

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2000-5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: W. Pickard B. McHale D. Edgar
 C. Swift D. Amaroso B. Irwin
 S. Lepore

DSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser D. Pauzé

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

MCSS STAFF: J. McKiggan

REGRETS: D. Jones P.Vaudry W. Lamming
 C. Jensen

1. Minutes

Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: D. Amaroso

“Be it resolved that the minutes of the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board dated March 9, 2000 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Andy explained that there was a surplus for 1999, and he would like to transfer approximately 10% (\$200,000) into a reserve for working funds. The balance of the surplus is carried forward.. Annual budgets will become more accurate as the DSSAB develops a history. Andy would like to continue the practice of placing a portion of the surplus into the reserves in future years. However, there is no way to predict that there will always be a surplus. In July 2000, there will be a new funding formula for Ontario Works from the Ministry of Community & Social Services.

Moved by: C. Swift
Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that report of the Financial Manager of Ontario Works dated April 24, 1999, concerning the Year-end Transfers to Reserves be approved.”

CARRIED

Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: C. Swift

“Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated March 9, 2000, in the amount of \$383,413.62 be passed for payment.”

CARRIED

Moved by: C. Swift
Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated March 23, 2000, in the amount of \$756,031.87 be passed for payment.”

CARRIED

Moved by: C. Swift
Seconded by: S. Lepore

“Be it resolved that the DSSAB Budget for the year 2000 from the Financial Manager be accepted.”

CARRIED

3. Director of Ontario Works

Dave gave a handout outlining the NCBS (National Child Benefit Supplement) Strategy for 2000 and explained the community involvement in this area. He also mentioned that initiatives are being made to deliver some of these programs to Prince Township and Sault North. The reinvestment of these monies cannot be used for capitol or program equipment.

He also indicated that with the CVP (Consolidated Verification Process) high risk cases will be reviewed and may decrease the caseloads. We will then end up with a caseload which will be “harder to serve”. A reduction in staff may not result from this as the ratio has purposely been kept high.

The proposal for the Intake Screening Unit has to be in by April 19, 2000, and we should hear by the end of April if we are successful.

Moved by: D. Amaroso
Seconded by: C. Swift

“Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Ontario Works received March 29, 2000 be accepted as information.”

CARRIED

Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: S. Lepore

“Be it resolved that the 1999 Service Contract from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for Ontario Works and Community Childcare be accepted.”

CARRIED

Moved by: D. Amaroso
Seconded by: C. Swift

“Be it resolved that the agreement authorizing the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste Marie to provide the service of Ontario Works to the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board commencing January 1, 2000 and terminating December 31, 2000 be accepted.”

CARRIED

4. Manager of Community Childcare

Florence highlighted her report and advised the Board that the funding formula is changing from 80% gross to 80% net. Janet handed out an example to better understand how this will work. The changes in legislation will occur April 1, 2000.

Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: B. Irwin

“Be it resolved that the report received from the Manager of Community Childcare received March 29, 2000 be accepted as information.”

CARRIED

Florence explained the rationale for the elimination of user fees for those who do not have the ability to pay based on the needs test. She explained that income vs. expenses are taken into account.

Moved by: C. Swift
Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that the minimum user fee for all subsidized childcare spaces be eliminated for parents who do not have any ability to pay a minimum fee.”

CARRIED

Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: B. Irwin

“Be it resolved that effective May 1, 2000, the municipality will establish a procedure to collect monthly fees on behalf of the DSSAB and apply this revenue to reduce the gross expenditure for Childcare.”

CARRIED

5. Land Ambulance Committee

Brent highlighted his report and addressed why the following resolution were brought forth.

Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: S. Lepore

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

CARRIED

Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board enter into a one year contract with the Sault Area Hospitals to provide the service of Land Ambulance."

DEFEATED

This generated much discussion and a counter resolution was presented:

Moved by: D. Amaroso
Seconded by: C. Swift

“Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board has

identified Sault Area Hospitals as the preferred service delivery agent for year beginning January 2001. Therefore, be it resolved that deliberations begin to develop the appropriate contractual agreement.”

CARRIED

Moved by: B. Irwin
Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board request IBI Consultants to attend a Board Meeting to discuss the transfer and responsibility of Land Ambulance and that the cost to bring the consultant does not exceed \$3,500.00.”

DEFEATED

There was much discussion and many views on bringing in a consultant at this time. We need to develop a long range plan, and identify the needs for the one-time funding . It was requested that Dree send a letter to the IBI Consultant, asking what a new proposal would encompass, and the cost. The Land Ambulance Committee will then review this information and make their recommendation.

Moved by: S. Lepore
Seconded by: B. McHale

“Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board reimburse Charles Swift for the expenditure of luncheon meeting he will have with Tim Beadman in Sudbury, on March 30th, 2000.”

CARRIED

Charlie advised the Board that Lynn McCoy offered his services in being the representative to attend the EMS Directors & Managers Committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that this is something for the Land Ambulance Committee to look at, and to bring a resolution back to the Board as to who will represent the DSSAB on this Committee.

6. Unfinished Business

Moved by: D. Amaroso
Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board authorize the Chair to approve travelling expenses (in exceptional circumstances) where there is no Board Meeting scheduled prior to the date of the trip, and notification is provided at

the following Board Meeting.”

CARRIED

It was requested that Dree develop a formal request in the form of a letter, which will include the Chair’s signature.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: D. Edgar

“Be it resolved that we do now adjourn.”

CARRIED