



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FINANCE, PERSONNEL, GOVERNANCE)

#### MINUTES for Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Plummer Boardroom, Civic Centre at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

**PRESENT:** D. Amaroso D. Edgar  
**CITY STAFF:** F. Lake A. McRae J. Crawford  
K. Streich-Poser  
**DSSMSSAB STAFF:** A. Nanne  
**REGRETS:** B. Hayes P. Mick

D. Amaroso called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

D. Edgar asked that the next DSSMSSAB full board meeting be postponed for one-week and be moved from January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup>. D. Edgar will be out of town on January 20<sup>th</sup> and would like to be present at the next Board Meeting, as a new DSSMSSAB Chair will be elected at that time. It was agreed that a fax poll would be sent to the DSSMSSAB members requesting the date change.

#### **Review minutes from January 20, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting.**

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

#### **Community Child Care Services Report – Pay Equity**

The Manager of Community Child Care Services, F. Lake, update the committee members about pay equity. D. Edgar asked if pay equity is going to be an ongoing issue to which F. Lake responded that this is an open ended issue until pay equity has been achieved. She felt that it could go on for some time but noted that the Ministry agreement to participate in an 80/20 cost share ends on December 31, 2005. F. Lake is unsure what will happen in 2006.

K. Streich-Poser commented that both Sudbury and Kenora have decided not to honor pay equity payments but also commented that the rest of the NOSDA group is going ahead with the agreement.

It was recommended that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board move forward with the Pay Equity settlement. A fax poll regarding this matter will be distributed with the results being forwarded to A. McRae for processing. F. Lake will have the Service Provider contracts ready for signature at the next Board meeting.

#### **Homelessness – Year End Settlement**

A. McRae informed the committee that this account has a zero balance. He also completed an APER as per their request.

#### **Accounts Payable:**

DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable:

December 02, 2004 in the amount of \$998,289.87  
December 10, 2004 in the amount of \$34,335.23  
December 16, 2004 in the amount of \$292,297.15  
December 31, 2004 in the amount of \$

A. McRae reviewed the Accounts Payable with the Executive Committee. There were no questions or comments and the Payables were accepted.

**Review of Ministry of Community and Social Services Contracts:**

- **Time Limited Service Contract – Early Learning Child Care**
- **Service Contract Amendment – Child Care Pay Equity**

F. Lake reviewed the Child Care contracts with the committee. She informed the Executive Committee that she and Kim participated in a telephone conference this week and that the funding is beginning to flow quickly for Child Care. It appears that previously promised funding is now available and that we may be looking at additional expansion soon.

D. Edgar asked if we are receiving our fair share of funding to which F. Lake responded yes.

K. Streich-Poser commented that this contract amendment is simply used to keep funds flowing at the promised 100% structure.

**Other Business - Insurance Renewal**

K. Streich-Poser indicated that the DSSMSSAB Insurance quote is less than the previous year and she would like to recommend the payment of invoice once it has been received.

D. Amaro extended congratulations to K. Streich-Poser for her appointment as the new Commissioner of Social Services on behalf of the DSSMSSAB and welcomed her in the new role.

**Next Meeting – February 2005 (Gabe Stefanizzi Audit Planning Presentation)**

The next Executive / Finance Committee meeting will be held in February 2005. A definite date will be set after the DSSMSSAB full Board meeting.

**In Camera Session**

An "in camera" session was held to discuss the DSSMSSAB Administrative Assistant Position.

**Adjournment**