

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DSSAB CHAIRS AND CAOS (NORTHEAST)

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2000

AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL IN NORTH BAY

AT 5:00 P.M.

Present

Cochrane DSSAB

J.C. Caron, Chairman
Joe Torlone, CAO

Algoma DSAB

Lilia Cyr, Chairperson
David Court, CAO

Nipissing DSSAB

Denis Rochefort, Director of Operations

Parry Sound DSSAB

Peter Spadzinski, Vice-Chairman
Janet Paterson, Acting CAO

Sault Ste. Marie, DSSAB

Debbie Amaroso, Vice-chairperson
Andrew McRae, Financial Manager
Kim Streich-Poser, Director of Performance Standards

Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Harold Duff, Director of Social Services

District of Muskoka

Ian Turnbull, Commissioner of Community Services

Timiskaming DSSAB

Marty Auger, Chairman
Joanne Thompson, Vice-chairperson
Eddie Alton, CAO

1. **Welcome** – Introductions - Joe Torlone welcomed everyone to North Bay and each member of the group introduced themselves
2. **Purpose of Meeting** – Joe Torlone explained that the agenda was developed by a group of CAOs and that the purpose of the meeting was to share information and discuss issues of importance
3. **Expected Results/Outcomes** – The group discussed the result/outcomes of this meeting and it was decided that various items would require political action on behalf of each DSSAB and also collectively, as well as administrative action to be carried out by the CAOs.
4. **Land Ambulance**

a.) **One Time Funding**

The lack of one time start-up funding for Land Ambulance services was discussed in length. All participants agreed that one time funding is a must in order to prepare for the transfer of Land Ambulance services effective January 1, 2001. It was decided that David Court, CAO District of Algoma Services Administration Board would prepare resolutions regarding the need for one time funding, the use of the 1996 benchmarks and the need to have a definition of approved costs for purposes of acquiring subsidy from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. It was also decided that Mr. Court would prepare the resolutions and forward same to all members for board action.

b.) **Lack of Flexibility – Delivery Options**

Although the current legislation only allows various delivery options, the group discussed how this lack of flexibility affected each of their operations.

c.) **EMS Directors Group – EMS**

The group was informed that there is a group of Land Ambulance Managers who are currently addressing issues with respect to the transfer of Land Ambulance services. It was suggested that the EMS directors group be asked to make a presentation at the next NOSDA meeting which is expected to be held in the fall of 2000.

d.) **Pay Grids – Adams Award**

The impact of this award was discussed with respect of salaries but no action was recommended.

5. **Social Housing**

a.) Transition Dollars

b.) What Does the Future Hold

These items were discussed and it was decided that each of the DSSABs would be prepared to support the need for transition dollars with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing but for the time being, no action would be taken pending the introduction of the new legislation in the fall of 2000.

6. **Public Health**

a.) Update from DSSABs

Each of the participants described what their DSSAB's status was with respect to public health. It appeared very little action was happening with respect to this issue and no action was taken with this item.

7. **Ontario Works**

a.) Dollars for Re-establishing Client Data Base – BTP

David Court informed the group that there will be considerable cost incurred by each DSSAB for re-establishing the client data base with respect to the new service delivery model. Each DSSAB was advised that these costs could be substantial and that this matter should be further discussed once the impact of the service delivery model is determined.

b.) Labour Relation – BTP

There was a brief discussion regarding the impact of the new service delivery model with respect to staffing.

c.) Use of Community Placement Bonus Funds

The group discussed the use of Community Placement bonus funds for meeting unmet human service needs. There was general consensus that the criteria for expensing these funds should be general in scope but specific enough to eliminate any misunderstanding as to how these funds could be spent. As a follow up to this matter, Joe Torlone, CAO CDSSAB discussed this matter with Anna Linden-Fraser (MCSS) and she has advised that a policy document is being prepared by MCSS and should be forwarded to all DSSABs in the near future.

8. **New Funding Formula: Employment Services**

The group was advised that the new funding formula for employment services will not be sufficient to fund most DSSAB activities and all DSSABs were urged to discuss this matter with their regional MCSS director. In addition, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) forwarded correspondence to all DSSABs regarding this issue.

9. **ODSP Administration Fee Adjustments**

David Court discussed this matter in length and it was decided that each of the DSSAB Administrations would deal with this issue and report separately to each of their respective boards. It appears that the adjustment did not include all costs since 1998.

10. **ODSP Charges for Unincorporated Territories**

After discussing this matter, it appeared that only the District of Algoma Services Administration Board and the Sault Ste-Marie DSSAB were affected.

11. **Child Care NCB – Expend Funds When Actual Amounts are Known**

This matter was discussed briefly because MCSS is now providing accurate data with respect to this issue.

12. **General Items**

a.) **Reporting Mechanisms**

The group discussed the need to have open and transparent communication between MCSS and DSSABs. Not only would the communication be open and transparent on the part of the DSSAB but also on the part of MCSS.

b.) **Area Service Boards**

There was a brief discussion regarding this issue and the participants were advised that the District of Algoma Services Administration Board is seeking a double majority vote for an Area Service Board sometime in August 2000.

c.) **Unincorporated Elections**

The group was advised that the Ministry of Community Social Services should be providing direction with respect to this matter in the near future.

13. **Other Matters**

There were no other matters.

14. **Next Meeting**

It was decided that Joe Torlone would contact Mary Lucas, Thunder Bay DSSAB and inquire as to when NOSDA will be meeting in the north-east for their semi-annual meeting.

15 **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Note: Following the above noted meeting, correspondence was received from the Sault Ste-Marie DSSAB regarding Land Ambulance funding update as well as from the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB regarding Land Ambulance services management concerns. These items are attached as an addendum to these minutes.

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MESSAGE:

Attached is a copy of the Land Ambulance information sheet that Kim Streich-Poser had referred to at the CAO meeting in North Bay on the 21st of June.

Sincerely,



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