

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

Date: November 18, 2024

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members: John Abbott, Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Elvis Loveless, Lucy Stoyles, Joedy Wall, Jim McKenna, Jordan Brown

Officials: Niki Legge, Tara Power, Stephanie Wold, Bradley George

1. Minutes approved from Virtual Engagement Sessions:
 - October 1, 2024
 - October 2, 2024
2. Written submissions were distributed for members to review:
 - City of St. John's
 - Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL)
3. Public Engagement Division officials facilitated a discussion on potential recommendations with committee members. Members discussed what they heard, acknowledging that experiences of presenters fell on a wide spectrum and intersected with the social determinates of health. Common themes noted include: early intervention and prevention, access and availability of services, awareness of existing programs and services, support for individuals in the correctional system, and culturally-appropriate treatments and supports.
4. Action Items
 - Members to review written submissions.
 - Secretariat to initiate draft recommendations based on committee discussions and circulate to committee members for feedback.