



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: April 4, 2023

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Gerry Byrne, Corner Brook (substituting for Paul Pike, Burin - Grand Bank)

Lucy Stoyles, Mount Pearl North

Jeff Dwyer, Placentia West - Bellevue

Scott Reid, St. George's - Humber

Paul Dinn, Topsail - Paradise (substituting for Joedy Wall, Cape St. Francis, Vice-Chair)

Lela Evans, Torngat Mountains (substituting for James Dinn, St. John's Centre)

Other:

Craig Pardy, Bonavista

David Hamlyn, Government Members Caucus

Bradley Russell, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Kim Hawley George, Clerk of Committee (A)

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Health and Community Services

Tom Osborne, Minister

John McGrath, Associate Deputy Minister

Dr. Megan Hayes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Recruitment and Retention

Jeannine Herritt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Services

Fiona Langor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Insured Programs

Patrick Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Sheree Snow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Medical Transportation Assistance Program

Chad Antle, Departmental Controller

Melony O'Neill, Director of Communications

Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

The Committee agreed to allow unaffiliated Members present to participate in the proceedings in the following manner: Unaffiliated Members may have 10 minutes to pose questions at the end of the meeting, and those questions may refer to any subhead under the Head of Expenditure being considered.

On motion, the Minutes of May 6, 2022 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:22 and resumed at 7:32.

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

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 8:56 p.m. to Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6 p.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development and the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

Sherry Gambin-Walsh
Chair



Kim Hawley George
Clerk of Committee (A)