



Kenora District Services Board

Ontario Works / Child Care Committee Minutes of the March 28, 2007 Conference Call

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

1. Call to Order: 4:33

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the February 26, 2007 meeting
Request to amend the minutes

Minutes for the March 12 meeting
Motion to approve the minutes – Ray Leray
Seconded – Joyce Timpson

3. Business Arising From Minutes

3.1 Ontario Works Service Delivery Model Review

Dianne will send out the most recent proposals submitted by all municipalities and by the KDSB administration to provide background information for the committee. The next meeting will be a face to face meeting to discuss the service delivery model and a recommendation to the Board.

4. Employment Plan Implementation

The Committee discussed the three positions funded by the employment plan. Currently there is a Life Skills Trainer on contract with the Town of Ignace. The Committee decided to offer an extension of the contract, changing the principal from Ignace to the Kenora District Services Board

The employment caseworker position in Kenora will be with the City of Kenora. This position must be differentiated between the current positions, caseworkers and a district employment caseworker. The new district employment caseworker would be required to service the district when required and travel would be included in the job description.

The Employment Coordinator would be a contract position with the KDSB. The most favourable option would be a secondment from one of the Ontario Works offices within the district. The OW Director will proceed to contact the local municipalities. If there are no suitable applicants, administration will proceed with advertising the job.

Meeting adjourned 5:22

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 by Committee: **April 25, 2007**

Moved by: **Joyce Timpson** Seconded by: **Ray Leray**
