

## **CHILD AND FAMILY COMMITTEE-OF-CABINET TERMS-OF-REFERENCE**

### **AUTHORITY**

This Terms-of- Reference is established under the authority of the Executive Council (Cabinet) of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

### **MANDATE**

The mandate of the Child and Family Committee-of-Cabinet (the Committee) is to bring together the perspectives of multiple Ministers to (a) provide a whole-of-government response to addressing the impacts on children and families as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (b) identify issues, coordinate policy, track efforts and offer recommendations to Cabinet or the Financial Management Board with respect to the GNWT's focus on:

- (a) improving program and service delivery for children in care;
- (b) early childhood development;
- (c) available and affordable childcare;
- (d) JK-12 education systems and institutions;
- (e) overall health and wellness of residents, including: mental health and addictions; community wellness; and healthy lifestyles;
- (f) safe and affordable housing, including solutions to address core housing need and allowing seniors to age in place with dignity;
- (g) homelessness;
- (h) crime prevention and reduction; and
- (i) youth leadership and capacity-building.

### **CHAIR**

The Honourable Shane Thompson Chairs the Child and Family Committee-of-Cabinet.

The Honourable Paulie Chinna is the Vice-Chair.

## **COMPOSITION**

The Committee comprises the:

- Minister of Health and Social Services
- Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation
- Minister of Justice
- Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Minister Responsible for Youth
- Minister Responsible for Seniors

All Members of the Executive Council have a standing invitation to attend Committee meetings.

## **QUORUM**

The Chair, or Vice Chair and any two individuals appointed to the Committee, regardless of their portfolio assignments, will constitute a quorum.

## **OPERATIONS**

The Committee:

- (a) will remain informed of emerging issues and challenges related to the Committee's mandate;
- (b) reviews, coordinates and monitors actions undertaken to advance the commitments of the mandate of the Executive Council that fall within the mandate of the Committee or as otherwise directed;
- (c) may meet with standing committees of the Legislative Assembly as appropriate to ensure Members of the Legislative Assembly are made aware of, and have an opportunity to provide meaningful input into discussion, reviews and proposals that fall within the Committee's mandate;
- (d) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the committee's operations;
- (e) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's review, a summary of the Committee's discussions;
- (f) may be supported by a committee(s) of deputy ministers as established by the Secretary to Cabinet; and

(g) may, through the Committee Chair, and in accordance with Cabinet direction and established conventions submit formal decisions papers proposing specific actions for Cabinet's consideration and direction.

## **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**

The Cabinet Secretariat of the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs provides the Committee with policy and administrative support. Cabinet Communications provides communications support.

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September 21, 2020

Date



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Chairperson of the Executive Council