



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Social Services Committee**

Date: May 19, 2026

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (Chair)

Lisa Dempster, Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank)

Jim Parsons, Member for Corner Brook (substituted for Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)

Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West

Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's - Humber

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre

Other:

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Margot Pitcher, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Evan Beazley, Clerk of Committee (A)

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Health and Community Services

Lela Evans, Minister

Colleen Stockley, Deputy Minister

Katie Norman, Associate Deputy Minister

Justin Garrett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Services

Robyn Hayes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services, Governance and Accountability

Gillian Sweeney, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population Health

Chad Antle, Departmental Controller

Victoria Barbour, Director of Communications

Jennifer Konieczny, Media Relations Manager

Bradley Russell, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

On motion, the Minutes of May 5, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and resumed at 10:43 a.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 12:17 p.m. to Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6 p.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Jeff Dwyer
Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evan Beazley".

Evan Beazley
Clerk of Committee (A)