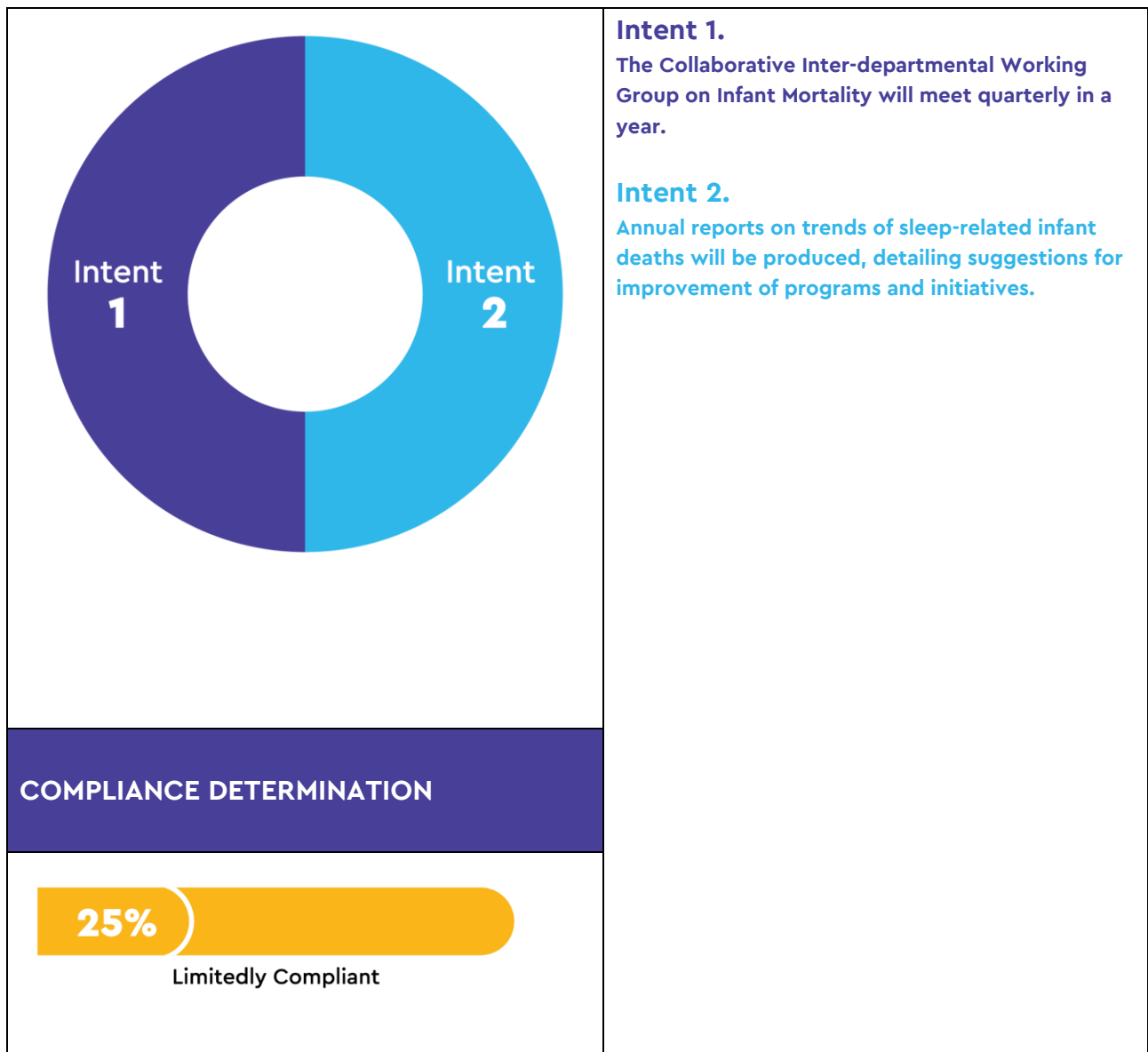


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Safe Sleep – Recommendation 11

Recommendation Summary: Reinstate the Collaborative Inter-Departmental Working Group on Infant Mortality.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Health



