



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

**MINUTES OF  
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD  
MEETING HELD April 18, 2002, 5:20 PM  
Civic Centre, Russ Ramsey Boardroom**

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**PRESENT:** D. Amaroso D. Edgar N. DelBianco  
D. Jones B. McHale P. Mick  
W. Pickard L. Turco

**DSSMSSAB STAFF:** K. Streich-Poser S. French

**CITY STAFF:** D.Overboe A. McRae F. Lake  
C. Rosso G. Avery R. Cobean  
J. Crawford L. McCoy

**MCSS:** R. MacKinnon

**REGRETS:** P. Vaudry

Ms. Mara Grancic will be assisting with future Board meetings by monitoring the microphones in the Council Chambers.

Debbie Amaroso called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

### **1. Minutes**

1.1 Resolution #02-63

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated March 27, 2002 be adopted as recorded."

**Carried**

### **2. Accounts**

2.1 Resolution #02-64

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

March 7, 2002 in the amount of \$883,951.36

March 14, 2002 in the amount of \$3,323.72

March 21, 2002 in the amount of \$451,960.35

be passed for payment."

**Carried**

### **3. Executive/Finance**

3.1 Resolution #02-65

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Executive Committee be accepted as information."

**Carried**

Debbie Amaroso gave an overview of the committee meeting. The contracts for Child Care, Ontario Works and Financial Services has been distributed to the Board for review. The revised contracts will be forwarded to the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Council for approval and signing. David Overboe is working with us to deal with office accommodation needs. Administrative policies will be coming forward in the fall for the Board to review.

### **Additional Report from the Financial Manager of Social Services**

3.2 Resolution #02-66

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the MCSS 2002 Budget for Ontario Works as submitted by the Financial Manager of Social Services."

**Carried**

### **4. Land Ambulance**

4.1 Resolution #02-67

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the report from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted as information."

**Carried**

This will be one of the final reports that the Board will receive from the Sault Area Hospitals. Kim Streich-Poser, Andrew McRae and Don Muio are scheduled to meet next week to discuss the final reconciliations and reporting requirements from Sault Area Hospitals.

4.2 Resolution #02-68

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Chief regarding Land Ambulance Transition for April 2002 be accepted as information."

**Carried**

Starting in May 2002 a written report will be submitted to the Board from the EMS Service. Lynn McCoy gave a summary of transition activities to date and highlighted that the Emergency Medical Service is in full swing. The certification review by the MOHLTC is scheduled for July 9, 10 and 11. Lynn McCoy is in the process of recruiting

a Manager for Quality Assurance and is continuing recruitment for paramedics. Lynn has yet to receive the ARIS link from the MOHLTC. Lynn explained what the ARIS link is and how it will assist him and his managers to operate the Emergency Medical Service. There is a meeting being held in Sudbury for the interfacility issues on April 30, 2002, Kim Streich-Poser and David Stokes are scheduled to attend the session. The Paramedics and the Fire Fighters are putting in teams for the Lung Association's fire truck pull.

## **5. Ontario Works**

5.1 Resolution #02-69

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Ontario Works for April 2002 be accepted as information."

**Carried**

Carl Rosso summarized the report. There is an ongoing review of the office space.

## **6. Community Child Care**

6.1 Resolution #02-70

Moved by: P. Mick

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Community Child Care for April 2002 be accepted as information."

**Carried**

Florence Lake gave an overview of the report. Florence Lake has been asked and has accepted to take the lead on the Early Years Initiative. The Board congratulated Florence.

## **7. Director of Performance Standards**

7.1 Resolution #02-71

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Performance Standards for April 2002 be accepted as information."

**Carried**

As of the last CAO NOSDA conference call the NOSDA meeting for politicians is anticipated for this fall.

As a result of the OPSEU strike air ambulances are not being dispatched and our EMS Service is being requested to do patient transfers. Lynn McCoy and David Stokes are keeping track of the requests and the costs involved, the Ministry of Health will be billed 100% of the costs. The approach is to take care of people first and foremost and then deal MOHLTC to secure funding reimbursement.

