



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

- Ontario Works
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes for Thursday June 12, 2003

Civic Centre, Plummer Boardroom, 5:00pm

Present: D. Edgar (Chair) N. DelBianco L. Turco
 D. Amaroso L. McCoy A. McRae
 K. Streich-Poser S. French (Notes)

Regrets:

The meeting was called to order at 4:55pm.

1. Review of the Minutes from the Wednesday February 26, 2003 Emergency Medical Services Committee.

The minutes were reviewed and no errors, corrections or omissions were recorded.

2. Reports from the Director of Performance Standards:

A/ Surplus Equipment Disposal

Kim went through the report and identified items for disposal. The Committee supports the recommendation from the Director of Performance Standards that the report be forwarded to the Executive Committee. It was noted that the City of SSM would be having their auction in July 2003.

B/ TWOMO Business Case - Follow-up

Kim circulated copies of a letter from Marjorie Wilcox. This issue will be on the NOSDA agenda. Copies of the letter will be forwarded to Prince Township and the City of SSM.

The Committee agreed that a letter should be sent back Ms. Wilcox stating that the Ministry's response does not address what was requested, and request payment of TWOMO costs. A copy will be forwarded to the other NOSDA members.

C/ Cross Border Land Ambulance Service Delivery Charges

Kim gave an update on Cross Border. AMO is frustrated with is the issue and LAISC Cross Border Sub-committee will be making recommendation that the regulation be removed from the legislation. This would require the Ministry to readjust the base funding templates. There is a concern across

the Province regarding inaccurate data from the Ministry; many are losing faith in the Ministry's budgeting process and in the Data Base.

The issue of First Nation billings through cross border billing has been brought to the attention of the LAISC sub committee. This has not come up anywhere else in the province but for Sault Ste. Marie. It has significant implications for CMSMs. The MOHLTC direction at the time of devolution was that the Province would reimburse for all costs for First Nations Calls.

- D/ First Nations Billings for 2001 and 2002
Kim read the letter April 1st letter from Denis Fournier and David Court's letter of response to our billing of ADSAB for the First Nations calls to Batchawana and Garden River First Nation.

It was decided that the invoice would be resubmitted to Denis Fournier (MOHLTC) and if there is no resolve then the issue will be taken up at the Minister's level.

There was discussion about taking legal action. This issue will be forwarded to NOSDA. Kim will prepare a cover letter explaining the situation and the Province's position for the Band Councils in Batchewana and Garden River (Denis's letter will be attached). The letter to the Band Councils will further indicate that the DSSMSSAB will not stop service to their First Nations

- E/ Association of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Organization (AMEMSO) Meeting held May 26 to 28, 2003
A copy of the meeting deliberations is available at the DSSMSSAB office.
- F/ Ambulance Co-payment
This issue has been discussed at DSSMSSAB board meetings several times in the past. Kim will prepare a letter for the Ministry of Health asking them for the status of the co-payment being transferred to the Municipalities.
- G/ First Response Teams
- The agreements are continuing to be updated as they come due.
 - Kim gave an update on the SARs screening for the first responders. As of May 16th a directive from the Ministry of Health was issued to suspend screening for Sars.
 - Ministry of Health Investigation – Robert Rushworth has set up a 16-hour re-certification in July for the Searchmont team. He is putting together a training CD for them to use monthly. Kim expressed her gratitude to Lynn and his staff for their assistance with this issue.
- H/ Severance Update – The funds have been transferred to the hospital and all of the funds have been paid out. It is anticipated that there will not be any

more bills. The cost for the severance was a little above what the Ministry had originally funded and the difference will be included in the 2003 template.

- I/ Base Hospital – Kim gave an update. They had been asked to do an operational review and bring forward changes. The MOHLTC told them they did not like the review and to redo it. At this point Base Hospital organization is extremely frustrated with the Ministry. They may be looking at structural changes.

3. Reports from the Fire Chief:

A/ Staffing Update

They have recruited enough full time staff. In addition 6 part time have been recruited (3 from the part time paramedic program at Sault College and 3 with EMCA certification).

B/ Emergency Response Vehicle – Status

Local dealerships were given the opportunity to provide the new ERV. They could not come close to the price. The ERV will take 4 months to be set-up and delivered. Lynn informed the Committee the ERV is a vehicle that is not designated under the highway traffic act. There needs to be changes to the act. Kim, Lynn and Andy will work on a business case to be submitted to the Ministry to reclaim dollars spent on the ERV.

C/ Fleet Replacement Schedule

Lynn and Andy have prepared the schedule. Lynn guided the Committee through the schedule. The Committee endorsed the Schedule and recommended that it be forwarded to the Board for approval.

D/ Other

Andy handed out the 2003 Land Ambulance Grant form. This year the Ministry has asked for extra information; they want to know how much money is in the vehicle and severance reserve. After some discussion, it was agreed that a coversheet would accompany the grant form and that extra information would not be provided.

4. Other Business – None.

5. Next Meeting - August 12, 2003

6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

