

## **All Party Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Addictions Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 18, 2023

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Attendees:**

Committee Members: Tom Osborne, Sherry Gambin-Walsh, John Hogan, Elvis Loveless, Joedy Wall, and Lela Evans

Regrets: Barry Petten

Officials: John McGrath, Gillian Sweeney, Niki Legge, Gillian Hussey, Debbie Curtis, Maggie O'Toole

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1. Mental Health Division Presentation – Niki Legge, Gillian Hussey, and Debbie Curtis presented an overview of the provincial mental health and addictions services, including respective programs and action plans, department operations, legislation, and evaluation and performance monitoring. Discussion focused on role of FACT/ACT including its role in community outreach, potential information sessions with constituency assistants on promotion of existing services available, additional capacity for programs with wait times, such as FACT/ACT in St. John's, and impact of COVID on mental health.
2. Public engagement: Draft survey will be discussed during the next meeting.
3. Decision: Committee members decided as an early recommendation of the All-Party Committee, they recommended that training be made available on voluntary basis to MHAs and staff for the distribution of naloxone kits. Any one is who interested can register for the respective training. There is no obligation to participate.
4. Action Items:
  - Secretariat to send out Doorways locations to Committee members;
  - Secretariat to send out the Mental Health Division presentation;
  - Committee members their suggestions of community organizations to engage and their feedback on survey to John McGrath and Maggie O'Toole; and
  - Secretariat to draft letter on early recommendation of the Committee regarding naloxone kits.
5. Next Meeting Date: January 31, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.