



Kenora District Services Board

Ontario Works / Child Care Committee Minutes of the March 12, 2007 Meeting

Attendance: Kim Thain – Chair, Ray Leray, Joyce Timpson
Dianne Apland, Director of OW/CC; Toni Thurbide, Director of Finance

Regrets: Sten Lif

1. Call to Order: 10:05

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the January 26, 2007 meeting
Motion to approve the minutes – Ray Leray
Seconded – Joyce Timpson

Minutes for the February 13 meeting
Motion to approve the minutes – Ray Leray
Seconded – Joyce Timpson

Minutes of the February 26 were not passed. An amendment was requested by Joyce.

3. Business Arising From Minutes

3.1 Ontario Works Service Delivery Model Review

Dianne provided a brief history of review process, the proposals submitted in the past, the changes that have taken place since the last request for proposals. The proposals submitted for the most recent request will be provided to committee members.

3.2 NCBS Additional Funding

The Committee recommends to the KDSB Board of Directors the following allocations under the National Child Benefit Supplement funding envelope.

P.R.O. Kids	\$2,500
Sacred Heart	\$4,950
OW Ignace Health Transport	\$1,428
Red Lake Indian Friendship	\$1,500
LOWCDC Minto	\$3,622
Salvation Army	\$4,000

Motion by Kim Thain
Seconded by Ray Leray

3.3 Ontario Works Budget

Kim provided an update to the committee about the discussion and recommendations coming from the Finance Committee. Of particular interest to the OW/CC Committee was the Employment plan and the funding attached to that plan. Should the employment plan remain in the final budget approved by the Board of Directors, the OW/CC Committee will then proceed to plan the implementation of the employment piece.

4. Ontario Works

Dianne provided information to the committee regarding employment sessions held for clients, training for staff and meetings around the Outcomes Funding Model,

5. Child Care

5.1 Barb Buffett provided a report on the Quality Assurance Program.

5.2 Dianne informed the Committee that the following requests for Health and Safety Funding were approved by the Ministry of Children and Youth (100% provincial funding).

Ear Falls Child's View Centre	\$5,600
Golden	\$5,500
Red Lake	\$5,500
Ignace Nursery School	\$ 350
Dryden Nursery School	\$1,380
Biidaaban	\$5,200

5.3 Dianne reported to the Committee that Income testing has been implemented and is going very well, with no complaints about the new service delivery at this time.

6. Best Start

6.1 Barb Buffett provided a report on the Kenora Best Start Network meeting February 28.

6.2 Dianne reported on the training set up by the Ministry of Children and Youth with respect to the Local Service System Manager's Table in April.

7. New Business

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Joyce inquired if WCG International, a company involved in employment counselling had ever been in contact with Ontario Works. Dianne explained that WCG International is a Victoria based company, who had entered into an agreement in 2005 with the Province of Ontario to launch Jobs Now, a program to find employment for welfare recipients. The province had authorized six pilot sites for WCG to operate in, the DSSB of Nipissing being the only site in the North. Although the final provincial report is not out, the OW offices involved with the pilot sites did not renew those contracts on their own, indicating little if any success.

8. Next meeting - April 23, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Ray Leray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05

Minutes approved: *March 28, 2007*

Moved By: *Ray Leray*

Seconded By: *Joyce Timpson*