



Kenora District Services Board

Ontario Works / Child Care Committee Minutes of the January 26, 2007 Meeting

Attendance: Kim Thain – Chair
Ray Leray, Joyce Timpson, Sten Lif, Dianne Apland, Toni Thurbide

Call to Order: 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Copies of the previous notes from a meeting held on August 22, 2006 in which there was not a quorum present and minutes from a meeting held on August 31, 2006 were provided to the committee for their review. The minutes were not approved as all members of the committee are new.

Business Arising From the Minutes:

The Ontario Works Service Delivery Model Review was discussed at length with background history provided by Sten. The previous Board of Directors had passed a resolution for a review of the Ontario Works Service Delivery Model. At the May 11, 2006 meeting, the Board passed a resolution to approve developing a Terms of Reference for the OW review, to have Administration seek approval from the Ministry of Community and Social Services of the Terms of Reference and to direct Administration to proceed with pre-qualifying candidates expressing an interest in conducting the review.

The previous OW/CC Committee did not feel that the two respondents expressing an interest in developing a proposal for the service delivery model review were qualified and rejected those proposals. The Committee then requested copies of previous proposals from the Cities of Dryden and Kenora. There was no decision made by the previous committee on further action.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services had committed \$50,000.00 toward the cost of the review but that promise of funding has been withdrawn when the review did not proceed in 2006. Staff have written the MCSS requesting similar funding for 2007 but to date have not received a reply.



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Solutions discussed by the OW/CC Committee included the following:

-advertise across the province for qualified respondents to conduct a service delivery model review of the Ontario Works program.

-approach other DSSB's in the north, similar to the KDSB, to conduct a service delivery model review.

The cost of the OW review must be added to the 2007 budget.

Ontario Works Issues:

NCBS Proposals:

Members of the Committee requested statistics relating to the percentage of OW caseload in each community to facilitate allocation of funds.

Recommendation:

The OW/CC Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following funding:

Sioux Lookout Pro Kids	\$7,000.00
Sacred Heart nutrition Program	\$9,000.00
Dryden Mayor's Committee	\$22,200.00
Ontario Works Dryden	\$2,800.00
Ontario Works Ignace	\$5,478.00
Ignace Loonie Lunches	\$2,000.00
Red Lake Indian Friendship	\$3,500.00
Kenora LOWCDC Minto	\$10,000.00
LOWCDC Triple Play	\$28,022.00
The Salvation Army Breakfast	\$10,000.00
Total approved	\$100,000.00



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CVP Monthly Report:

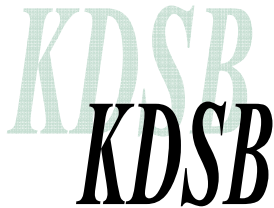
The monthly report for November was presented to the Committee for information purposes. The KDSB had reached their target for 2006 by the end of November and secured the CVP funding.

The Ontario MCSS September 2006 Provincial Assistance Caseload Forecast has predicted that OW caseloads will rise by 1.7% and ODSP caseloads will rise by 4.1% across the province in 2007. The Ontario Drug Benefit expenditures are projected to be about \$727 million in 2006/07 and about 772 million in 2007/08.

Child Care Issues:

The following recommendations regarding child care policies are supported by the Committee:

KDSB-CCS-IV-01	Fee Subsidy Appeal Process (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-02	Collection of Overpayments (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-03	File Retention and Audit Policy (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-04	Illness of Parent (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-05	Parent Laid Off / Fired from Job (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-07	Transfers & Outstanding Accounts (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-08	Parent on OW, Student or Victim of Violence (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-09	Students (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-11	Joint Custody of Children (revised)
KDSB-CCS-IV-12	RRSP/RESP Contributions (rescinded)
KDSB-CCS-IV-13	Approved Expenses Related to a Disability (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-14	Family Composition (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-15	Income Test Review (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-16	Shift Work (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-17	Termination Process (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-18	Verification Standards (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-19	Wait Lists (new)
KDSB-CCS-IV-20	Parent on OW / ODSP (new)



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Best Start:

Dianne gave a review of the Best Start Initiative to date which has included the creation of 164 new child care spaces within the Kenora District. Phase Two of the Best Start Plan is now underway with the Best Start Network taking the lead and creating a plan for integration of children's services and the creation of hubs.

New Business:

Dianne will distribute copies of the Ontario Works, Child Care and Best Start budgets to members of the committee a week prior to the next scheduled committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom.

Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved: *March 12, 2007*

Motion to approve minutes: *Ray Leray*

Seconded by: *Joyce Timpson*