Recommendation Compliance Summary



This form details the assessment of compliance with recommendations made under Section 27 and Section 31 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. MACY assesses recommendations for compliance once a year but receives updates from the public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Report Name:	Safe and Sound: A Special Report on the Unexpected Sleep-Related Deaths of 145 Manitoba Infants
Date Released:	3/13/2020
Full Recommendation: (including details)	<p>Recommendation 11: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Collaborative Inter-departmental Working Group on Infant Mortality be reinstated and review cases of sleep-related infant deaths quarterly to look at trends and leverage this information to create and implement interventions to prevent future deaths.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collaborative Inter-departmental Working Group on Infant Mortality will meet quarterly in a year. • Annual reports on trends of sleep-related infant deaths will be produced, detailing suggestions for improvement of programs and initiatives.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Collaborative Inter-departmental Working Group on Infant Mortality will meet quarterly in a year. 2. Annual reports on trends of sleep-related infant deaths will be produced, detailing suggestions for improvement of programs and initiatives.
Issue:	Safe Sleep
Public Body	Manitoba Health
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	July 21, 2023
	May 19, 2023
	June 30, 2022
	July 13, 2021
2. Compliance Determination	
Limitedly Compliant 0.25	Actions taken only implement a small part of the recommendation, requirements are only fulfilled to a limited degree by actions taken, resulting in significant deficiency in implementation.
Self-Assessment	Limitedly Compliant
Previous Compliance Determination	Non-Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination	
<i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	

Intent 1: The Collaborative Inter-departmental Working Group on Infant Mortality will meet quarterly in a year.

2023

- The Department reported the Collaborative Inter-Departmental Working Group on Infant Mortality was paused in 2018 during health system transformation. A new Infant Mortality Advisory Group (IMAG) has been proposed to review infant mortality data/trends, and to recommend strategies to reduce infant mortality.
- Manitoba Health reported the child and maternal death review processes are being transitioned from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba to Shared Health, with a briefing note currently under review for ongoing funding of this work. Manitoba Health advised death review processes were significantly impacted by the pandemic and will be resumed once the new structures are in place.
- The Department advised all infant deaths will be reviewed by the Child Health Standards Morbidity and Mortality Committee (CHSMM) with reporting of findings and recommendations to the Child Health and Women's Health Provincial Clinical Teams (PCTs). This committee will collaborate with relevant government and external stakeholders to review mortality reports and propose recommendations for the health system, as well as broader recommendations to other government departments to prevent future deaths. Collaborative advisory groups will be created for key priority issues, which include infant mortality. Once funding has been approved, these processes will be implemented, anticipated to start in the third and fourth quarter of 2023. The new IMAG will reportedly be created as an advisory group of the CHSMM committee. Invited members will include medical experts and stakeholders representing the life course approach to infant mortality (reflecting preconception, prenatal, and postpartum risk factors and strategies). The work of the previous Collaborative Interdepartmental Working Group will be refreshed, including requesting new data and finalizing the report drafted.
- The Department reported it is anticipating a Terms of Reference for the advisory group, including reporting timelines, will be determined once the new Mortality Advisory Group is established. Work will reportedly start once funded and the new patient safety and quality structures are in place.

2022

- Manitoba Health reported that a committee has been set up to address this recommendation.
- No further detail on compliance of this intent was provided.

2021

- As stated in the response from Manitoba Health and Seniors Care: "The Public Health Branch has been committed to responding to the current pandemic and will be able to return to regular and routine work such as responding to these

recommendations once the COVID-19 vaccination campaign has been completed and has moved into the universal on-going public health systems and processes."

Intent 2: Annual reports on trends of sleep-related infant deaths will be produced, detailing suggestions for improvement of programs and initiatives.

2023

- See details presented under intent 1 as it relates to the status of the working group. There is no substantive information to report at this time considering the group has yet to be finalized.

2022

- Manitoba Health reported that a committee has been set up to address this recommendation.
- No further detail on compliance of this intent was provided.

2021

- As stated in the response from Manitoba Health and Seniors Care: "The Public Health Branch has been committed to responding to the current pandemic and will be able to return to regular and routine work such as responding to these recommendations once the COVID-19 vaccination campaign has been completed and has moved into the universal on-going public health systems and processes."

Analysis Summary: The Department reports a new Infant Mortality Advisory Group (IMAG) has been proposed to review infant mortality data/trends, and to recommend strategies to reduce infant mortality. A briefing note is currently under review and further developments are pending. Given some consideration has been given to this recommendation, improvements are noted since last year. As there is yet to be a finalized group and associated outputs, however, this recommendation is Limitedly Compliant.