

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
BOARD
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, August 17, 2000 – 5pm.**

PRESENT: W. Pickard D. Amaroso B. McHale
D. Edgar S. Lepore D. Jones
C. Swift

DSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser S. French

CITY STAFF: D. Overboe A. McRae F. Lake

MNDM STAFF: C. Jensen

GUESTS: Don Muio, Vice-President Support Services, Sault Area
Hospitals
Terry Scott, Sault Area Hospitals
Marvin Rubinstein, Consultant, IBI Group

REGRETS: B. Irwin S. Bergamin P.Vaudry
W. Lamming

1.Minutes

Resolution #00-93

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: B. McHale

“Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated July 27, 2000 be adopted as recorded.”

Carried

2. Land Ambulance Committee

Marvin Rubinstein, consultant for IBI Group, gave a presentation on the Land Ambulance Service Contract and Budget. He handed out copies of the presentation and a revised copy of the contract.

Earlier in the day the consultant met with Don Muio and Kim Streich-Poser to go over some changes to the contract. The Hospital Board will meet early in September and Don Muio will recommend that they accept the contract.

The members of the Board asked some questions about the contract and the budget. Both Mr. Rubinstein and Mr. Muio responded to the questions asked. (A further detailed summary of the questions and responses are available upon request from this office).

According to the information provided, the consultant stated that currently the Operator is close to meeting the Provincial standards for response times. The

DSSAB ask Mr. Muio to emphasize to the Sault Area Hospitals Board that the DSSAB resolution was carried unanimously and that they are looking forward to continuing working in partnership with the Sault Area Hospitals on this initiative.

Resolution #00-94
Moved by: D.Jones
Seconded by: D. Amaroso

"Be it resolved that the Land Ambulance Service Contract between the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and the Sault Area Hospitals for the period of January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 be approved."

Carried

Resolution #00-95
Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: C. Swift

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board assume responsibility for establishing a severance accrual fund for Land Ambulance services effective January 1, 2001."

Deferred

Discussion:

The Board upon review of this resolution has requested additional information regarding the costs associated with it. Clarification was also requested from the financial manager who suggested that DSSAB might want to think about this longer. An accrual fund has not been set up for OW. The purpose of the fund needs to be spell out exactly. We need to find out what the Province was using it for.

DSSAB needs to start an accrual fund when the contract commences. The severance accrual fund would be used in the event of a massive lay off of paramedics in the event that Sault Area Hospitals decides that they no longer want to deliver the Land Ambulance Service. DSSAB will receive funds from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to cover severance for the years the Land ambulance program was administered by the Ministry. DSSAB needs to determine if they will set up a severance accrual fund to cover any potential severance payments that may occur after 2001 should the Sault Area Hospitals decide to discontinue the contract in the future. The IBI consultant cautions that calculations by MOHLTC for Severance payments may not include all the Termination payments that would be given to laid off employees. There seems to be more info needed on actual costs associated with termination and severance, (sick pay, holiday time, lieu time etc. what else would have to be paid out?).

Accrual funds for future severance is located in Section 19 of the Agreement. It outlines that the DSSAB will accept the obligation to establish an accrual fund or be financial responsible for severance funds beyond January 1, 2001.

Resolution #00-96
Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Land Ambulance Committee be accepted as information."

Carried

3. Accounts

Resolution #00-97
Moved by: B. McHale
Seconded by: D. Amaroso

"Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated:

July 27, 2000 in the amount of \$424,476.67
July 20, 2000 in the amount of \$1,467.39

be passed for payment."

Carried

Resolution #00-98
Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Financial Manager dated August 10, 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Andy McRae handed out information regarding the focus session held August 15, 2000 for Social Housing. Native housing is divided into two parts, Urban Native Housing and Rural Native Housing. DSSAB will be expected to assume responsibility for the stock of approximately 81 Urban Housing Units. Native Housing will be downloaded January 1, 2001.

ACTION: The Social Housing committee will meet to try to sort through the information.

4. Director of Ontario Works

Resolution #00-99
Moved by: C. Swift
Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Ontario Works received August 10, 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Dave Overboe handed out a copy of a letter and package sent to Sante Bergamin, Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding the proposed Employment Service Plan for the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services

Administration Board for the period 2000-2002. Mr. Overboe requested that a little extra time at the next meeting be reserved to go over the proposal including the levels of service.

5. Community Child Care Manager

Resolution #00-100

Moved by: C. Swift

Seconded by: D. Amaroso

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Community Child Care Manager be accepted as information."

Carried

Florence Lake explained that the use of the day care centres this time of year drops. Since most of the users are on holidays, staff coordinated vacation schedules to coincide with the down time. Needs testing will pickup in the next couple of weeks.

6. Director of Performance Standards

Resolution #00-101

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: C. Swift

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board proposal evaluation tool be approved by the Board."

Carried

NOSDA: Initial communications have been made with Mary Lucas and the Chair. A note went out to all the CAO's asking them for suggestions of topics and dates for the meeting.

Resolution #00-102

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: D. Amaroso

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

Carried

7. Public Education/Communication Committee

Resolution #00-103

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: D. Amaroso

"Be it resolved that the report from the Public Education/Communication Committee be accepted as information."

Carried

The Public Education Session held in Batchawana had no attendance from the community. Some of the Board members expressed their concerns with the cost effectiveness of these sessions. Staff are not receiving compensation for attending these sessions. Cathy Jensen made the comment that generally sessions only produce attendance when there is an issue. Otherwise, if there is no issue that the public identifies with then generally sessions have a low to no attendance. By holding the sessions the DSSAB has honoured the guiding principles of being available to communicate with the communities. A suggestion came from a board member to send notices stating that we are available to do a meeting if someone or a group needs or wants one.

A Session is also set for Goulais River on August 24, 2000.

Resolution #00-104
Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contract with Mr. S. Morrasut to design, set-up and maintain a Website."

Carried

Additional Comments:

A proposal to contract with Mr. S. Morrasut to develop and support a website for the DSSAB was prepared by the Director of Performance Standards and distributed for the Board to review prior to the meeting. The Chair of the Education/Communications Committee was consulted regarding the proposed contract. Cost and the use of a counter were discussed. The rationalization for the need of a website was also discussed.

8. Social Housing

No report.
Resolution #00-105
Moved by: B. McHale
Seconded by: C. Swift

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Chair's decision to approve Peter Vaudry's travelling expenditures to attend the CMSM/Provincial Fall Forum in Toronto October 18-19, 2000."

Carried

Resolution #00-106
Moved by: C. Swift
Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Chair's decision to approve Kim Streich-Poser's and Peter

Vaudry's travelling expenditures to attend the ONPHA 2000 Conference in Toronto November 24-26, 2000."

Carried

9. Outstanding Action Items: See attached.

- Investigating into who else provides services tot he homeless, has yet to be actioned.
- An E-mail message has been sent to Lorie Bottos in follow-up to the Letter dated June 20, 2000 from Algoma Insurance.
- The Algoma District School Board has been approached to help with the Unincorporated DSSAB elections. Kim Streich-Poser will be meeting with her regarding the elections later this month.

10. New Business – None.

11. Correspondence

- 13.1 Letter from David Stokes, Acting Manager Sault Ste. Marie C.A.C.C., dated July 31, 2000.
- 13.2 Letter from Dan Hammond, Regional Manager North East Ontario, Ministry of Health, dated August 3, 2000.
- 13.3 Letter sent August 11, 2000 to Mary Kardos Burton, Executive Director, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care - Emergency Health Services Branch, RE: Land Ambulance Transition Funding.

12. Adjournment

Resolution #00-107

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: C. Swift

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried