



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 02nd, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

Accessibility Centre

(John Rhodes Community Centre 280 Elizabeth Street)

PRESENT:	D. Edgar S. Myers P. Christian	J. Gawne R. Niro J. Krmpotich	P. Mick L. Turco
STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser R. Cobean	J. Bowen Carla Fairbrother	D. Petersson A. Nanne
REGRETS:	R. Amadio		

1. CALL TO ORDER

K. Streich-Poser introduced C. Fairbrother and D. Petersson to Board Members. A round table introduction was held.

Election of Executive

Election conducted by the Commissioner of Social Services.

1. Chairperson – D. Edgar

Nomination: S. Myers

Seconded: R. Niro

2. Vice-Chair – P. Mick

Nomination: P. Christian

Seconded: S. Myers

3. Secretary – S. Myers

Nomination: P. Christian

Seconded: D. Edgar

4. Treasurer – L. Turco

Nomination: R. Niro

Seconded: J. Krmpotich

D. Edgar, Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #12-001

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the Agenda for the February 02, 2012 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented."

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #12-002

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 December 15, 2011 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE

J. Bowen was present to discuss EMS matters and their quarterly report. He noted the off-load delay problem and a slight improvement in this matter. Emergency First Response teams and an enhanced training program are being examined. Neo PCP will manage the training and report back. A 7% increase in call volume took place in 2011 and could increase by a larger margin once ADDAS data is available. The large 34% over-expenditure on overtime was discussed. A long-term leave position has now been alleviated and filled to help this item.

Board members inquired about the comfort level with the EMS roster size and reserves. J. Bowen commented that they are adequate right now but another recruit may need to take place soon. He noted that our current system is maxed out and will be unable to handle a greater call volume or other changes in demand.

Off-load delay was discussed. Time specifics regarding what is considered a “delay” are not identified. Any time EMS crews are asked to wait is a delay for our EMS personnel. Board members stressed that it is important for this Board to have access to information gathered. A letter from Board Chair D. Edgar to Sault Area Hospital CAO, R. Gagnon to request a face to face meeting with our Board will be written. At the agreed meeting our EMS documentation will be available.

First Response Teams in Searchmont have been instructed by the Fire Marshall to use fire trucks on calls. J. Bowen will look into the matter.

The equipment disposal policy will be circulated as a few items have been identified as disposable.

Resolution #12-003

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services accept the Emergency Medical Services Quarterly Report as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-004

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board direct the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division Manager to prepare a report regarding the serious matter of time delays during the off-loading of patients to appropriate staff at the Sault Area Hospital (SAH) and further send a letter to SAH CEO Ron Gagnon requesting him or his designate to attend a DSSMSSAB Board meeting to inform us how the Sault Area Hospital (SAH) plan to resolve this situation.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-005

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.2(B) “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the one time capital purchases of two (2) Panasonic Tablets (\$10,396.00) and two (2) Zoll monitor / defibrillators (\$55,393.38 plus shipping) as recommended by the EMS Manager and Fire Chief.”

CARRIED

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the Social Services consolidated report. Four unit managers at Ontario Works are being rotated and cross trained in different divisions in an effort to share information and knowledge.

Social Housing Programs and a discussion about the Northern Repair program was held. Questions regarding the job quote process were answered.

A NOSDA update was provided. The AGM in April 2012 will be held in Timmins. Board representation is requested. J. Gawne, D. Edgar and A. Nanne will attend.

Resolution #12-006

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services accept the January 2012 Consolidated Social Services Program Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-007

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.4 “WHEREAS community health care is important to every person living in Northeastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS health and housing concerns of the frail elderly are often interrelated and that municipalities have a direct interest in public housing;

AND WHEREAS the North East Local health Integrated Network (NE LHIN) wishes to improve access to health care for all Northeastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the NE LHIN recently conducted 25 community engagement consultations with citizens all across Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS a 2011 *Summary Report of the NE LHIN's Community Engagement Sessions*, is now available at www.nelhin.on.ca, which provides information from fellow Northerners expressing their thoughts on how health care is experienced and delivered in their Northeastern Ontario communities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board acknowledges that it has received a copy of this Summary Report and fully endorses and strongly supports this effort to enhance local health care and offers the municipality's cooperation wherever possible, to ensure that citizens of Northeastern Ontario have access to health care, at the right time, in the right place."

CARRIED

Resolution #12-018

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.7 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services approve D. Edgar, J. Gawne and A. Nanne to attend the 2012 Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Annual General Meeting hosted by the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board on April 2, 3 and 4, 2011 at the Days Inn Hotel and Conference Centre in Timmins, Ontario"

SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY COORDINATION

R. Cobean spoke about the Investment in Affordable Housing plan. He noted that this would be a "living document" and that allocations could be adjusted or other financial or program changes occur.

Resolution #12-008

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.5 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) for Ontario Proposed Plan prepared by the Housing Programs Manager for submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

CARRIED

R. Cobean addressed the resolution regarding SARS and CFIF funding. He noted that a lot of questions and research were required to acquire knowledge and background about this matter. The shortfall in funding in comparison to financial requests from groups listed is of concern to the Board.

Resolution #12-009

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Niro

5.6 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the creation of an account / fund in the amount of \$170,000 (DSSAB SARS) to offset previous Children and Families Investment Fund (CFIF) over-spending;

AND also that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the funding of

- Canadian Red Cross – Community Kitchens
- Pauline's Place Youth Shelter
- Soup Kitchen Community Centre
- United Way – Community Assistance Trust
- And Vincent Place Food Services

through the 2012 Children and Families Investment Fund (CFIF) equal to 2011 spending levels plus a 3% inflationary increase as recommended by the Housing Programs Manager."

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #12-010

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

6.1 "Be it resolved that the membership of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board include all members of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Service Administration Board. They are: Pat Mick, Lou Turco, Susan Myers, Paul Christian, Joe Krmpotich, Rick Niro, Ron Amadio, David Edgar, and Janet Gawne"

CARRIED

Resolution #12-011

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Christian

6.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the renewal Commercial Insurance Policy 2012-13 for the sum of \$12,098.16 as provided by Patrick Policicchio from General Insurance Services Inc. The fee along with overall insurance coverage / limit of insurance has remained the same as the previous year's insurance policy."

CARRIED

Resolution #12-012

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 6.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation update the signing officers and authorizations for the Execution of Documents and the Signing of Cheques with the inclusion of Social Services Financial Manager David Petersson."

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

J. Gawne inquired about the DSSMSSAB becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Ontario Works and employment managers have started networking and attending events through the Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Assistant will examine the costs around this membership suggestion as well as becoming a sponsor host for a Take5 event. Costs and benefits and should be examined.

Methods to get our message out and create awareness were discussed such as other service clubs. A visit to City Council or Shaw Cable local television could be considered.

8. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Hiring Committee member D. Edgar updated committee members that all hiring and personnel will be reassessed until after contract negotiations with the City of Sault Ste. Marie are complete.

Resolution #12-013

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the verbal update from the Personnel / Hiring committee as information."

CARRIED

9. IN CAMERA SESSION

Resolution #12-014

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Gawne

9.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board shall now go into a closed session"

CARRIED

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

- Strategic / Policy Review: Conflict of Interest

Resolution #12-015

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: P. Mick

9.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board shall now enter back into open session"

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #12-016

Moved By:

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING – moved to Thursday, February 23, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.