

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Presidents with members in the Ministry of Community & Social Services
All Stewards in the Ministry of Community & Social Services

FROM: Brian Gould, OPS Supervisor/Negotiator

DATE: 19 June 2007

SUBJECT: **Ministry of Community & Social Services
ERC Minutes – May 8, 2007**

Attached, for your information, are the minutes of the above captioned meeting.

Please post or otherwise make them available to the members in your workplaces.

Also attached is a MERC referral form which should be used when referring unresolved local issues to the ministry level. The referral should be sent care of the Job Security Unit with all the supporting documentation, (e.g. minutes, correspondence, etc.), with any referrals.

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Warren (Smokey) Thomas
President



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OPS Supervisor/Negotiator

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cc: MERC Chairs
Ministry ERC

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1.0 Minutes

1.1 Review of the March 2007 Minutes

- The Union provided their revisions to the March 2007 minutes.

Action Item: Revise the March 2007 minutes for sign off by the Union at the next meeting.

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 Review of Action Items

- The revised Communications Protocol was released to regions on April 16, 2007 and is now posted on the SAMO website.

2.2 Interest-Based Problem Solving (IBPS) Workshop – Update

- The IBPS Support Team provided drafts of the preliminary review of IBPS and a synopsis of IBPS Training Evaluations.
- The Support Team will have further discussions regarding the format of the final product and distribution plan.

2.3 Transition of Joint Problem Solving Process (JPSP) to Mainstream

- Using Interest-Based Problem Solving (IBPS) process, the Subcommittee continued the discussion on the transition of JPSP to mainstream.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Income Reporting

- SAMO provided an overview of the upcoming changes to ODSP Income Reporting.
- An outline of the consultation plan, implementation activities and timelines was provided.
- The Union will identify a representative to the consultation group.
- The Union raised concerns regarding the timing and the workload impact of the upcoming changes given other activities that are taking place in the field.

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- SAMO to review possible options to alleviate impact of changes and will advise the group.
- The Union also suggested an early notification to clients and staff to help them prepare for the upcoming changes.

Action Items:

- 1. The Union to identify a representative to the consultation group.**
- 2. SAMO to review possible options to alleviate impact of changes.**

4.0 Meeting Adjourned

Approved on June 14, 2007 by:



Martin Thumm
Management Co-Chair



Norm Pilon
OPSEU Co-Chair