

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

Date: September 17, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members: John Abbott John Hogan, Joedy Wall, Jim McKenna, Jordan Brown

Officials: John McGrath, Gillian Sweeney, Niki Legge, Tara Power, David Coffin, Brad George

1. Minutes approved from July 17, 2024.
2. Updated TOR to reflect addition of John Abbott, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions as Chair were approved.
3. A presentation was provided by Niki Legge on behalf of the APC Committee Secretariat which outlined:
 - Those who have presented to date and the overall themes
 - List of future presenters to be scheduled
 - Next steps for the committee

The committee discussed next steps including:

- Scheduling upcoming virtual sessions with stakeholders for October.
- Scheduling in-person meetings with Indigenous Governments and Organizations in Labrador.

Minister Abbott outlined that it will be important to see what other initiatives and new and emerging trends are underway in other provinces and territories, including best practices. Niki Legge advised that she will follow up with national and international stakeholders left to present and request that they reference other jurisdictions in their presentations.

The committee discussed the format of the final report. Minister Abbott noted the importance of providing a concise report that speaks to all individuals.

The committee discussed the issue of secure treatment and requested that presenters with expertise on the matter be asked to meet with the committee.

4. Action Items
 - APC Secretariat to work with committee members to plan virtual event and in-person meeting with stakeholders in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
 - APC secretariat to schedule three days of virtual presentations.
 - HCS to arrange for additional presenters to speak to secure treatment.