

MOTION

No. 83

Calling on government to invest in upstream mental health initiatives

Michele Beaton gives notice that she will move, seconded by Peter Bevan-Baker, the following motion:

WHEREAS an ‘upstream’ approach to mental health is necessary to achieving societal wellbeing;

AND WHEREAS ‘upstream’ investment requires a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach;

AND WHEREAS supporting and promoting infant, child, and youth mental health is critical and central to enabling them to become life-long, positive contributors to their communities and society;

AND WHEREAS strengthening policies and programs that support positive mental health for infants, children and youth is vital to creating a sustainable and inclusive Island;

AND WHEREAS decades of research as well as implementation of policies in other jurisdictions have resulted in overwhelming evidence that supports upstream mental health investments;

AND WHEREAS during 2020-2021, the Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities (ASI) developed a policy brief that called for action on four priorities and associated recommendations;

AND WHEREAS the ASI policy brief calls for Government to implement mental health-in-all-policies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to undertake fundamental change in the way it builds healthy public policy;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to implement the recommendations of the Atlantic Summer Institute on upstream investment as outlined in the ASI policy brief.

Signed by: Michele Beaton

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Date: February 18, 2022