

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD October 26, 5:00 PM
Russ Ramsay Boardroom, Civic Centre**

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

DSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser S. French

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

GUESTS: Lynn Rosso, Ontario Works
Madge Sanderson, Tony Martin's Office
Jackie Martin, Mobile Support Worker
Shawna Thomas, Youth Case Manager, Ontario Works

REGRETS: B. Irwin S. Bergamin C. Jensen

1. Minutes

Resolution #00-125

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated September 21st, 2000 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

Resolution #00-126

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: D. Amaroso

"Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated

September 14, 2000 in the amount of \$741,600.01

September 28, 2000 in the amount of \$426,670.91

October 5, 2000 in the amount of \$359,168.47

be passed for payment."

Carried

Resolution #00-127

Moved by: S. Lepore

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the report from the Financial Manager for October 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

3. Director of Ontario Works

Lynn Rosso, Local Implementation Manager for the Business Transformation Project (BTP), Ontario Works gave a presentation on the Service Delivery Model.

The BTP consolidates everything, so there is more time spent with clients and less time spent on administrative functions. The Service Delivery Model will feature two standardized steps: telephone screening to explore applicants' financial eligibility, and a subsequent face-to-face interview to verify eligibility. The Service Delivery Model will be fully functional by the end of January 2001.

A summary of the presentation and copies of the information handouts are available from the DSSAB office. If there are any questions regarding the Service Delivery Model or the Business Transformation Project, Lynn Rosso can be contacted at 541-7310.

Resolution #00-128

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Ontario Works for October 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Resolution #00-129

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept and sign the Reciprocal Agreement with the Algoma District Services Administration Board for services to be provided by the Northern Intake Screening Unit for the Ontario Works Program."

Carried

4. Community Child Care Manager

Although there was not an official report, the Community Child Care Manager commented that there are a number of projects in progress. Florence Lake has responded to the letter referred to in the Correspondence from WEE WATCH. She will be meeting with the manager of the program in the near future.

5. Director of Performance Standards

Resolution #00-130

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Performance Standards for October 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

In addition to Kim Streich-Poser's report she asked Shannon French to comment on the progress of the election for TWOMO. Shannon explained that the arrangement with the Algoma District School Board (ADSB) was going well. As a cost savings the election notices would be advertised in a joint ad with the ADSB. The ballots have been ordered and training for the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks is being organized. Both

the ADSB and the DSSAB office have contacted the City Clerk's Office and they have been a great source of information.

6. Land Ambulance Committee

Resolution #00-131

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: D. Edgar

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

Carried

Brent McHale discussed the Land Ambulance Committee workplan and updated their progress. Brent presented the Land Ambulance Terms Of Reference Draft. **ACTION:** The Land Ambulance Committee will meet again prior to next the Board meeting to revise the draft. The Terms of Reference for the Land Ambulance Committee will be tabled for approval at the next regular board meeting.

There was a letter from Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) requesting DSSAB to assume the ownership for Land Ambulance vehicles earlier than January 1, 2001. Kim Streich-Poser checked with Marvin Rubinstein of IBI Group and confirmed that DSSAB is not obligated to assume ownership prior to January 1, 2001. A letter advising the MOHLTC that DSSAB will not assume ownership unless certain conditions are put in place by the MOHLTC has been reviewed with the Chair and sent.

A concern was expressed as to whether or not the Land Ambulance inventory has to be audited and sent back to the Ministry. **ACTION:** Andrew McRae will investigate.

7. Social Housing Committee

Resolution #00-132

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: B. McHale

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

Carried

The Social Housing Reform Act has been introduced to the provincial legislature. It reflects what was presented and reported by staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the last DSSAB meeting. Peter Vaudry reported that there has been a meeting with the Algoma DSSAB to discuss the current administrative structure and resource levels of the Algoma District Housing Authority. It is recommended that the current structure be maintained from January 1st 2001 to June 30th 2001 to allow both boards time to develop comprehensive Social Housing Local Implementation Plans. The Algoma DSSAB passed a resolution on October 25th at their board meeting to support this direction.

