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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**  
**Health & Social Services Committee Minutes**

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM.

Councillor Roy assumed the Chair.

**1. Roll Call**

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.  
\* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

**Members**

Present: Councillor Roy, Chair  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Brenner\*  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Jubb\*  
Councillor Neal\*  
Regional Chair Henry

**Members**

Absent: Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair, was absent on municipal business

Staff Present: E. Baxter-Trahair\*, C. Boyd, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, S. Dessureault, J. Dixon, L. Fleury, J. Gaskin, C. Guile, R. Inacio, R.J. Kyle, M. Laschuk, L. MacDermaid, P. McTavish, G. Muller, K. Smith, C. Taylor\*, K. Thangaraj, T. Tyner Cavanagh, E. Valant

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion #6**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, be adopted.

**Carried**

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

## **5. Presentations**

### **5.1 Carly Guile, Assistant Manager, Population Health Division Re: Early Childhood Resilience**

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Carly Guile, Assistant Manager, Population Health Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Early Childhood Resilience.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- What is Resilience?
- How do you Build Resilience?
- Ontario Early Adversity and Resilience Framework
- Ontario Early Adversity and Resilience Framework Focus Areas
- Healthy Families Program Actions
- Healthy Families Programs and Services
- Population Approaches
- Community Collaboration
- Next Steps

C. Guile responded to questions from the Committee regarding how youth with issues related to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are being identified; the prevalence of ACEs for children in foster care; whether there are learning difficulties for children experiencing ACEs; the target age for the Ontario Early Adversity and Resilience Framework; work being done with school boards and the Children's Aid Society to inform of opportunities available to individuals; whether an analysis is being done in regards to the program and progress being made; whether geographics play a role in regards to different challenges in different areas; whether economics are a factor in people living in an adverse environment; and whether there are metrics related to an individual's success after age 18 on how they adjusted to dealing with adverse conditions.

## **6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

## **7. Health**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

### **7.2 Reports**

There were no Health reports to consider.

**8. Social Services**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) Unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education for the Updated 2026 Ontario Child Care and Early Years Funding Guidelines  
([2026-SS-3](#))

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Report #2026-SS-3 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Motion #7

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
That we recommend to Council:

That unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$2,067,188, be expended in accordance with the Updated 2026 Ontario Child Care and Early Years Funding Guidelines and as further detailed in Section 4 of Report #2026-SS-3 of the Commissioner of Social Services.

**Carried**

**9. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**10. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**11. Other Business**

11.1 Increased Overdose Rates

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Councillor Carter raised concerns with regards to increased overdose rates in the City of Oshawa and the Town of Ajax over the last 14 days.

Discussion ensued with regards to increased overdose related calls; a new opioid surfacing in New York City with higher potency; and working with the John Howard Society on a testing component for opioids in Durham Region.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion #8

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Neal,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Roy  
Chair

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K. Smith  
Committee Clerk