

KAWARTHA-HALIBURTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2005  
5:00 P.M.

1100 Chemong Road, Peterborough, Ontario

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Correspondence**  
Included in the Board Package
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Pina Melchionna's reports for Accreditation Committee and Foundation Board report to be moved to item 5B to allow Pina to leave the meeting early for another appointment.  
Approved as amended
4. **Approval of previous minutes**

**Motion #1**

Motion to approve the Board minutes of October 20, 2005  
Moved by Lesley McRae      Seconded by Pina Melchionna

Issue of motion passed in Caucus was discussed. Note to be made that the Board is correcting an improper procedure

**Motion #2**

Motion to ratify the recommendations presented during Caucus section of the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.  
Moved by Bill Wellman      Seconded by Wayne Thomson

5. **Board of Directors Website Design**

John Gerelus presented the new website design to the Board.  
Each Board member was asked to provide a password for access to the site.

- 5b. **Accreditation Committee Report**

- The accreditation process is now  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete.

**Foundation Board Report**

- Final numbers regarding camp have been calculated.
- 342 children were sent to camp (140 day programs, 222 to residential programs)

- 41 camps were used.
- Total spent \$126,609.78.
- 36 special needs/hard to serve children were sent to camp.
  
- Pina said that she felt privileged to be on the Foundation Board and be able to witness all of the good works that the Foundation does.

### **Motion #3**

Motion to accept the Accreditation Committee report as presented by Pina Melchionna.

Moved by Pina Melchionna Seconded by Lesley McRae

### **Motion #4**

Motion to accept Foundation Board report as presented by Pina Melchionna.

Moved by Pina Melchionna Seconded by Garry Herring

## 6. **Business Arising**

None identified.

## 7. **Executive Director's Report**

*In addition to the ED Report:*

- 12 Ways Canada - all staff will be here by the end of next week including Dana Dahman and Autumn Kaufman.
- Training of staff will begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Three launch sessions are planned for the week. Invitations will be sent to staff, foster parents, Board members and community partners.
- Dr. Brandon Greene, developer of Project 12 Ways will be in attendance to speak at the launch sessions and to provide training.
- Clientele will begin to be served in early January.
- 4 specialists will begin to support foster home placements, OPR's etc.

*Accountability Discussion Paper, 'Achieving a Better Balance'.*

- Hugh to email response to the Board and then the Board could comment.
- Response must be in by the 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Children in Care*

- Numbers have increased.
- At time of the ED Report the number was 336 – the number is now 331.
- The specific group creating cause for concern is children from the Youth Criminal Justice System. Judges are including as a condition of the Order that children cannot return home. These conditions are inadvertently forcing children into care. Child is in our care by default.
- A respite system will be proposed. Funds are available to support a respite program.
- Marion Duguid is on the planning committee overseeing the respite program.

**Motion #5**

Motion for acceptance of the Executive Director's written and verbal Reports.

Moved by Bill Wellman      Seconded by Mollie Cartmell

Discussion followed:

The Board asked for a summary of all programs that the agency offers. This summary will be added to the website for information, on both the public and Member website.

8. **Finance and Resource Committee Report**

Deferred to December meeting.

9. **Agency Governance Committee Report**

- Executive Committee (subcommittee of Agency Governance Committee) met to discuss issues of Board structure.
- Plan is to move our board in the direction of a competency-based board as opposed to the current geographically based Board.
- The chair asked that comments regarding this discussion be sent to John Connolly for consideration.
- It was announced at the most recent OACAS meeting that OACAS would not remain as the accrediting organization.

**No quorum present – report was received for purposes of information**

10. **Services Committee Report**

- There will be some overlap of the various committees. The role of the services committee is still a work in progress.
- The executive of the board met and during that meeting, it was decided that before looking a board structure, it was important to review strategic planning. This should begin with a Risk Analysis.
- Hugh, Joan and Linda will work on the development of the Risk Analysis document; the document will be brought back to the Executive Committee and will then be taken to the Services Committee.
- Explanation of the Secretariat - Linda explained that a number of changes have been made to the Child Welfare program and that the Secretariat was formed to address concerns arising from the changes. The Secretariat will also recommend changes. These changes include the changes to the funding framework. The

people working for the Child Welfare Secretariat were seconded into their positions.

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11. **Other Issues**

- Joan discussed the Regional Adoption Proposal: program will have one Adoption Manager, and one site for all adoption home studies.  
Web video conferencing equipment will be used for collaboration.  
Smaller agencies will benefit from the knowledge base and resources of the larger agencies.  
Four agencies will take part in the Proposal at the outset. The Program is expected to grow over the next year.
- The Board meeting in December will be a combination Wine and Cheese Reception/Tour of the newly renovated Lindsay office/Board meeting.
- The Foster Children Christmas Party  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.  
Evinrude Centre

12. **Adjournment**

**Motion #6**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Moved by Mollie Cartmell

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