



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 19, 2009 @ 5:20 p.m.
Social Services Building II Board Room

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| PRESENT: | P. Mick L. Turco | F. Fata L. Madonna | D. Edgar S. Myers (left early) |
| STAFF: | D. Stokes F. Lake C. Rosso | K. Streich-Poser D. Pauze A. Nanne | A. McRae D. Stokes |
| GUESTS: | F. Malvaso | S. Candido | |
| REGRETS: | L. Tridicio | V. Burns | B. Hayes |

Call to order by Chair P. Mick at 5:16 pm

Ministry of Community and Social Services

- Frank Malvaso, Regional Program Manager
- Sharon Candido, Program Supervisor

DISCUSSION TOPICS INCLUDED:

1. **Service Cost Uploading** including the provincial uploading of ODSP costs and the up and coming Municipal Review which will also impact on cost sharing.
2. **Customer Service** which includes the ways to strengthen our service for those people in the North that must rely upon us.
3. **Future Direction** of Ontario Works Delivery and related services.
4. **Direct Feed Back** from the DSSMSSAB's point of view.

F. Malvaso encouraged Board members to read the "Pro North" document currently being circulated. This work can create opportunities for young people and Social Services in the North.

The aboriginal factor discloses that there is a higher birth rate among this group, they are migrating to the urban areas and are a large percentage of our Ontario Works caseload. We need to address this issue and Social Services has a role to play in job training and the human factor of this faction. F. Malvaso is asking Board members for help in dealing and addressing this issue.

P. Mick thanked F. Malvaso and S. Candido for attending the meeting.

1. Minutes

Resolution #09-108

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated October 29, 2009 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Accounts NOT Previously Reviewed:

Resolution #09-109

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated:
October 31st, 2009 in the amount of \$1,104,614.90
November 07th, 2009 in the amount of \$1,548,538.08
November 14th, 2009 in the amount of \$78,046.35
be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive/Finance

4. Land Ambulance

D. Stokes was present to address questions from DSSMSSAB members. No questions were posed.

Resolution #09-110

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the October 2009 report provided by the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #09-111

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the sale of the decommissioned 2000 Ford E350 Ambulance with Demers Box to Essar Steel Algoma for \$8,000."

CARRIED

Resolution #09-112

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board enter into a Land Ambulance Service Agreement (LASA) with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to provide Emergency Medical Services from the Garden River First Nation Ambulance Base."

CARRIED

Resolution #09-113

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.4 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board enter into an agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services to deliver Emergency Medical Services on behalf of the DSSMSSAB at the Garden River First Nation Ambulance Base."

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

C. Rosso updated Board members regarding operations at Ontario Works.

Resolution #09-114

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the November 2009 statistics report provided by the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

PRESENTATION & DEMONSTRATION: Child Care Centralized Waitlist and Website
F. Lake gave a details presentation of the new Child Care website and centralized waitlist.

K. Streich-Poser informed the Board that they have been meeting with the Boards of Education regarding the implementation of full-day JK and SK. This will take the 4 and 5 year olds out of the day-care system and as a result will require Child Care to re-tool themselves to serve ages under 4. Before and after school services will need to be developed with the schools as well. A good relationship has been developed with both school boards. The shortage of Early Childhood Educators has been exacerbated by this education change.

Resolution #09-115

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information:
- o 2009 MCYS 3rd Quarter Report"

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

D. Pauze updated the Board regarding the Vincent Place Men's Shelter. She informed them that they are taking steps and moving in the right direction. Effective immediately the Society of St. Vincent DePaul proper will assume responsibility for food services.

D. Pauze showed pictures from the Soup Kitchen Sleep Over fund raiser and updated the Board about the status of the "Stepping Forward" documentary due for release this week.

Resolution #09-116

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 7.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the verbal update from the Community Coordinator and the correspondence from the Vince Place Men's Shelter Board Chair as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser spoke about the CQI report prepared for the DSSMSSAB. The report highlights the fact that poverty is not just a social service issue that needs to be addressed.

Resolution #09-116A

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 7.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the "Beyond Compassion: Measuring the External Costs of Poverty in Sault Ste. Marie" report prepared by Community Quality Improvement for the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board as information."

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

Resolution #09-117

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the verbal update from the DSSMSSAB Executive Assistant regarding the Affordable Housing Program – New Build Component as information."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #09-118

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation meeting dated October 29, 2009 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

K. Streich-Poser noted that the Executive Summary is basically the "Coles Notes" version of issues in Social Services. She drew special attention to the upcoming TWOMO election to be held in the fall.

Resolution #09-119

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the Executive Summary of the DSSMSSAB Issues November 2009 prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser will start sharing minutes from NOSDA meetings in order to share information and improve communication.

Resolution #09-120

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the NOSDA Face-to-Face meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie in October 2009 be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

UPDATE: DSSMSSAB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tentative Booking: Thursday, December 17 @ Essar Centre

Resolution #09-121

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 11.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation continue to hold their 2010 monthly Board Meetings on the third Thursday at 5:00 p.m. as listed below:
- Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (Sault North or Prince Township)
 - Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (Executive Committee only)
 - Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (Executive Committee only)
 - Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m."

CARRIED

12. New Business

B. Hayes left a message regarding the new financial system and the workload that A. McRae and the financial department has incurred. McRae commented that his workload has increased with the addition of new programs and that he is short staffed. They have had some new training and are becoming for familiar with the city accounting system recently.

K. Streich-Poser agreed that she and A. McRae will meet with the Executive / Financial committee to plan a course of action and strategize. Priorities need to be set.

The Executive / Finance committee will meet as soon as possible to discuss this matter. L. Turco would like to see management recommendations and have the board support the staff and their needs. The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 25th at noon.

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

** See listing of Correspondence provided with meeting material **

15. Adjournment

Resolution #09-122

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm