

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, May 18, 2000-5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: W. Pickard B. McHale D. Edgar
C. Swift D. Amaroso
P. Vaudry B. Irwin

DSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser

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

MCSS STAFF:

MNDM STAFF: C. Jensen

GUESTS:

REGRETS: S. Lepore, D. Jones, J. McKiggan

1. Minutes

Resolution #00-50

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 April 20, 2000 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Resolution #00-51

Moved by: B. Irwin

Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated:

April 13, 2000 in the amount of \$388,897.89

April 21, 2000 in the amount of \$538,174.58

April 28, 2000 in the amount of \$123,085.01

May 5, 2000 in the amount of \$356,731.62

be passed for payment.”

CARRIED

Resolution #00-52
Moved by: Brent McHale
Seconded by: D. Edgar

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

CARRIED

3. Director of Ontario Works

Resolution #00-53
Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: B. Irwin

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Ontario Works received May 11, 2000 be accepted as information."

CARRIED

4. Child Care Manager

Resolution #00-54
Moved by: B. Irwin
Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the report from the Child Care Manager received May 11, 2000, be accepted as information."

CARRIED

5. Director of Performance Standards

Resolution #00-55
Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: B. Irwin

Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Chair's decision to approve Kim 's travelling expenditures to attend the Information Session on Amendments to the Ambulance Act regarding Performance Standards in Toronto, May 11, 2000."

CARRIED

Resolution #00-56
Moved by: P. Vaudry
Seconded by: D. Edgar

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

CARRIED

6. Land Ambulance Committee

David gave a verbal report. Peter Vaudry has agreed to join this subcommittee. The committee has met with four of the five first response teams in the north. Batchewana is the only one outstanding. There was discussion on Algoma DSSAB having been approached to work together on a Land Ambulance plan. Kim provided an update on the new Ambulance Act. A number of the sections have been replaced and repealed based on input from the Land Ambulance Implementation Steering Committee (joint municipal and provincial committee) The certification of ambulance operators and the setting of minimum standards will remain with MOHLC. Kim also reports that the MOHLC has not made any commitment to any transitional funding. The Board decided to have a letter sent to the MOHLC requesting 100% transitional funding.

A letter from the Sault Area Hospital indicating their conditions for entering into a one year contractual agreement to deliver the Land Ambulance Services. Some concerns were raised regarding their conditions and it was noted that this would be an area that the IBI consultants could help us with.

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

Resolution # 00-57
Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: P. Vaudry

CARRIED

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board sent a letter to the MOHLC requesting they provide 100% of costs associated with the devolution of Land Ambulance Services to DSSAB. "

Resolution #00-63
Moved by: Brady Irwin
Seconded by: Wayne Pickard

CARRIED

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the proposal of IBI group not to exceed the amount of \$21,000.00 for the purposes of negotiating a one year contract with Sault Area Hospitals."

Resolution #00-58

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D.Amaroso

The Board asked. A. MacRae if there were funds available in the budget to cover this cost. A. MacRae confirmed that there would be.

CARRIED

7. Social Housing Committee

Peter Vaudry reported that there has been two meetings of the Social Housing Committee in April and May. In April, the committee met with D. Court CAO from Algoma District Social Services Administration Board. The second meeting was with the Algoma Housing Authority. The committee is proposing a joint board meeting (AHA and DSSAB) in July 2000 to become familiar with each other's roles and responsibilities. A meeting will also be arranged with the M.M.A.H to review the administration responsibilities for social housing that DSSAB will have to either provide or contract out. We continue to await the Social Housing Legislation to be passed. The Committee will also be writing a letter to the Algoma District Social Services Administration Board inquiring about a joint Housing Committee initiative.

"Be it resolved that the report from the Social Housing Committee be accepted as information."

Resolution # 00-59

Moved by: P.Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

CARRIED

8. Public Education/Communication Committee

Brady provided a verbal report. Letters requesting assistance with public meetings were sent out to Local Services Boards, the City and Prince Township. Public meetings in the outlying areas will occur at the end of June. The City of SSM. Staff were asked to attend

to address any questions related to their program areas. A. MacRae indicated that the financial reports should be available by then.

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

Resolution # 00-60
Moved by P. Vaudry
Seconded by: C. Swift

CARRIED

9. Personnel Committee

D. Amaroso gave an update on the recruitment of the Support position. There were 79 applications for the part time administrative assistant position. A screening tool based on the job description was used to evaluate the applicants. Debbie met with Kim to review the top applicants. Interviews will take place on June 7 and 8th. Kim has started to contact the applicants. The applicants will do a written assignment, be interviewed as well as complete a workbasket following the interview.

10. Homelessness Initiative

A letter was sent to the Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding the 1999 Homelessness Initiative fund. D. Zuccato responded May 5, 2000 indicating that the 1999 funding was no longer available however that there would \$60,000.00 for the budget year of 2000. This information was forwarded to the Homelessness Committee. A letter was also sent to the Homelessness Committee requesting additional information relating to their proposal for the funds. They anticipate presenting the updated proposal to the board in June 2000.

11. Unfinished Business:

Resolution previously deferred:

" Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board send a letter to the District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board supporting the following resolutions: 00-05-Petition the Premier of Ontario and Minister of Community and Social Services to adjust the penalty for welfare fraud in order to reflect the severity of the crime, and 00-06 request the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Community and Social Services to adjust the Community Reinvestment Fund for all Communities within the District of Cochrane who incurred additional costs for 1999 and for future years to come.

Resolution #00-61
Moved by: D. Amaroso
Seconded by: C. Swift

CARRIED

12. Correspondence/Information:

A letter from the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board regarding financial issues for O.W. clients and OSAP students who are living in L.H.A units. The board recommended that these concerns be addressed at the next NOSDA meeting if this is an issue that will impact on all DSSABS.

11. Adjournment

Resolution #00-62
Moved by: D. Amaroso
Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

CARRIED