

NORTHERN ONTARIO SERVICE DELIVERERS ASSOCIATION

# RESOLUTIONS 2013

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RESOLUTIONS BY PROGRAM AREA

**April 11, 2013**



## **RESOLUTION 2013 - 01: CHILD CARE**

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: Sarah Campbell

SECONDED BY: Barb Marlow

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has continued to transform the Early Years System for children and their families consistent with the vision outlined in the Pascal Report on Early Learning of an integrated and seamless service; and

WHEREAS the development of policy and program changes to the Early Years System by the Ministry of Education has been implemented in a progressive, consultative and inclusive manner that has involved CMSMs/DSSAB's as partners in our joint commitment to modernize the child care system; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Early Years Policy Framework has recognized CMSMs/DSSB's as system managers to plan and deliver community-based early years programs and services governed and funded by the Ministry of Education; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA acknowledge and applaud the work of the Ministry of Education and the Early Years staff for their commitment to a co-operative and collaborative process with municipal child care system managers; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that NOSDA encourage the Ministry of Education to continue to support the CMSM/DSSABs as service system managers in development of an integrated and coordinated approach School Boards and community partners, recognizing child care as a core business of the education system.

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NOSDA CHAIR

cc: Premier; Minister of Education; ADM, Ministry of Education; AMO; OMSSA; FONOM; NOMA; NOSDA Member Chairs; Child Care Managers; Chairs of Northern Boards of Education



## **RESOLUTION 2013 - 02: E.M.S.**

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: Morley Foster

SECONDED BY: Ross Donaldson

Whereas Northern & Rural Ontario Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Land Ambulance providers are vital in the provision of primary health care services in their regions, their communities and the Province of Ontario;

And Whereas non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers are a key component of primary health care services in the Province of Ontario;

And Whereas non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers are not completed by EMS services in high emergency call areas and use of ambulance for these calls is not supported by the Regulations;

And Whereas non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers continue to increase, primarily due to the "Centers of Excellence" model used by Health Care Facilities and location of definitive care in larger centers;

And Whereas these transfers severely impact the ability of the EMS providers to maintain Balanced Emergency Coverage (BEC) and mandated Response Time Standards;

And Whereas many communities only have one ambulance available and the next closest ambulance is hours away;

And Whereas EMS service providers are obligated under the Ambulance Act to provide pre-hospital emergency services;

And Whereas the efficient and effective transportation of all patients within Northern and Rural Ontario is vital to the quality of health care and safety of the residents of our communities;

And Whereas small northern hospitals have never been funded for non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers through their base budget or otherwise;



And Whereas the vast majority of non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers in Southern and Urban Ontario are provided by private sector medical transfer service companies currently not available or providing services in Northern and Rural Ontario;

And Whereas the vast majority of non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers in Southern and Urban Ontario are funded 100% by the Province of Ontario through existing hospital operating budgets;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario has created a significant EMS service and funding level inequity between large urban Southern and rural Northern Ontario and small, northern and rural communities and municipalities are funding the cost for non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers from their property tax bases;

Therefore be it RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario immediately correct this EMS funding and service level inequity between Northern and Rural Ontario and Southern and Urban Ontario by funding 100% of the cost of non-emergent and non-urgent inter-facility transfers provided by Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Land Ambulance providers or by providing this service through private sector medical transfer service companies in Northern and Rural Ontario.

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NOSDA CHAIR

cc: Premier; Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; ADM, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; AMO; OMSSA; FONOM; NOMA; OAPC; NOSDA Member Chairs; Northern EMS Managers



## RESOLUTION 2013 - 03: ONTARIO WORKS

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: Norm Laberge

SECONDED BY: George Jupp

WHEREAS the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario has submitted their final report "[Brighter Prospects: Transforming Social Assistance in Ontario](#)" to the premier on October 2012; and

WHEREAS the [Drummond Report](#) and the Commission's report both address the need to integrate Employment Programs; and

WHEREAS the Social Assistance Commission's recommendation number 20 states: "Recognizing the importance of integrating employment services with other human services, we recommend that municipalities and First Nations continue to be responsible for employment services for social assistance recipients"; and

WHEREAS the Social Assistance Commission's recommendation number 22 states: "We recommend that the Province expand the number of municipalities, where there is interest and capacity, designated as Employment Ontario deliverers"; and

WHEREAS the Social Assistance Commission's recommendation number 23 states: "We recommend that municipalities be full partners with the Province in managing and planning employment services in their communities"; and

WHEREAS the Drummond Report recommendation 8-5 states:

"The Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario should examine system design options that deliver a more efficient and higher-quality service to social assistance recipients. This examination should consider combining Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, and having the combined program delivered at the local level. It should also address the further integration of employment services available through Employment Ontario"; and



WHEREAS it has been recognized the value of direct relationships with local economic development and business is fundamental in planning for good employment outcomes in a community and by virtue of the municipal linkages to these departments with CMSM/DSSAB's; and

WHEREAS it has also been acknowledged that other municipally delivered services including Housing Services and Children's Services are fundamental to assisting individuals along the continuum of employment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA call on the Premier of Ontario to move forward with the integration of Employment Services and more specifically that the province engage CMSM/DSSAB's as full partners in managing and planning employment services in their communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Premier takes the first step along this integration path by immediately expanding the number of CMSM/DSSAB's in the North which are designated as Employment Ontario deliverers.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Premier directs the Minister of Training Colleges and Universities who is responsible for Employment Ontario to make DSSAB's/CMSM the Service System Managers for employment programs where the CMSM/DSSAB is interested which would mean Employment Ontario would only have one contract within each CMSM/DSSAB jurisdiction. This would allow CMSM/DSSAB to rationalize services and ensure that over time a streamlined and more holistic approach to employment services in a community were being funded.

