



Children's Aid Society of Algoma

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Board Members: Wes Moore, Mike O'Shea, Christine Pascall, Tracey Talvitie, Ann Cuzzolino, Roseanne Biocchi, Rose Cameron, Sherri Cleaves, and Connie Free (teleconference).

Executive Director: Kim Streich-Poser.

Guest: Shannon Plummer (Program Supervisor – MCYS)

Staff Members: Tracy Willoughby, Trina Colizza, John Rossi, and Mary Pettenuzzo.

REGRETS:

Board Members: Danette Mathias, Michelle Proulx, and Sean Sparling.

1. Call to Order

Wes Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1 Moved by Rose Cameron and seconded by Sherri Cleaves that the Agenda be approved. CARRIED.

3. Program Orientation – Legal Services

John Rossi, the Society's Manager of Legal Services, presented on the structure of the Legal Services Department, and the services provided. He highlighted the challenges experienced with the Court system, and the changes coming once the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* comes into effect.

Mr. Rossi left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

4. Information Items

a) Board Information File

The following items were posted on the Board Portal:

Letter from the Ministry regarding the Society's New Program Supervisor
OACAS Provincial Update
MCYS Communique – December 2017

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Board Members were asked to declare any conflict of interest. No conflict was declared at this time.

6. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the November 2017 Board Meeting, the Executive Director's Report, and the January 2018 Health and Safety Report.

MOTION #2 Moved by Roseanne Biocchi and seconded by Connie Free that the Consent Agenda items be approved. CARRIED.

7. Discussion Items

(a) Program Supervisor

Shannon Plummer, the Society's new MCYS Program Supervisor, took the opportunity to introduce herself to Board Members and reinforce that the Ministry feels it is very important to have a relationship with the Boards of CASs. She acknowledged that the Board had raised some concerns about the recent financial constraints and that the Ministry has identified this as an area that needs further discussion. Ms. Plummer commented that the Regional Office is not aware of what the revised Funding Formula will look like. Board Members expressed their concerns with the funding constraints, especially the targeted subsidies, as outlined in the letter to the Ministry regarding the 2017/2018 Budget.

(b) Governance

(i) OACAS Board Orientation Modules 1 and 2

Board Members were asked to complete the first two modules of the 10-module series. A number of Board Members indicated they had issues accessing the modules on the OACAS website. The consensus was that the modules presented a good overview, especially for newer Board Members.

(ii) Board Recruitment

Wes Moore and Kim Streich-Poser met with Jennifer Osesky who expressed an interest in possibly joining the Board. Christine Pascall indicated she had spoken with someone who may be interested in joining the Board as well. There are definitely two positions on the Board to fill. Tracey Talvitie and Ann Cuzzolino will be asked to confirm whether they plan to return to the Board for another term.

Board Members reviewed the draft advertisement for recruiting potential Board Members. The ad will be revised to include how an interested individual can become a Society member. The ad will be posted on the website.

(iii) OACAS Consultation/Leadership Meetings

The next OACAS Consultation will be held in Toronto on March 4 and 5, 2018. Board Members were asked to advise if they were interested in attending.

(c) District Board Meeting

It was agreed that the April Board Meeting will be held in Wawa on April 26, 2018. Board Members will be polled closer to the date to determine their ability to attend in person.

8. Other Business

No other items were added to this portion of the agenda.

The Public portion of the meeting ended following this item
Shannon Plummer left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.