



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

### ONTARIO WORKS COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on

Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Ontario Works Board Room

<b>PRESENT:</b>	V. Burns B. Hayes	S. Butland
<b>DSSMSSAB Staff:</b>	K. Streich-Poser	A. Nanne (notes)
<b>Ontario Works Staff:</b>	D. Overboe R. Ayotte A. Kohler E. Vanderburg	C. Rosso F. Gencarelli E. Taraborrelli J. Mangone
<b>Absent:</b>	D. Amaroso	A. McRae

K. Streich-Poser, Director of Performance Standards, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

### **Introductions of Committee Members and City Staff**

The meeting began with round-table introductions of all committee members and city staff present.

### **Selection of Ontario Works Committee Chair**

K. Streich-Poser informed the committee that they would need to select a chairperson. The committee members unanimously selected V. Burns for the role of Ontario Works Committee Chair.

### **Review of the Minutes from the August 12, 2003 Ontario Works Committee Meeting.**

K. Streich-Poser reviewed the August 12th minutes with the committee. B. Hayes asked about the Ministry review discussed in the past minutes. He inquired about the frequency of these reviews as well as the information sought by the Ministry. Ontario Works Manager, C. Rosso and Commissioner of Social Services, D. Overboe gave summary of what happens during the regular reviews. They informed the committee that at one time a review was held annually but now a more thorough review is held every second year.

## **Review of the Ontario Works Terms of Reference**

Orientation binders containing the Ontario Works Terms of Reference were provided to the committee members. The Terms of Reference were composed when the committee structure was first put in place.

K. Streich-Poser reviewed the Terms of Reference with committee members.

D. Overboe discussed the Ontario Works Business Plan process and purposes as well as the NCB (National Child Benefit) Program where 20% of the funds spent are to be reinvested into the community.

B. Hayes asked about the timing of the 2004 business plan and D. Overboe responded that the plan should be available in April 2004. In the past the report has sometimes been later and may not be ready until June or July.

## **Overview of Ontario Works Programs & Tour**

K. Streich-Poser handed the meeting over to Ontario Works Manager, C. Rosso who then led everyone on a tour of the Ontario Works offices and facilities. Each manager discussed their respective area as well as duties and responsibilities as the tour reached their workstation.

## **Other Business**

K. Streich-Poser distributed a "Did You Know Report" to committee and staff members. The handout contains various statistics and information related to the Ontario Works program. The report combined Statistics Canada information with Ontario Works statistics to provide a profile of clients.

B. Hayes thanked the managers for their presentations and information and asked if any written material could be provided to them regarding the Ontario Works operations. D. Overboe confirmed that something could be put together for the next committee meeting.

K. Streich-Poser also thanked Carl Rosso and the Ontario Works Managers for their presentations.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Ontario Works Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2004 during the lunch hour.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.