



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 27, 2005 - 5:20 PM
Civic Centre, Council Chambers**

Present: L. Madonna P. Mick S. Butland
B. Hayes D. Amaroso V. Burns
D. Edgar

City Staff: G. Avery A. McRae J. Crawford
C. Rosso R. Cobean F. Lake
D. Stokes Mara Progmet (audio)

DSSMSSAB Staff: A. Nanne

Absent: L. Turco J. Curran

Commissioner of Social Services, K. Streich-Poser conducted the DSSMSSAB Executive elections.

The election results were:

Chair – D. Edgar
Vice-Chair - J. Curran
Secretary – P. Mick
Treasurer – B. Hayes
Past Chair – D. Amaroso

DSSMSSAB Chair, D. Edgar, called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

2. Minutes

Resolution #05-001

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated December 16, 2004 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

3. Accounts

Accounts previously reviewed by the Executive Committee

A. McRae was available to answer questions regarding past accounts.

Resolution #05-002

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: S. Butland

3.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

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 \$724,661.67

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

4. Executive/Finance

D. Amaroso and D. Edgar both thanked K. Streich-Poser for her work and wished her all the best in her new appointment as Commissioner of Social Services. K. Streich-Poser thanked Board for their support.

Discussion regarding signing authority for city staff and new executive members ensued. K. Streich-Poser will write a new resolution regarding this matter.

Resolution #05-003

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: P. Mick

4.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the resignation of Kim Streich-Poser as the Director of Performance Standards."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-004

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

4.2 "Be it resolved that 2004 Current Value Assessment for 2005 Taxation and Resulting Levy Allocation report be accepted by the Board as information and that the DSSMSSAB accept the recommendation of the Financial Manager to endorse the weighted percentages as outlined in this report for the purposed of determining levies for the 2005 budget year."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-005

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: S. Butland

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the December 09, 2004 Executive Committee meeting be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-006

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 4.4 "Be it resolved that the following MCSS Social Services Contracts previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance committee be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Time Limited Service Contract - ELCC
- Service Contract Amendment – Child Care Pay Equity"

CARRIED

Resolution #05- 022

Moved By: D. Amaroso

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 4.5 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB have Kim Streich-Poser replace David Overboe as a signing authority on behalf of the Board."

CARRIED

5. Land Ambulance

K. Streich Poser commented that the response times usually included in the report are not provided as a result of the ADDIS system failure.

Resolution #05-007

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the December 2004 report from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-008

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: S. Butland

5.2 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the October 20, 2004 Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

D. Stokes and K. Streich-Poser spoke about the Diagnostic and Medical Equipment Fund Equipment Request. They provided background and information.

Resolution #05-009

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

5.3 "Be it resolved that Diagnostic and Medical Equipment Fund Equipment Request be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

D. Stokes commented that the listed Emergency Medical Equipment to become the property of the Aweres Local Services Board is useful for Aweres and their fire trucks.

Resolution #05-010

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: S. Butland

5.4 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB approve the listed Emergency Medical Equipment to become the property of the Aweres Local Services Board

- 2 Fracture Boards complete with straps
- 1 Full set of Cervical Collars
- 1 Adult Blood Pressure Cuff with Stethoscope
- 1 Folding Spade
- 1 CPR Board
- 1 Obstetrical Kit
- 1 Burn Kit
- Assorted and various bandages, dressings, gauze, tape and gloves."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser commented that the DSSMSSAB have been AMEMSO members for the past 3 or 4 years and feels that this has been a valuable membership. L. Madonna asked about the fees and listed members. It will be approximately \$350 and the listed members include Chief McCoy, D. Stokes and R. Rushworth.

Resolution #05-011

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 5.5 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB approve the AMEMSO (Associations of Municipal Emergency Medical Services of Ontario) Membership renewal for 2005."

CARRIED

6. Ontario Works

C. Rosso gave a verbal report. He commented on the closure Intake Screening Unit effective June 1st and informed Board members that they have a transition team in place to assume the in-house duties. He hopes to have a plan in place by mid-February. D. Amaroso asked about the discontinuation of the NCIS and whether this was simply a matter of reverting to the old processes used prior to the NCIS. C. Rosso responded that a lot of the new system would be the same as the old process. He added that they are unable to use the resources that they had before at intake and hope to implement a clerk / aid worker to take incoming calls and gather preliminary information. D. Edgar asked if we would need to implement a new computer program for this function to which C. Rosso responded we would not need new computer program since it is the same throughout the province.

C. Rosso also notified the Board that Ontario Works is now handling drug costs for working clients as well as non-compliance clients and that the future focus will be employment and education.

Resolution #05-012

Moved By: S. Butland
Seconded By: P. Mick

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the report prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

7. Community Child Care

F. Lake spoke to her report and commented on the recent article in the SooToday regarding the closure of daycare centres and the inaccurate information provided there. She then addressed her report and commented on the highlights of the handout. K. Streich-Poser commented that the Best Start program would be a mandated requirement for the DSSMSSAB.

Resolution #05-013

Moved By: P. Mick
Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 7.1 "Be it resolved that the report from the Community Child Care Services Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

F. Lake addressed the costs related to pay equity. D. Amaroso asked if the funds have yet been dispersed and F. Lake responded that it would be sent tomorrow.

Resolution #05-014

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: D. Amaroso

7.2 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB accept the fax poll results supporting the recommendation to approve the costs related to pay equity, in order to enable Service Providers to fulfill their pay equity responsibilities."

CARRIED

8. Social Housing

R. Cobean stated that we still haven't heard from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Cara Community and he doesn't expect to hear soon due to benchmarking.

Draft benchmarks were distributed and then rescinded as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing called to say that the information sent was incorrect. There are large increases in funding amounts to providers in the initial benchmarking year 2006. R. Cobean will be attending a benchmarking session in Sudbury next week and hopes to look at the system more clearly. He also hopes to be able to negotiate with providers regarding the funding provided.

K. Streich-Poser reiterated that all funding increases are completely 100% municipal dollars. These increases will not be eligible for CRF due to changes in that program. B. Hayes asked what the total deficits would be and R. Cobean commented it could amount to approximately one million dollars over 10 years. D. Edgar asked if we have the ability to negotiate any of these items and R. Cobean stated that it is difficult to say.

R. Cobean received a letter from La Chaumiere asking for additional funding for extra work that needed to be done. He will be meeting with their Board on Monday, January 31st to discuss possible funding and the conditions that will be attached. R. Cobean will try to expedite this as soon as possible. He commented that the March Board meeting may be too late to approve funding and may want to consider a fax poll in the interim. The funding request should be approximately \$125,000.

L. Madonna commented that he does not want providers to assume that we have "deep pockets" and assume that we will always provide funding. R. Cobean commented that this organization just does not have the funds and we can treat this as a loan.

Resolution #05-015

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

8.1 "Be it resolved that the report from the Housing Programs Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

9. Social Housing Corporation

G. Avery commented the Resolutin #05-016 is simply a housekeeping item to close the loop between the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation and the DSSMSSAB.

Resolution #05-016

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: D. Amaroso

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Meeting held December 16, 2004 be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

K. Streich-Poser spoke to her matrix report. It provides an update of outstanding issues and thanked the managers for their reports and commentary. She commented on the issues not previously addressed.

The website has been launched and media releases announced. The street smart guides were provided to DSSMSSAB Board Members and are a useful resource.

Resolution #05-017

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the report from the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser commented that the OMSSA membership has been maintained by the DSSMSSAB for a number of years and that there have been 7 memberships . She supports the continuation of this association. Membership fees are \$5,978.

Resolution #05-018

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB approve the OMSSA (Ontario Municipal Social Services Association) Membership renewal for 2005."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-019

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

10.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board shall now go into a closed session to discuss one item concerning DSSMSSAB staffing matters".

CARRIED

Resolution #05-020

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

CARRIED

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Correspondence/Information

** See listing of Correspondence provided with meeting material **

14. Next Meeting

Resolution #05-021 was suggested to allow A. McRae time to put together the DSSMSSAB budget for 2005.

Resolution #05-021

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Madonna

14.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB March meeting date be changed from Thursday, March 24, 2005 to Thursday, March 31, 2005."

CARRIED **15. Adjournment**

Resolution #05-022

Moved By: D. Amaroso

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.