



Highlights from the Board of Directors Board President – Michelle Holbrook

Hello everyone,

The Board of Directors met on January 30, 2018 and I am pleased to share with you the following highlights from our meeting:

- The Board was provided with an overview of the Child Protection Information Network (CPIN) – what is working well and what we are worried about. CPIN wasn't working at the time of the Board meeting so the planned demonstration of the system did not proceed. The local OPSEU Board President and Vice President also gave information on OPSEU's Fix It and Fund It campaign.
 - Following the presentations, the Board had a discussion and decided on the following:
 - Motion passed that the Board formally supports OPSEU's Fix It and Fund It advocacy campaign.
 - The Board will write a letter to the Minister of Children & Youth Services expressing concern about CPIN and requesting information on what is being done to address the problems. The letter will highlight the impact on service to families and the lack of consultation with Indigenous communities.
 - There will be follow up by a Board member regarding the current Chiefs of Ontario position and any advocacy they may be doing.
 - The Board approved the consent agenda which contained minutes from the previous meeting, Executive Director report, Director of Service report and Committee reports.
 - Information was provided on our agency's annual operation plan that is directly tied to our strategic directions. The Board had discussion and provided input. The top 3 priorities from the Board's perspective are:
 - Staff Wellness
 - Focus on remaining children/youth at risk of growing up in care so we can prevent that
 - Emerging leaders – succession planning
 - The Board had previously completed a survey on how they govern the agency. The results were shared and overall were excellent. There were three items that had less than 100% ratings – these were discussed and an explanation provided. The response will be provided to our provincial Association – the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies.
 - Several motions were passed including three policies (Staff Recognitions, Perquisites, Communicable Diseases) and approval of the Quality Improvement Plan that is required by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The Board also passed a motion approving the agency's plan regarding the provincial Indigenous Commitments.
 - There was an in camera session where three items were reviewed – all three related to specific family situations.
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