



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 21st, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

Plummer Room – 3rd Level - Civic Centre

PRESENT:	S. Myers M. Bruni P Christian	J. Gawne L. Turco D. Edgar	J. Krmpotich J. Hupponen K. Lamming
STAFF:	M. Nadeau M. Figliola C. Fairbrother A. Nanne	D. Petersson G. Grandinetti A. Kohler	R. Rushworth J. Bowen J. Barban
GUESTS:	N. Jaehrling	Fr. H. Currie	F. Sarlo
REGRETS:			

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair J. Gawne called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #15-040

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the May 21st, 2015 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 #15-041

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated April 23rd, 2015 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

ONTARIO WORKS

Centre for Social Justice & Good Works - Norm Jaehrling, Frank Sarlo & Fr. Hamish Currie

M. Nadeau introduced the guests present tonight. Round table introductions were held. F. Sarlo spoke on behalf of the Centre for Social Justice and Good Works. Background about the foundation of the CSJGW was discussed. Mr. Sarlo spoke of events held in 2014 that were successful for Ontario Works clients and Social Services. Youth recreation activities and supports are also targets for future action. The “shoes for kids” program will also be enacted in the near future. Social Entrepreneurship is a goal shared with Social Services and the CSJGW. Through networking with business and professional people along with mentorship the CSJGW can make a difference.

N. Jaehrling spoke to the entrepreneurship aspect of the CSJGW. His background is in community economic development and is now a member of the committee. Leadership development and Mentoring are the priorities of the CSJGW. The request for financial assistance is to move forward with this initiative will allow the group to move forward. The total budget for year 1 is approximately \$125,000. Fundraising activities have covered the balance of financial need and the \$50,000 from the DSSMSSAB would fulfill their economic needs for year one (1). They do not foresee the need to ask for future funding as their 7 year plan appears to have it covered moving forward.

M. Nadeau told the Board members that he supports this initiative as a business mentorship program and that it fills a need for our Social Assistance clients moving forward in the workplace. S. Myers asked if the funding for this initiative would come from the 2015 budget. It was also noted that the most DSSMSSAB funds flow on a quarterly basis and not in a lump sum payment.

The fact that this group could be viewed as a faith based Catholic group was discussed it was clearly noted that a number different groups are involved with this initiative.

The Board directed the Commissioner of Social Services to draw the contract for funding to include stipulations that this organization is ecumenical and non denominational. An openness and accessibility to all.

Resolution #15-042

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board provide the Centre for Social Justice and Good Works with one-time Ontario Works program funding of \$50,000 to support the initial costs of hiring a founding Coordinator/Director as recommended by the Commissioner of Social Services."

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE

M. Figliola was present to discuss his plans to develop a Strategic Business Plan for EMS. He noted that this plan is long overdue. A more encompassing system may be needed for the catchment. A recommendation on where we should go and an action plan to get there will be included.

Resolution #15-043

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the development of a Strategic Business Plan for Emergency Medical Services to be prepared by the Fire Chief and to be brought before the Board in with conjunction with the 2016 Budget."

CARRIED

R. Rushworth gave the Board a verbal report and update regarding Emergency Medical Services. Call volumes continue to rise but all is going well.

Resolution #15-044

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the verbal Report prepared by the Manager of Emergency Medical Services as information."

CARRIED

SOCIAL HOUSING

J. Barban spoke to the resolution and funding provided to the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation.

Resolution #15-045

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 5.4 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the allocation of \$46,265 to the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation from the Investment In Affordable Housing (IAH) 2015-2016 Administration Funds to be used for the development costs of new projects undertaken by the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation."

CARRIED

J. Barban gave background to board members regarding the DOOR funding request from Haldimand Co-operative. He also explained what a Building Condition Assessment is and why it is a useful tool for Housing Providers.

Resolution #15-046

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 5.5 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) funding request in the amount of \$7,345 in order to reimburse Haldimand Co-operative Housing Corporation for the cost of a Building Condition Assessment (BCA) completed by MET Energy Systems."

CARRIED

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE

C. Fairbrother addressed the Reporting Requirement Policy and it's implementation.

Resolution #15-047

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.6 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board approve the proposed Reporting Requirements Policy to be implemented

in conjunction with Service Contracts with Child Care Providers/Operators as recommended by the Manager of Community Child Care Services.”

CARRIED

C. Fairbrother updated Board Members about the situation and implication of the Child Care Funding Formula across the North. Additional funds were put into the system as we realized a slight increase but we cannot predict if this will carry forward. M. Nadeau noted in a risk perspective our funding is up and down which creates unpredictability and risk.

It was asked if we are working as a collective Northern group to speak to the Ministry of Education or as an individual service provider. At this point we are speaking on our own. It was suggested that we contact NOSDA, maybe draft a resolution to engage the rest of the north. It is believed that NOSDA may not jump on board with this matter and advocating to date has not been successful. An alternative a letter circulated to other DSSAB Boards in an effort to create awareness. Our point of commonality could be around the fact that the budget numbers are not released until a month before implementation. The letter will be drafted and brought forward to the June DSSMSSAB meeting.

Resolution #15-048

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.7 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board accept the Issue Report regarding the Child Care Funding Formula and the impacts both across the North and in our community as information.”

CARRIED

C. Fairbrother is undertaking a complete revision of their Fee Subsidy policies and procedures and this resolution is just part of this procedure to ensure that the most in need in the community are getting assistance.

Resolution #15-049

Moved By: K. Lamming

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.8 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Report regarding the Revisions to our Fee Subsidy Policies and Procedures prepared by the Community Child Care Manager as information.”

CARRIED

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

M. Nadeau highlighted his quarterly report. He noted the changes in the Provincial budget and the implications to the DSSMSSAB. The budget was a good budget with positive implications to Social Services.

SAMS is a nightmare. Financial data is inaccurate as reports cannot be generated by the SAMS system.

The Child Care waitlist is 237 days. The Housing waitlist is 1268 at this time.

M. Nadeau informed the Board that the Finnish Resthome have disqualified themselves from the IAH funding they initially qualified for by not using applicants for our Housing Application Centre Waitlist and not charging Affordable rents. The funding was not flowed and therefore will not need to be recouped. The funds will be redistributed through the IAH funding.

Resolution #15-050

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: M. Bruni

5.9 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Overview of Commissioner Activities Quarterly Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information.”

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

S. Myers agreed to become the 3rd member of the Contract Review Committee.

J. Gawne gave board members an update as to where to talks are at this time. A meeting will be set up with the our legal representative, the committee, the City Solicitor and the Mayor.

Resolution #15-051

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: M. Bruni

6.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the documentation and update provided regarding the Agreements between the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and the City of Sault Ste. Marie as information;

AND THAT at least one (1) more Board Member be added to the Contract Review Committee, currently consisting of Board Chair J. Gawne and Vice Chair D. Edgar, in order to maintain sufficient representation in this matter;

AND ALSO THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board continue to support the Contract Review Committee in their effort to complete an Agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie in a timely manner.”

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

- DSSMSSAB Meeting start time & June Meeting Location

The board discussed the starting meetings at 4:30pm beginning in September 2015. The board agreed to move the meeting time.

It was suggested that the June meeting be held at the Goulais Fire Hall. Notice will be forwarded by the Executive Assistant and it come available.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #15-052

Moved By:M. Bruni

Seconded By:S. Myers

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING- Thursday, June 18,2015 @ 5:00 p.m. – Russ Ramsay Room

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm