



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Social Services Committee**

Date: April 14, 2025

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (Chair)

Chris Tibbs, Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (Vice-Chair)

Barry Petten, Member for Conception Bay South (substituted for Paul Dinn, Member for Topsail - Paradise)

Gerry Byrne, Member for Corner Brook (substituted for Perry Trimper, Member for Lake Melville)

Pam Parsons, Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (substituted for Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North)

Scott Reid, Member for St. George's - Humber (substituted for Jamie Korab, Member for Waterford Valley)

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre

Other:

Jim Locke, Government Members' Caucus

Darrell Hynes, Official Opposition Caucus

Steven Kent, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Mark Jerrett, Clerk of Committee (A)

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Health and Community Services

Sarah Stoodley, Minister

John Haggie, Minister

John McGrath, Deputy Minister

Chad Antle, Departmental Controller

Alicia Chenard, Executive Assistant

Greg Clarke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Professional Services and Workforce Planning

Bradley George, Executive Assistant

Jeannine Herritt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Services

Patrick Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Dr. Pat Parfrey, Deputy Minister, Health Transformation

Brian Scott, Director of Communications

Gillian Sweeney, Assistant Deputy Minister

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

On motion, the Minutes of April 11, 2025 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:38 p.m. and resumed at 7:50 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 9:01 p.m. to Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA
Chair

Mark Jerrett
Clerk of Committee (A)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Jerrett", written in a cursive style.