

KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ontario Works/Child Care
Committee held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008
at the Kenora District Services Board Office in Dryden
Commencing at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kim Thain - Chair
Ray Leray
Dianne Apland, OW/CC Director
Toni Thurbide, Director of Finance

ABSENT: Joyce Timpson
Sten Lif, CAO

GUESTS: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the OW/CC Committee was called to order by the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-12 Moved by Ray LeRay
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee approve the agenda for the meeting to be held on Tuesday June 10, 2008 at the Kenora District Services Board Administration office in Dryden commencing at 1:30 p.m.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: None

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None Declared

4. **DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

None at this time

5. **MINUTES OF OW/CC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2008**

MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-13 Moved by Ray Leray
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the OW/CC Committee approve the minutes of April 24, 2008 committee meeting.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: File

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. OW/CC PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 The Kenora district has been selected as a candidate for an audit of IWS (Indian Welfare Service) files by the Ministry of Finance. There is a question by the Federal Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs regarding the funding for First Nations people leaving the reservations. The audit was originally scheduled for the week of June 5 but difficulties identifying those cases tagged IWS has made it necessary to reschedule the audit until the week of July 14th.
- 8.2 The Ministry of Community & Social Services piloted the new Supportive Approach through Innovative Learning (SAIL) training curriculum in Sault St. Marie the first week of June. The Director of Ontario Works and the Supervisor from the Kenora office attended the training, which was developed as an enhancement of the Advanced Case Management and Development Program (ACMDP) rolled out several years ago. Two caseworkers, one from the Dryden office and one from the Kenora office will attend the pilot for front line workers in Sudbury for two weeks. The pilot training is 100% funded by the province, as will be the management training in the fall of 2008. The front line staff training in 2009 will be cost shared 50/50 with a minimum investment from the province of \$10,000 based on caseload size.
- 8.3 The Ontario Child Benefit will begin in August of this year. Staff training and community stakeholder meetings have been held in all municipalities. Client information sessions are scheduled to take place within the next month. Back to School benefits will be provided to all Ontario Works children on the KDSB caseload in August from an NCBS account previously set up for extraordinary OW expenses.
- 8.4 Staff will be developing agreements, policies and procedures for all emergency shelters in the district. The lack of formal agreements was cited in the Ministry of Community and Social Services audit. KDSB was given until the end of 2008 to have the appropriate agreements in place.
- 8.5 The OW Implementation Plan is moving forward. Sixteen applications for the two managers' positions were received and interviews will be scheduled for June 18th.
- 8.6 The Municipality of Red Lake submitted a Business Plan requesting funding of \$85,000 from the Best Start Unconditional grant.
- 8.7 The Waninawakang Head Start Program in Sioux Lookout submitted a Business Plan requesting funding of \$50,000 from the Best Start Unconditional grant.
- 8.8 Three new Child Care policies were reviewed: Income Testing Policy, Fee Subsidy Payment Guidelines, Fee Subsidy Development Accommodation Policy and Accommodation form.

- 8.9 Best Start Hubs are celebrating grand openings throughout the district.
- 8.10 The Aboriginal Resource Worker has been hired on a contract until December 31, 2008. Laurel Mclvor began her new job on June 2.

9. RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-14 Moved by Ray LeRay
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend funding in the amount of \$85,000 toward renovations at the Red Lake Madsen Public School to accommodate the Red Lake Child Care Centre; funding from Best Start Unconditional grant.

CALLED; CARRIED Action: Board of Directors

- 9.2 MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-15 Moved by Ray LeRay
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend funding in the amount of \$50,000 toward the expansion of the Waninawakang Aboriginal Head Start Resource Centre; funding to come from Best Start Unconditional grant.

CALLED; CARRIED Action: Board of Directors

- 9.3 MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-16 Moved by Ray LeRay
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend approval of the following new Child Care Fee Subsidy policies:

Documents Required for Application Process
Payment guidelines
Developmental Accommodations

CALLED; CARRIED Action: Board of Directors

10. NEXT MEETING - July 29, 1:00 p.m.
September 9, 10:00 a.m.
November 4, time undetermined
11. Adjournment - 2:15 p.m.

Confirmed this 29th day of July, A.D. 2008.

Resolution No. OW/CC 2008-18

Kim Thain, Chair