

BIOGRAPHY

JOAN DAWE

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Joan Dawe is a former Deputy Minister of the Departments of Health and Community Services and Social Services / Human Resources and Employment and Assistant Deputy Minister Community Health , Department of Health with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. In these positions she was instrumental in a host of initiatives including the reorganization of the province's health and community services structure ; the new Child, Youth and Family Services, Child Care Services, and Adoption Acts; as well as the Nurse Practitioner Act. Notably, she was a key player in the design and development of the Provincial Strategic Social Plan. She also chaired the Freedom of Information Review Committee which reported to government in 2001.

Joan was a recipient of the 2001 Public Service Award of Excellence in Newfoundland and Labrador and the 2004 recipient of the Canadian Healthcare Association Award for Distinguished Service.

During her time with Government, she had served as Co-Chair of the Federal / Provincial / Territorial Conference of Deputy Ministers of Social Services and was a key member of a number of Federal / Provincial / Territorial Committees including the Advisory Committee on HIV / AIDS. A nurse by training, she has held senior positions in nursing and hospital administration, as well as regional health planning.

A strong and visionary leader, she has served with distinction at local, provincial, and national levels throughout her extensive career in health care. Currently, she is Chair of the newly appointed Eastern Integrated Health Authority in Newfoundland and Labrador; President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Healthcare Association.

At the provincial level, she is Past President of the Newfoundland Hospital Association, the Newfoundland Association for Health Service Executives, and the Eastern Newfoundland chapter of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives. She was the founding Chairperson of the St. John's Home Care Program, the Council for Nursing Assistants, and the Advisory Committee on Nursing Workforce.

Nationally, Ms. Dawe has served as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Canadian Hospital Association, the Council of Governors and Executive Board of the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, and the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Institute for Health Care Facilities of the Future. She was Chairperson of the National Planning Committee for the ISQua

(International Society for Quality in Health Care) Conference held in St. John's in 1995. This was the first time this prestigious international conference was held in Canada.

Ms. Dawe is also an active volunteer in the community and is past Chair of the Seniors Resource Centre of Newfoundland and Labrador and the past President of the Kiwanis Music Festival Association of St. John's and the Kiwanis Club of Cabot.

A proud lifelong resident of the province, she happily resides in St John's with her family.