



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 17th, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room (Civic Centre – Foster Drive)

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called was called to order by Vice-Chair P. Mick at 5:03 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #13-054

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the October 17, 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 #13-055

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated September 19, 2013 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

D. Petersson presented the 2013 Six Month Financial Update to Board Members. Questions were asked and answered as the discussion ensued. A decrease in the Ontario Works caseload was attributed to a shift in clients qualifying for ODSP from Ontario works. It was also noted that the Ontario Works budget is more flexible and fluid and needs to be re-examined come 2014 budget time. The Board requested a report with the implications of this approach and the pros and cons along with different scenarios.

Housing Programs, Child Care and Emergency Medical Services were discussed in detail. No questions or concerns from Board Members. The DSSAB Executive and Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation were also discussed.

R. Niro asked about the implications of a meeting being held next week to discuss the social status and condition of the downtown core and housing units in that area. M. Nadeau did not foresee financial implications but can see the need for DSSMSSAB support in this matter.

FINANCE

Resolution #13-056

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2013 Six Month Financial Update and Budget Summary Spreadsheet prepared by the Social Services Finance Manager as information.”

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

R. Rushworth present the EMS information provided to Board Members. He noted that things are going well and everything appears to be on track. L. Turco inquired about the large overtime expense and noted that this account is already at 90% of the budgeted total.

Resolution #13-057

Moved By: B. Watkins

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Emergency Medical Services Financial Report and Statistical Ambulance Report as information.”

CARRIED

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE

C. Fairbrother presented the New Child Care Funding Model Report for Board Members. Her PowerPoint presentation showed the impacted of the funding loss in the new funding model and the proposed funding model that could be implemented to balance this loss as best as possible.

A closer look at the City of Sault Ste. Marie Child Care Operator funding scenario for 2014 was examined. They will experience a big impact.

It was suggested that the resolutions passed at this meeting be shared with our MPP as well as NOSDA, AMO and other organizations in an effort to foster attention and awareness and lobby for funding changes.

A risk mitigation strategy could be examined in the New Year to identify potential risks in the future. It was deemed that this would be a good exercise for the future.

Board members thanked C. Fairbrother for a clear and well done presentation.

Resolution #13-058

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 5.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept New Child Care Funding Model Report presented by the Community Child Care Manager as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #13-059

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.4 “Whereas the Ministry of Education has developed a new Child Care Funding Model effective January 1, 2013 and

Whereas the new Model resulted in a 10% global funding reduction to our annual allocation and

Whereas the true impact on operations results in approximately a 16% reduction in Program funding and

Whereas the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board is attempting to develop a new local Funding Model that promotes Program equity and sustainability across the whole Child Care service system;

Therefore be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accepts the new local Funding Model as developed and

Be it further resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board will be provided quarterly updates over the next 15 months to ensure the new Model achieves the desired outcomes of Program equity and sustainability.”

CARRIED

Resolution #13-060

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.5 “Whereas the Ministry of Education has developed a new Child Care Funding Model effective January 1, 2013 and

Whereas the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board has attempted to develop a new local Funding Model that promotes Program equity and sustainability across the whole Child Care service system and

Whereas the new Funding Model would cause service system hardship if fully implemented immediately and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has provided Mitigation Funding to offset the anticipated hardship;

Therefore be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board authorize only a 13% reduction in program funding effective April 1, 2014 until December 31, 2014 for all programs and

Be it further resolved that District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board authorize the use of Mitigation Funding up to \$545,000 for the same period to delay the full impact of the Model until January 1, 2015. “

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie
- 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
- Emergency Flood Fund UPDATE

M. Nadeau updated regarding Emergency Flood Fund - 93 applications, 3 approved applications, 1 application pending to date.

- Goulais River LSB - EMS / First Response
- 211 Service
- Local Service Board Meetings
- Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy Consultation

7. NEW BUSINESS

Housing Programs re-organization is taking place. An organizational chart will be provided at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #13-061

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Russ Ramsay Room (Civic Centre)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.