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**NOSDA CHAIR**

cc: Premier; Minister of Community and Social Services; ADM, Ministry of Community and Social Services; Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities; ADM, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; AMO; OMSSA; FONOM; NOMA; NOSDA Member Chairs; Northern OW Managers



**RESOLUTION 2013 - 04: SOCIAL HOUSING – COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS  
PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: Lorraine Aelick

SECONDED BY: Armand Giguere

WHEREAS the Province has consolidated and simplified the various housing programs into a single CHPI programs;

WHEREAS NOSDA members very much appreciate the CHPI bridge funding to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 to assist with the transition to the consolidated housing services model;

AND WHEREAS planned withdrawal of the bridge CHPI funding in April 2014 will significantly reduce funding thus placing heavy burdens on NOSDA members to meet community housing needs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to maintain CHPI funding at 2013 levels in 2014 and beyond to meet pressing community housing needs.

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**NOSDA CHAIR**

cc: Premier; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; ADM, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Community and Social Services; ADM Ministry of Community and Social Services; AMO; OMSSA; FONOM; NOMA; NOSDA Member Chairs; Housing Service Managers



## **RESOLUTION 2013 - 05: SOCIAL HOUSING – DEEP CORE NEED DEFINITION**

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: Iain Angus

SECONDED BY: Barb Marlow

WHEREAS the Province has utilized a formula to distribute funding for the Investment in Affordable Housing Program and Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative that relies' on core housing need data from Statistics Canada;

WHEREAS core housing need refers to housing that falls below the dwelling standards of affordability, adequacy or suitability and spend more than 30% of their gross annual income to pay the median rent of alternative housing that meets all three standards;

WHEREAS the data does not represent a 'true picture' of the low income population of Northern Ontario in that, First Nations persons are under-represented, small communities are not counted and, statistical accuracy is lost in areas of low population due to the manner in which Statistics Canada aggregate data for the protection of privacy;

AND WHEREAS NOSDA would be pleased to work with the Ministry to arrive at a more equitable funding formula for the North;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs to revisit the funding formula used to arrive at the Investment in Affordable Housing Program and Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative for Northern Ontario.

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### **NOSDA CHAIR**

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; ADM, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; AMO; OMSSA; FONOM; NOMA; NOSDA Member Chairs; Housing Service Managers





## **RESOLUTION 2013 - 06: STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION**

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: David Edgar

SECONDED BY: Lorraine Aelick

That the proposed 2013-16 NOSDA Strategic Plan be adopted, including the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals generally as presented, but subject to any amendments approved by motion at this Annual General Meeting; and,

That the specific Objectives and Implementation Measures of the Strategic Plan be approved in principle, with direction to the NOSDA Executive and CAOs to make any necessary or desirable additions, deletions or amendments to the Objectives and Implementation Measures, based on consultation with appropriate NOSDA Working Groups and other representatives of NOSDA Members Organizations, provided that any changes are consistent with the approved Goals; and,

That the final version of the NOSDA Strategic Plan, as recommended by the CAOs Working Group to the NOSDA Executive, be approved by the NOSDA Executive on behalf of the NOSDA membership; and

That the approved Plan be circulated to NOSDA member organizations in a manner consistent with NOSDA's Communications and Marketing Plan for the Strategic Plan; and,

That a Communications and Marketing Plan and an Implementation Plan and Scorecard be developed under the direction of the NOSDA CAOs Working Group: to launch the Strategic Plan, to advance its Goals, and to monitor its implementation.

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**NOSDA CHAIR**

cc: NOSDA Member Chairs; NOSDA Member CAO's



## RESOLUTION 2013 - 07: Child Care Funding Formula

DATE: April, 2013

MOVED BY: David Edgar

SECONDED BY: Armand Giguere

Whereas the Ministry of Education has recently provided a more transparent, evidence based and equitable funding formula for Child Care allocations and

Whereas this new formula provides more flexibility for municipalities and tools to better manage the child care system at a local level, should increase service stability and access for full fee and subsidized families, enhances ability for municipalities to respond to demands for services and provides better value for the taxpayer with reduced administrative burden and

Whereas the funding formula is based on publicly available third-party measures mainly Statistics Canada sources that more accurately reflect child care demand and program cost structure at a community level than current historical allocations and

Whereas one prominent factor of the funding formula considers child population 0-12 which is intended to assess need for service as well as other demographic data and

Whereas we appreciate that 2013 is a transition period and that mitigation funding has been provided to those municipalities facing reductions and

Whereas in Northern Ontario based on Statistics Canada sources the 0-14 population continues to show a notable decline and

Whereas currently approximately 40% of communities facing funding reductions in Ontario are from Northern Ontario and

Therefore Be It Resolved that NOSDA call upon the Ministry of Education to work together to examine the various components including the 0-12 population weight factor for future calculations to ensure that Northern service system managers are not adversely impacted in their provision of early learning programs.

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NOSDA CHAIR

cc: Minister of Education; ADM, Ministry of Education; AMO; OMSSA; FONOM; NOMA;  
NOSDA Member Chairs; Child Care Managers