

KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ontario Works/Child Care
Committee held Tuesday, June 12, 2007
at the Kenora District Services Board Office in Dryden
Commencing at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Kim Thain, Chair
Joyce Timpson (conference call)
Dianne Apland
Toni Thurbide, Director of Finance

ABSENT: Ray Leray (with regret)
Sten Lif, CAO (with regret)

GUESTS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the OW/CC Committee was called to order by the Chair at 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION NO.: OWCC2007-01

Moved by Kim Thain
Seconded by Joyce Timpson

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee approve the agenda, as amended, for the meeting to be held on Tuesday June 12, 2007 at the Kenora District Services Board Administration office in Dryden commencing at 10:30 a.m.

Add:

7.3 Update on Request for Proposals for the Ontario Works Service Delivery Model Review

7.4 Ontario Works/Child Committee split into two committees

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: None

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared

4. DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS

None at this time

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Best Start Community Plan as developed by the Kenora District Best Start Network, which is comprised of the Northwestern Health Unit, the area school boards, the Ontario Early Years Centre, the Family Resource Programs, the Child Care Centres and the Kenora District Services Board.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: BOARD

7. Business

7.1 Sioux Lookout Ontario Works Budget

The Director of Ontario Works/Child Care proposed to approach the Municipality of Sioux Lookout for verification of actual proposed costs before the 2008 budget process begins. The member from Sioux Lookout questioned whether all OW sites had to verify costs included in their budgets. The Director of OW/CC agreed with this approach. In regards to the 2007 budget, the Director of OW/CC reiterated that the KDSB Board of Directors had voted down re-opening the budget.

ACTION: Chair will contact Executive Committee regarding Sioux Lookout budget

7.2 Aboriginal Resource Position

The Ministry of Children and Youth have provided an additional allocation of funding for this year only of \$466,719.00. This funding is provided to enhance the sustainability of child care programs within the District. The Aboriginal Child population is growing rapidly and account for more than one third of our child population.

MOTION NO. OWCC 2007-05

Moved by Joyce Timpson
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve, in consultation with Aboriginal stakeholder agencies, the hiring of a Resource person on a term contract basis to coordinate the development of Aboriginal child care spaces.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: BOARD

7.3 Update on Request for Proposals

The Director of Finance gave an update of the status of the RFP process. Committee members questioned the time frame, the \$50 fee and the complexity of the document itself. The Director of Finance reiterated that the KDSB is being very proactive in trying to find a qualified applicant to review the Ontario Works Delivery Model. Legally, certain aspects of the review must be covered in the document as well as expectations of the Board of Directors.

7.4 OW/CC Committee split into two committees

The member from Sioux Lookout brought this item to the floor, expressing the view that the amount of work involved for the two programs should be split between two committees. It was pointed out by staff that should the Committee be split into two

separate committees, it would create double the committee work for the Director of OW/CC. The OW/CC Director expressed concern over the proposed added workload.

ACTION: TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE ONTARIO WORKS REVIEW

8. NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for July 31, 2007, 1 p.m., KDSB Office
9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Minutes Approved: *July 31, 2007*

Moved by: *Joyce Timpson*
Seconded by: *Kim Thain*