Representatives of the City had a preliminary meeting with the Housing Authority to discuss the possibilities of working together.

Resolution #00-133

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: S. Lepore

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board enter into an agreement with the Algoma District Services Board to support in principle, the current administrative structure and resource levels of the Algoma District Housing Authority following its division into two separate Local Housing Corporations on January 1, 2001. The current structure will be maintained from January 1st 2001 to June 30th 2001 to allow both boards time to develop comprehensive Social Housing Local Implementation Plans."

Carried

Madge Sanderson of Tony Martin's office introduced Jackie Martin, the newly hired mobile support worker (funding provided through the Provincial Homelessness Initiative Fund) and Shawna Thomas, Youth Case Manager for Ontario Works. Jackie is excited about her position and will be providing a monthly report to DSSAB. Shawna stated that there is a lack of housing and that this gap in service will be addressed through the homelessness initiative. Generally youth have inappropriate or no housing at the time of application. Statistics being gathered by Ontario Works show that approximately 15 youths a month have been requesting assistance with housing. A question from the Child Care Manager was asked if any of the Youth with inadequate or no housing had children. Shawna stated that some do and in a few cases the youth are pregnant.

8. Public Education/Communication Committee

Resolution #00-134 – withdrawn.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

There was no report given. The resolution was withdrawn.

9. New Business

- 9.1 The status of the Board members in November and December 2000 was discussed. This was not seen a large issue since the City Councillors are appointed to the Board to complete their terms until the next representative takes office. Also there is nothing in the provincial law that governs this issue. The financial manager stated that it would be important to schedule a meeting after the Dec. 11 appointment dates, or early in January to change signing authorities.
- 9.2 The Ministry of Community and Social Services suggested that the Board develop policies around the designation of alternate representation for Territory Without Municipal Organization following the November election. This will be deferred to the first of the new year when the Policy Committee will meet to discuss the issue.
- 9.3 A letter was received from the Parry Sound DSSAB requesting that this DSSAB support a resolution passed by their board requesting that the DSSABs have the

right to chose their own auditors and not be bound to use the auditors of the largest municipalities in their areas of jurisdiction.

Resolution #00-135 – deferred.

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: S. Lepore

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support resolution number 001007 dated October 12, 2000, regarding the DSSAB being given leave to appointment their own auditors as passed by the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board."

This resolution has been deferred to another board meeting. **ACTION:** Additional information on this item was requested. Kim Streich-Poser will get additional clarification from the Parry Sound DSSAB.

10. Correspondence/Information

- 10.1 Correspondence from the September 21, 2000 Board Meeting will be reviewed.
- 10.2 Annual Report 1999-2000 from the Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury District Health Council.
- 10.3 Letter dated October 4, 2000 from Ms. Debbie Kane, Area Supervisor – WEE WATCH regarding an official request for funding.
- 10.4 Letter and package dated October 16, 2000 from Ms. Judy Tucci, Program Supervisor, MSCC regarding Respite Care for Multiple Needs Children.
- 10.5 Letter dated September 6, 2000 from Michael Marinovich, KPMG regarding DSSAB's financial statements year ended December 31, 1999.
- 10.6 Letter dated October 20, 2000 from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo regarding the "Impact of Escalating Fuel Prices on Recipients of Social Assistance".
- 10.7 Memo dated October 5, 2000 from Sten Lif, CAO – Kenora District Services Board regarding "Appointment of Council Member to Board".
- 10.8 Letter dated October 11, 2000 from Clem L'Ecuyer, Assistant Regional Manager (A) – North East Region regarding " Radio Insurance for Land Ambulance".
- 10.9 Letter dated October 17, 2000 from Clem L'Ecuyer, Assistant Regional Manager (A) – North East Region regarding "Ambulance Ordering Guide Model Year 2001".

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the correspondence. There were none.

11. Adjournment

Resolution #00-136

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried