

**All Party Committee on Basic Income**  
Meeting #10 Minutes – February 21, 2024  
10:30am – 11:30pm  
West Block, Confederation Building

**In attendance:**

Hon. Paul Pike, Minister, Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD), Chair  
Hon. Bernard Davis, Minister, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA, Placentia-St. Mary's  
Craig Parady, MHA, Bonavista  
Scott Reid, MHA, St. George's - Humber (alternate for Hon. Bernard Davis)  
Aisling Gogan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Prevention and Early Intervention, CSSD  
Scott Fleming, Policy Analyst, Third Party Caucus  
Margot Pitcher, Executive Assistant, CSSD  
Renee Ryan – Director, Social and Economic Well-Being, CSSD

**Regrets**

Jim Dinn, MHA, St. John's Centre

**Agenda Items:**

1. Review and approval of minutes
  - September 26, 2023 meeting – Approved by committee members
  - January 24, 2024 meeting – Approved by committee members
2. Update on Basic Income Pilot for 60-64 year olds
  - ADM Gogan gave an overview of the work to date, including:
    - target population
    - participant demographics
    - principles
    - current benefit structure
    - proposed benefit structure
    - positive impacts
    - evaluation
  - Committee members requested further information on the range of current and proposed benefits. As work is ongoing, Minister Pike committed to giving an update once details are finalized.
  - All members indicated strong approval for the approach and target population for this pilot, agreeing that this is the most vulnerable group in society needing additional supports.
3. Discussion of first draft of the committee's report
  - Committee members identified a need for more time to review the draft report.
  - Members also requested more information on the BC report and recommendations.
4. Next steps
  - CSSD staff will reach out to the NL Federation of Labour to reschedule the meeting with them and offer the option of a written submission if the NLFL is not available over the next month.

- The next meeting will have two agenda items – an overview of the BC Report and then a detailed review of the committee's draft report. Staff will prepare a presentation on the report to begin the discussion.

Renee Ryan, Recorder