

Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

Advisory Board Meeting - Minutes

Friday, June 11, 2010

PRESENT: C. Bryant J. Walls L. Keach (with student) D. Lauritzen J. Mulvale
B. Tingley J. Schenn T. Woods T. Seeley R. Thomas
A. Luron T. MacFarlane S. Shawn (with student) R. Hazel

REGRETS: H. Berg J. Stocki D. Stewart R. Pekrul N. Novik
K. Englot S. Luedtke M. Flowers Evans R. Schury W. Miller
C. Valuck C. McKenzie P. Wilson S. Peterson M. Wotherspoon
B. Douglas

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Lauritzen/Keach

That the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

2.0 Adoption of Minutes - February 5, 2010

Motion: Lauritzen/Keach

That the minutes of the February 5, 2010 advisory board meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

It was noted that there was an error in the number system.

3.0 Business Arising From Minutes

3.1 Summary Report for 2010 provincial conference evaluations

- Report prepared by D. Fisher was circulated with agenda to members to review.

3.2 Plans for 2011 Conference

D. Lauritzen, member of the 2011 conference planning committee reported on the following:

- The 2011 conference will take on a different format, in that; it will be a one day educational session vs. a 1.5 day conference
- The educational session will be presented in Saskatoon on May 4 and then the same workshop will be done in Regina on May 5. In Saskatoon the workshop will be held at the Western Development Museum and in Regina at the West Harvest Inn
- Conference planning committee members include: Maureen Kraemer, Weyburn (Chairperson), Charlene Cameron (Prince Albert), Nicole Ingethron (Saskatoon), Angie Pollom (Saskatoon), Dianne Lauritzen (Battlefords), Richard Hazel & Debb Fisher (SASW Office).
- Registration costs for the training day will be less than \$100/member.
- The annual general meeting has been separated out from the training day. It will be held Saturday, April 30th.

3.3 Approved By-law Changes

At the annual general meeting, the following bylaw changes were approved:

- Mandatory Continuing Education (SASW General Bylaws)
- Conflict of Interest (SASW General Bylaws)
- Proration of Fees (SASW Administrative Bylaws)

The revised bylaws, with the above changes, have been posted on the SASW Website.

4.0 Reports from Council/Committee/Branch Reps

4.1 President's Report

Report as printed & circulated at the meeting

4.2 Executive Director's Report

Report as printed & circulated at the meeting.

4.3 CASW Representative

Report as printed & circulated at the meeting.

4.4 Treasurer's Report

4.4.1 Income Statement (at 2010-05-31)

L. Keach reviewed the income statement which was circulated with the agenda.

4.4.2 Approve Fee Increase for 2011/12

At the AGM, a 3.25% fee increase for both 2011 and 2012 was approved.

4.5 Registrar's Report

Report as printed & circulated at meeting.

4.6 Standards of Practice Report

- See report which was printed & circulated at the meeting.

- N. Novik is away in Europe right now

- At its Council Meeting on June 10th, council considered the recommendation from the Standards Committee that the current standards of practice documents be rearranged in order to align more closely with the model of such standards of practice currently utilized in other jurisdictions across the country.

- It will be council's recommendation to the standards of practice committee, to have a report which will ensure that the content in the set of standards presently used is not lost.

4.7 Aboriginal Social Workers

See report that was printed & circulated at the meeting.

4.8 Health Services Committee

See report which was printed & circulated at meeting.

4.9 Practice Ethics Committee

See report which was printed & circulated at meeting.

4.10 Report from Northeast Branch

See report which was printed & circulated at meeting.

4.11 PA Branch Report

See report which was printed & circulated at meeting.

4.12 Saskatoon Branch

See report which was printed & circulated at meeting.

4.13 Swift Current Branch
See report which was printed & circulated at meeting.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Draft Presentation to the Child Welfare Panel
See report which as printed & circulated a meeting. Members of Advisory Board reviewed and made some suggested changes/comments to sharpen the document. Some suggestions included emphasis on poverty, housing, supervision/mentoring of child protection workers.

The final version of this document will be dated June 14, 2010. A copy of the document will be sent to all advisory board members and will be posted on the SASW Website.

5.2 Update of SASW Action Plan
See action plan which was printed & circulated at meeting.

5.3 Saskatchewan Social Worker - Discussion
Currently, the SASW newsletter is printed and sent to members 3 times yearly - February, June and November. Cost of putting this publication out is about \$12,000 per year (\$4,000 per newsletter). These costs include the printing, stuffing and mailing costs. Advisory Board was requested to consider the idea of having one issue go electronically - the June issue. Discussion followed. Some felt that the newsletter is a good public relations document and provides good information. Going electronic may lose the public relations part and members may just not go to the website to download or read.

It was agreed that this would be revisited for further discussion at the October/10 meeting.

6.0 **Next Meeting**
The next Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Friday, October 29, 2010 in Saskatoon. Placed to be determined.

7.0 **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Debb Fisher
Office Administrator