

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

Date: February 26, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members: Tom Osborne, Sarah Stoodley, John Abbott, Joedy Wall, Barry Petten, and Lela Evans

Regrets: John Hogan, Paul Pike and Sherry Gambin-Walsh

Officials: John McGrath, Gillian Sweeney, Niki Legge, and Maggie O'Toole

Presenters: Jeannine Herritt, Annette Bridgeman, Sarah Hollett, Karen Dickson

1. Child Youth Community Health Service Presentation – Annette Bridgeman and Sarah Hollett an overview of the services currently available and the model to support more integrated service delivery. Discussion focused on progress to date and reorganizing the services that exist so that they are more accessible (e.g., developing operational standards); acknowledgement of the ambitious transformative program changes to achieve the vision; questions about the total cost to achieve the vision; and future HIS system and how it will support integration.

Timelines for projects were identified as a need in terms of ensuring access to services.

2. Public engagement: Committee agreed to move forward with the engagement and consultation plan. No additional comments on the survey. Committee approved letter to stakeholders.
3. Action Items:
 - Secretariat to send out the Child Youth Community Health presentation;
 - Secretariat to arrange more frequent shorter meetings when the House of Assembly is open;
 - Secretariat to put together a list of mental health and addictions stakeholders;
 - Secretariat to provide messaging on where to receive a naloxone kit to members; and
 - Committee agreed to post meeting agendas and minutes publicly.
4. Next Meeting Date: To be determined