

<p>Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board</p>	<p>Policy Area</p> <p>GOVERNANCE Board Process</p>
<p>GOVERNING MANNER</p>	<p>Policy Number</p> <p>G-10.0</p>

Preamble

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) sets standards to be met in the conduct of Board affairs.

Policy

The Board approaches its task of governance in a manner which emphasizes strategic leadership more than administrative detail, clear distinction of Board and staff roles, future rather than past or present, and proactivity rather than reactivity. In this spirit, the Board will:

- a) Keep its major involvement with the intended long-term impact of the organization, not with the administrative or programmatic means of attaining those effects.
- b) Direct, control and inspire the organization through the careful deliberation and establishment of policies. Policies will be statements of values or approaches which address:
 - i) the “products” (what benefits for which needs at what cost);
 - ii) the boundaries of prudence and ethics to be observed by staff;
 - iii) Board roles and responsibilities; and
 - iv) the Board-staff relationship.
- c) Enforce upon itself whatever discipline is needed to govern with excellence. Discipline will apply to attendance, policy-making principles, respect of clarified roles, speaking with one voice, and self-policing of Board tendencies to stray from rigorous governance.

- d) Be accountable to the general public for competent, conscientious, and effective accomplishment of its obligations as a body. It will allow no officer, individual or committee of the Board to usurp this role or deter this discipline.
- e) Be an initiator of policy and responsible for its own performance.

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