



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

MINUTES
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 20th, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.
Accessibility Centre
(John Rhodes Community Centre 280 Elizabeth Street)

PRESENT:	D. Edgar	J. Gawne	P. Mick
	J. Krmpotich	S. Myers	R. Niro
	R. Amadio	P. Christian	L. Turco
STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser	R. Rushworth	A. Nanne

1. CALL TO ORDER

DSSMSSAB Chair D. Edgar called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #11-091

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the Agenda for the October 20, 2011 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 #11-092

Moved By: S. Myers

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 September 22, 2011 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

EMS - LAND AMBULANCE

R. Rushworth spoke to his quarterly report. He noted that staffing issues have been out of the ordinary in 2011. A conversation regarding the Sault Area Hospital “off-loading” issue ensued. Circumstances have occurred where ambulances are required to wait long periods of time with patients before off-loading them to emergency room staff for hospital care. This is becoming a more common and critical matter. Sudbury and Thunder Bay have instituted an “off-load” nurse at their local hospital in an effort to alleviate this problem. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assisted with these positions and R. Rushworth is examining the possibility of applying for such a person at our hospital.

How common is this problem in other communities? In Southern Ontario the problem is less prevalent as there are more hospital options. In other Northern communities there are similar problems in varying degrees.

As the DSSMSSAB is responsible for Emergency Medical Services, the need to address this matter starts here. Bringing the information forward to other stakeholders such as City Council and Sault Area Hospital is the responsibility of the Board. Presenters should be brought directly to the DSSMSSAB in an effort to address this matter and push it forward. A letter will be sent to Ron Gagnon Sault Area Hospital CEO, requesting more information about how the hospital plans to address long off-load and through-put times. A resolution was passed regarding this matter. Copies of resolution #11-093(B) will be forwarded to Sault Ste. Marie City Council, ADSSAB and Prince Township.

Resolution #11-093

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: S. Myers

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

CARRIED

Resolution #11-093(B)

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

5.1(B) "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board send a letter to R. Gagnon, CEO, Sault Area Hospital concerning the process of transferring the care of patients from Emergency Medical Services to the Sault Area Hospital Emergency Department and copies be sent to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Prince Township and the Algoma District Social Services Administration Board."

CARRIED

R. Rushworth told the DSSMSSAB about the situation regarding the change in fleet replacement. They prefer to keep the more reliable vehicle on the road.

Resolution #11-094

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Christian

5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve altering the EMS Fleet Replacement Schedule to retain the 2002 Ford Ambulance 5266 and dispose of the 2004 Ford unit 5453, upon receiving the new 2011 unit expected to arrive in November 2011 as recommended by the EMS Manager."

CARRIED

SOCIAL SERVICES

K. Streich-Poser spoke to her report. Social Services has received three (3) retirement notices from senior staff in the past couple weeks. A succession plan is being worked on for these positions.

Ontario Works is working on recommendations from the D. Court Report. A training manager has been hired as a result. The online application process has been launched and intake is approximately 5-10 online applications per week. Community Child Care has renewed all of their service provider contracts and health and safety requests. Social Housing Programs is busy with current and new programs and funding. SSMHC Housing Operations is wrapping up summer programs and statistics along with winter preparation. A best practices paper regarding our senior assisted living innovations is being drafted. Financial Services continue to work toward the 2012 budget and day-to-day operations.

NOSDA AGM will be held in Timmins in April 2012. They are looking to expand their Executive group at elections during that time.

Resolution #11-095

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: J. Gawne

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

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the CFIF funding and budget matter.

Resolution #11-096

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board include funding for

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

Previously funded through the Social Assistance Reinvestment Fund (National Child Benefit Supplement Clawback / Child and Family Investment Fund) in the 2012 DSSMSSAB Budget in order to continue serving the most vulnerable in our community;

AND that the Board lobby the Provincial Government for revenue to assist with the costs of these programs or seek alternative funding within the existing funded programs.”

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

- PRESENTATION
Website Statistics – Commissioner of Social Services

7. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8. IN CAMERA SESSION

Resolution #11-097

Moved By: R. Niro
Seconded By: P. Mick

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

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- City of SSM Service Contract Agreements

Resolution #11-098

Moved By: S. Myers
Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

CARRIED

Resolution #11-100

Moved By: L. Turco
Seconded By: P. Christian

8.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board appoint J. Gawne, D. Edgar and P. Mick to meet with D. Court to review the draft contracts in light of input received at a recent meeting with our service provider the City of Sault Ste. Marie"

CARRIED

Resolution #11-101

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

8.4 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board appoint P. Christian, R. Niro, and D. Edgar to a hiring committee to review the Director of Performance Standards position."

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #11-102

Moved By: J. Gawne
Seconded By: R. Amadio

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING-Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.