

# COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

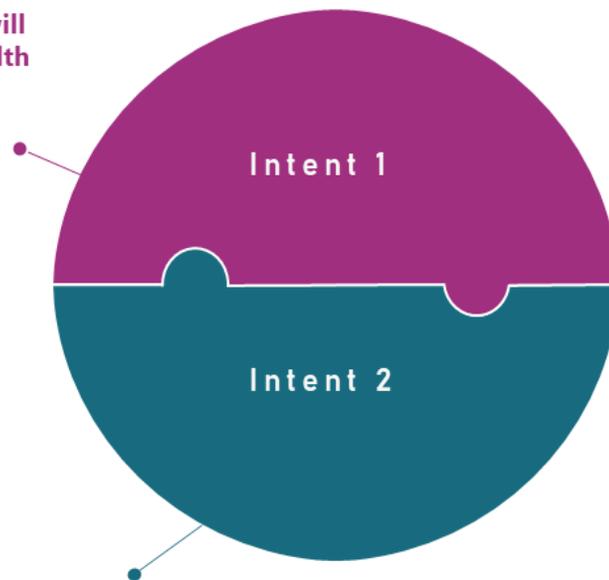
## Matthew – Recommendation 7

**Recommendation Summary:** Publicly release a framework for child and youth mental health and addictions health system transformation.

**Primary Public Body:** Manitoba Mental Health and Community Wellness

### 1. Develop a consultation strategy that will inform the development of a mental health and addictions framework

No indication of efforts taken to implement this intent. *A Pathway to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba* (released in February 2022) was developed with 12% of stakeholders consulted identifying as Indigenous.



### 2. Publicly release the consultation strategy, and subsequently, the mental health and addictions framework, detailing the plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system

Manitoba Mental Health and Community Wellness reported the release of the Roadmap along with a \$17million investment. There is no specific information about how this Roadmap will be implemented to transform the youth mental health and addictions system.

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## Recommendation Compliance Summary

In accordance with subsection 11(1) clause (d) of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act* (ACYA), the Advocate retains the responsibility "to monitor the implementation of recommendations included in reports made under section 27 (investigation) or special reports made under section 31."

This form details the assessment of implementation of compliance made under the referenced subsection of the ACYA. MACY assesses implementation of compliance with recommendations once a year but receives updates from public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
<b>Special Report Name:</b>	<b>The Slow Disappearance of Matthew: A Family's Fight for Youth Mental Health Care in the Wake of Bullying and Mental Illness</b>
<b>Date Released:</b>	2/27/2020
<b>Full Recommendation:</b> (including details)	<b>Recommendation Seven:</b> A transparent framework for child and youth mental health and addictions health system transformation. The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that in a commitment to transparency and accountability, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living publicly release its framework and plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system in Manitoba so recent and anticipated investments and announcements can be understood by Manitobans not as one-off announcements, but as part of an overall tiered strategy for improving access, coordination, content, and capacity of the child and youth health care system in the province.
<b>Intent(s) of Recommendation:</b>	The intent of the recommendation is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Develop a consultation strategy that will inform the development of a mental health and addictions framework.</b></li> <li><b>2. Publicly release the consultation strategy, and subsequently, the mental health and addictions framework, detailing the plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system.</b></li> </ol>
<b>Issue:</b>	Mental Health and Addictions
<b>Public Body</b>	Manitoba Mental Health
<b>Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:</b>	June 30, 2022
	July 13, 2021
2. Compliance Determination	
<b>Partially Compliant 0.50</b>	Actions taken only implement part of the recommendation. Important requirements have been met and the recommendation is acted upon, however, deficiencies remain.
<b>Self-Assessment</b>	Fully Compliant
<b>Previous Compliance Determination</b>	Limitedly Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination (How did you reach this compliance determination)	
<b>Intent 1: Develop a consultation strategy that will inform the development of a mental health and addictions framework.</b> <b>2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to our request for more information, Manitoba Mental Health provided a list of</li> </ul>	

focus groups, interviews, and tours that were held as part of the consultation for the development of A Path to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba ('Roadmap').

- The list included a wide range of stakeholders: 12% who responded via a survey self-identified as Indigenous and one of the focus groups was with a Children and Youth Focus Group representing approximately 2% of the total number of focus groups.
- It is necessary to note that this consultation was for the Roadmap, and not a youth-specific mental health and addictions framework.

#### **2021**

- According to Manitoba Health and Seniors Care (MHSC), discussions and planning are underway with national leaders regarding the development of a child and youth Needs Based Planning (NBP) framework.
- The new Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery is currently preparing to undertake broad consultation to develop an integrated, whole-of-government action plan for mental health, substance use, wellness, and health promotion services in Manitoba. The consultation and development of an action plan indicate that early actions are being taken to develop a plan to ensure a continuum of services for children and youth who are at imminent risk due to life-threatening addictions.
- MHWR is leading an engagement process, including a series of consultations, to inform an integrated, whole of government five-year roadmap. MACY participated in the recent consultation for the MHWR Departmental Roadmap held on August 23, 2021. MHWR's engagement process will guide the work of the department, and is aligned with the department's mission to provide access to mental health and addictions support and treatment to improve the life outcomes for Manitobans in their journey through recovery and healing. This will include services and systems for children and youth.

**Intent 2: Publicly release the consultation strategy, and subsequently, the mental health and addictions framework, detailing the plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system.**

#### **2022**

- Manitoba Mental Health reported the release of the Roadmap along with a \$17 million investment to support the plan.
- While this Roadmap is helpful in defining the overall framework for mental health services in Manitoba, it does not contain any specific or detailed plans designed for youth mental health and addiction. It is unclear how this general framework will transform the youth mental health and addictions system and improve access, coordination, content, and capacity of the child and youth health care system in Manitoba.

#### **2021**

- The Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery reported that consultations will be concluded by the end of 2021 and that a plan is expected to be implemented in 2022-23. No information was provided as to whether this plan will be public.

**Analysis Summary:** The Roadmap signifies a step in the right direction. Until the consultation piece is completed, however, and a plan is designed (whether as part of the Roadmap or as a standalone framework) specifically for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system, and is subsequently released to the public, this recommendation is partially compliant.