DSSMSSAB and the City of Sault Ste. Marie (Social Services Department and Fire Services Department) will be hosting a community workshop in June for all social services stakeholder organizations. Presentations will also be given to City Council and Prince Township Council.

- 7.2 Resolution #02-72  
Moved by: P. Mick  
Seconded by: N. DelBianco  
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve Kim Streich-Poser to travel to Sudbury, Ontario April 30, 2002 for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Study of Inter-facility Transfers for Land Ambulance Services Stakeholder Session."

**Carried**

- 7.3 Resolution #02-73  
Moved by: N. DelBianco  
Seconded by: D. Edgar  
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve Kim Streich-Poser and Debbie Amaroso to travel to Collingwood, Ontario May 14 - 17, 2002 for the 2002 Learning Symposium and Annual General Meeting held by OMSSA (Ontario Municipal Social Services Association)."

**Carried**

## **8. Old Business**

### **9. New Business**

- 9.1 The May 16, 2002 DSSMSSAB Board meeting has been rescheduled to May 30, 2002.
- 9.2 Scheduling of initial committee meetings under the New Committee Structure. Kim asked Board Members to remain after the Board Meeting to schedule the initial meetings.

### **10. Correspondence/Information**

- 10.1 Letter dated March 8, 2002 from Jim Van Pelt, Program Manager - MOHLTC regarding Human Resources Inventory Verification.
- 10.2 Letter dated March 11, 2002 from Thomas Johns, Manager - Algoma Emergency Medical Services regarding the Purchase of Ambulance 02-0262.
- 10.3 Letter dated March 15, 2002 from David Zuccato, Regional Program Manager, Municipal Services - MCSS regarding 2001-2002 Ontario Works Community and Employment Placement Achievements as of December 31, 2001.
- 10.4 Letter dated March 27, 2002 from R.J. Watson, City Clerk - City of Timmins regarding a resolution passed by the Northeastern Ontario Municipalities Action Group at a meeting held in North Bay on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The resolution refers to petitioning the Provincial Government - "Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reassess the impact of the revised Provincial capital funding model on Northern DSSAB's..."
- 10.5 Letter dated March 28, 2002 from Kathryn Miller, CAO - District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board regarding Land Ambulance Funding model/Cross Border Revenue.

- 10.6 Letter dated March 25, 2002 from David Zuccato, Acting Regional Director Northern Region - MCSS regarding 2002 Time Limited Service Contract Business Transformation Project (BTP).
- 10.7 Letter dated March 25, 2002 from David Zuccato, Acting Regional Director Northern Region - MCSS regarding 2001 Time Limited Service Contract - Amendment #2 Business Transformation Project (BTP).
- 10.8 Letter dated April 5, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCSS regarding 2001 Service Contract - Amendment Ontario Works.
- 10.9 Letter dated April 5, 2002 from Bill Bandy, Team Leader Ambulance Certification and Review - MOHLTC regarding the Ambulance Service Review Team visiting the EMS service.
- 10.10 Letter dated April 8, 2002 from Frank Malvaso, Acting Regional Program Manager, Municipal Services - MCSS regarding National Child Benefit Reinvestment Protocol for 2001 Year End Reporting and 2002 Quarterly Monitoring.
- 10.11 Letter dated April 8, 2002 from Cathy Francis, Manager Education and Patient Care Standards - MOHLTC regarding Advanced Emergency Medical Care Assistant (A-EMCA) and Aeromedical Theory Examination Dates - 2002 Summer Sessions.
- 10.12 Letter dated April 8, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCSS regarding Comprehensive Verification Process (CVP) Workload Funding Strategy Service Contract Amendment.
- 10.13 Letter dated April 8, 2002 from Denis Fournier, Senior Field Manager (A) Northeast Region regarding patient transfers.
- 10.14 Letter dated April 8, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCSS regarding Comprehensive Verification Process (CVP) Workload Funding Strategy February & March 2002 Extension.

## **11. Adjournment**

Resolution #02-74

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

**Carried**

Prior to the meeting adjourning Ron MacKinnon informed the Board that the Ministry of Community and Social Services has been renamed to the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services. Brenda Elliot is the newly appointed Minister

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

