



September 12, 2016

Memo To: All DSSAB Chairs
From: Iain Angus, Chair, NOSDA
RE: Formulation of a NOSDA Response to the Ministry of Community and Social Services Pending Review of the District Social Services Board Act

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

As you know, we all received a letter from Minister Jacek indicating her Ministry is about to undertake a review of the DSSAB Act, particularly focussing on Board governance and accountability as well as improvements to support delivery flexibility.

NOSDA CAOs and members of NOSDA's Board had a teleconference and spoke on this matter earlier this week. NOSDA is prepared to develop a collective response to the Ministry's review. However, given the diversity of issues and positions that exist across the North, it is essential that NOSDA only communicate those items where there is a clear consensus amongst our members.

We recognize that there are two areas of focus: governance and how rate payers are required to pay for our services and the regulatory matters that effect how we deliver our services. We anticipate that our CAO's are best positioned to articulate the regulatory (or housekeeping) changes that are required to the DSSAB Act and will rely on them to develop a position paper that is reflective of our collective experience.

In order to facilitate the arrival of a clear consensus on governance and funding, NOSDA is prepared to organize a Face to Face meeting or teleconference of the Chairs and their CAOs to discuss this and related matters. If you are interested in participating in a NOSDA DSSAB Chair meeting, I ask that you respond to our CAO Lead fern.dominelli@msdsb.net and our Executive Coordinator, Chris Stewart at cjstewart@cjstewartconsulting.ca **by Friday, September 16, 2016.**

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Cc: Erin Hannah, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Policy Development, MCSS
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