



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

- Ontario Works
- Child Care
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- Land Ambulance

Minutes
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 18, 2008 - 5:20 PM
Social Services Building II Boardroom (180 Brock Street)

PRESENT:	P. Mick B. Hayes	F. Fata L. Madonna	V. Burns
STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser C. Rosso	J. Barban A. Nanne	F. Lake
REGRETS:	S. Butland L. Tridico	L. Turco L. McCoy	D. Edgar A. McRae

Meeting called to order by Chair, P. Mick at 5:45 pm

A moment of silence was observed for J. Crawford.

1. Minutes

Resolution #08-068

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated May 22, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Accounts previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee:

Resolution #08-069

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated:
May 01, 2008 in the amount of \$55,135.22

May 08, 2008 in the amount of \$1,227,870.52
May 15, 2008 in the amount of \$13,458.50
May 23, 2008 in the amount of \$855,210.81
May 29, 2008 in the amount of \$96,170.18
June 05, 2008 in the amount of \$1,260,184.26
June 12, 2008 in the amount of \$881,215.94
June 19, 2008 in the amount of \$9,557.08
June 26, 2008 in the amount of \$119,277.77
July 04, 2008 in the amount of \$1,245,884.03

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

Accounts NOT previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee:

Resolution #08-070

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

2.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated:

July 10, 2008 in the amount of \$61,824.12
July 17, 2008 in the amount of \$51,230.58
July 24, 2008 in the amount of \$886,354.32
July 31, 2008 in the amount of \$131,061.30
August 08, 2008 in the amount of \$61,876.23
August 14, 2008 in the amount of \$41,543.50
August 21, 2008 in the amount of \$2,130,824.01
August 28, 2008 in the amount of \$120,620.22

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive / Finance

4. Land Ambulance

Resolution #08-071

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

4.1 "Be it resolved that the May and June 2008 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-072

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the July and August 2008 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

C. Rosso spoke to his report. He noted that the transition to the new Child Benefit Tax went well. The NCO Call Centre in town is closing (341 jobs). Ontario Works was just informed today that the other call centers in town will be hiring the displaced employees from NCO.

Ontario Works Northern Managers are meeting in Thunder Bay at the end of the month. This is a great opportunity to compare operations, network and get new ideas.

C. Rosso noted that there is an increase in caseload size. He partially attributed it to the social housing wait list issues in Southern Ontario and the fact that our economy is still relatively stable.

C. Rosso discussed the Ontario Works Service Plan 2008-09. He noted that the targets outlined in the Plan were already achieved in June or July for 2008 as a result of our strong economy.

Resolution #08-073

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the September 2008 Report from the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-074

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the Ontario Works Service Plan 2008-2009 be accepted by the Board as recommended by the Ontario Works Program Manager and the Executive / Finance Committee."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-075

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Madonna

5.3 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Ontario Works – MCSS 2008 Budget Submission – Amended
- 2008 Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiative Early Site MCSS Budget Submission
- 2008 MCCS 2nd Quarter Reports for Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP), Energy Emergency Fund (EEF) and Water Filter Fund (WFF)"

CARRIED

Resolution #08-076

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Madonna

5.4 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Ontario Works – Addiction Services Initiatives 2008 2nd Quarter Report
- Ontario Works – MCSS 2008 2nd Quarter Report"

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

F. Lake was present to address her report. Things have been pretty quiet around the Best Start table and from the MCYS. The Aboriginal Child Care Center has not yet opened but they hope to be up and running by November. To date 31 of the 39 spaces have already been spoken for.

Kids First Conference: Any board member that would like to attend the cost will be covered through available funds. Contact the DSSMSSAB office for registration.

Resolution #08-077

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: V. Burns

6.1 "Be it resolved that the Community Child Care Services Report to the Board be accepted as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-078

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 6.2 "Be it resolved that the following information be accepted by the Board:
- Best Start – Child Care – Ontario Early Years Centres - 2008/09 Best Start Integration Status Update Template
 - Information for Parents – Best Start and Early Learning & Child Care Programs."

CARRIED

It was agreed that the Information for Parents PowerPoint presentation be added to the DSSMSSAB website.

Resolution #08-079

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 6.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the recommendation of the Community Child Care Manager to allocate the \$376,136 Best Start Funding as presented and supported via email / fax poll dated August 20, 2008."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-080

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 6.4 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Community Child Care – MCYS 2008 1st Quarter Report
- Community Child Care – MCYS 2008 2nd Quarter Report"

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

8. Social Housing Programs

Resolution #08-081

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB support the recommendation from the Manager of Housing Programs to approve the William McMurray Corporation to receive \$5,569.08 to add handicap doors to the west end of their building from the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOORS) funding."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-082

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the recommendation to allocate \$6,000 to assist with the costs associated with the SHSC Emergency Response Planning and Business Continuity Planning and Pandemic Preparedness training workshops previously supported via email / fax poll dated September 09, 2008."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #08-083

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board meeting dated May 22, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

K. Streich-Poser spoke to her report to the Board.

Resolution #08-084

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the Matrix of Ongoing DSSMSSAB Issues September 2008 prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser noted that the Emergency Energy Fund is an issue across the North and that this issue needs to be brought forward. The Board would like to retain a copy of the resolution as well.

Resolution #08-085

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB sponsor a resolution at the NOSDA Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay requesting that the MCSS re examine and allocate additional funds for 2008 to the Emergency Energy Fund."

CARRIED

Right now the United Way is composing a comprehensive database for this purpose. They expect to have 500-700 agencies and organizations identified in this database. The contribution amount per community is based on a per capita basis. This service will help to alleviate some of the calls directed to improper offices.

Resolution #08-086

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

10.3 "Given the benefits of the provision of accurate and readily available information for people who are in need of a variety of services from their community and whereas the 211 project will meet this need for the citizens of the DSSMSSAB jurisdiction,

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB provide funding in the amount of \$35,000 annually starting in 2008 to support the delivery of the 211 Information and Referral project on an annual basis."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

Seminars / Conferences

- NOSDA AGM
- Sault Ste. Marie Best for Kids Early Childhood Development Conference – October 22 – 24, 2008

Resolution #08-087

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

11.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve Lou Turco to travel to Thunder Bay, Ontario on September 29, 30 and October 1 to attend the NOSDA 2008 Annual General Meeting."

CARRIED

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

15. Adjournment

Resolution #08-088

Moved By: V. Burns
Seconded By: F. Fata

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.