



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of April 11, 2020, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day by videoconference at 11:30 a.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Chantal Petitclerc, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Dagenais, Dasko, Forest-Niesing, Griffin, Kutcher, Manning, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Petitclerc, Poirier and Seidman (12).

Other senators present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Bovey, Cormier, LaBoucane-Benson, Miville-Dechêne, Munson and Pate (6).

Participating in the meeting: Keli Hogan and Joëlle Nadeau, Procedural Clerks, Committees Directorate; Laura Munn-Rivard and Sonya Norris, Analysts, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament; Ben Silverman, Communications Officer, Senate Communications Directorate.

Also present: The official reporters of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Saturday, April 11, 2020, the committee continued its study on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

Dr. Vicky Stergiopoulos, Physician-in-Chief.

Strongest Families Institute:

Dr. Patrick McGrath, Chair of the Board.

Canadian Psychiatric Association:

Dr. Georgina Zahirney, President.

Children First Canada:

Sara L. Austin, Founder and CEO;

Kiah Heneke-Flindall, Youth Advisor;

Kamil Kanji, Youth Advisor.

Children's Healthcare Canada:

Emily Gruenwoldt, President and CEO.

Kids Help Phone:

Katherine Hay, President and CEO.

The chair made a statement.

Dr. Stergiopoulos, Dr. McGrath and Dr. Zahirney made statements and answered questions.

At 1:32 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 3:35 p.m., the committee resumed.

Ms. Austin, Ms. Heneke-Flindall, Mr. Kanji, Ms. Gruenwoldt and Ms. Hays made statements and answered questions.

At 5:46 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Daniel Charbonneau

Clerk of the Committee