Community Start Up Benefit mitigation funding. A resolution regarding this matter was also passed at NOSDA to petition the government for permanent funding.

P. Lebel added information about discretionary funds for Board Members. She noted that dental benefits are costing \$17,000 per month and funding for other items is very limited. As a result we need to make further cuts and will now only supply emergency dental to clients.

Resolution #13-027

Moved By: B. Watkins

Seconded By: P. Mick

5.5 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board accept the report prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager regarding One-Time Funding for the Transition to the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI);

And that the DSSMSSAB continue to monitor the utilization of these funds and receive regular updates about this Mitigation Funding.”

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

A brief history of our involvement with the 211 services was given. An examination into the continued involvement and viability will be provided.

Resolution #13-028

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: B. Watkins

6.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board reassess the 211 Service currently provided by the Lakehead Social Planning Council and financially supported by the DSSMSSAB;

And that the Executive Assistant prepare a report regarding this matter to be brought forward at the May 2013 meeting.”

CARRIED

7. ITEMS OUTSTANDING

- NOSDA AGM

D. Edgar gave a verbal update of the recent NOSDA AGM held in North Bay. The NOSDA 3-year strategic plan was brought forward for Members to review.

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie

D. Edgar led the conversation regarding our Contracts / Agreements with the City of Sault Ste. Marie. An overview of the 2011 Strategic Review and suggestions from Consultant David Court were highlighted.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #13-

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Mick

8.1 "Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Plummer Room (Civic Centre)

** 2012 Financial Statements to be presented**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm