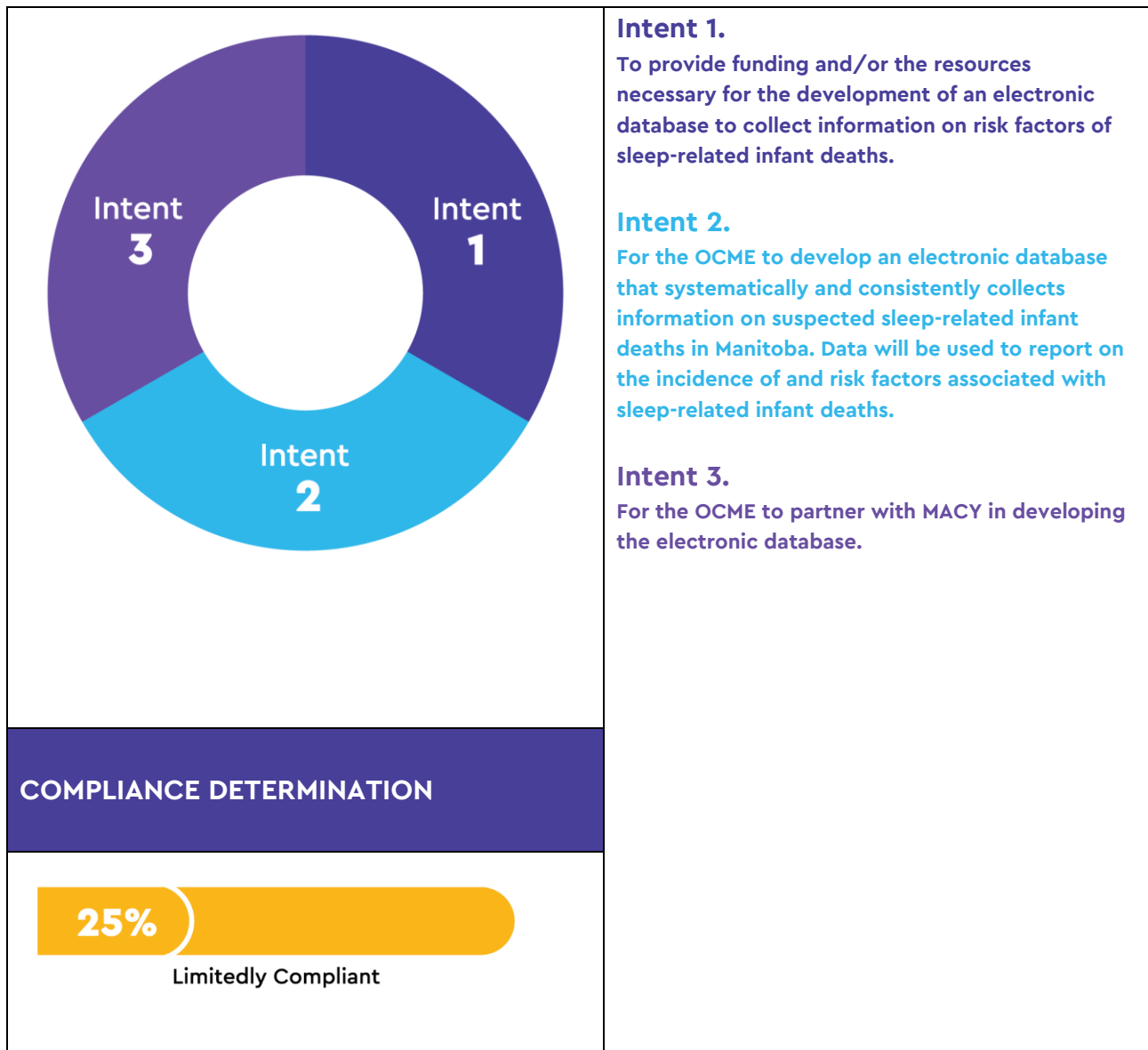


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Safe Sleep – Recommendation 10

Recommendation Summary: Resource the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to develop an electronic database to collect information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Justice



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 Ten: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that Manitoba Justice provide the resources necessary for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to develop an electronic database, in partnership with the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth, to collect and report on the incidence of and risk factors associated with all suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data collected in suspected sleep-related infant deaths will be systematically and consistently collected in a database. <p>IMPACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the systematic collection and analysis of data, gaps in healthcare will be identified to inform and evaluate interventions that reduce infant mortality, in partial fulfillment of the Truth and Reconciliation <i>Call to Action</i> No. 19.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide funding and/or the resources necessary for the development of an electronic database to collect information on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths. For the OCME to develop an electronic database that systematically and consistently collects information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba. Data will be used to report on the incidence of and risk factors associated with sleep-related infant deaths. For the OCME to partner with MACY in developing the electronic database.
Issue:	Safe Sleep
Public Body	Manitoba Justice Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	August 18, 2023
	May 31, 2023
	June 30, 2022

May 31, 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.
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Self-Assessment	Partially Compliant
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Previous Compliance Determination	Limitedly Compliant
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3. Rationale for Determination

(How did you reach this compliance determination)

Intent 1: To provide funding and/or the resources necessary for the development of an electronic database to collect information on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths.

2023

- Manitoba Justice reported the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) acknowledges the importance, and recognizes the benefits of having an updated database. The OCME's continued commitment to completing this was noted.
- Last year the Department advised funding and resources have been committed and allocated to this aim. At this time, Manitoba Justice reports it is working through the process of selecting a vendor and database development.

2022

- Manitoba Justice reported a scoping project underway to develop a new database that is expected to be completed in January 2023.
- The department further reported that "Funding and resources have been committed and allocated as the OCME has begun to review their database. Improvements, including the addition of data collection on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths, and testing will take months."
- No information or evidence, however, were provided about improvements in progress, including the addition of data collection on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths, specific funding approvals or investments, or resources dedicated to meeting this intent.
- Confirmation that resourced work ensures integration of risk factor data collection is needed.

2021

- Intent 1 is almost complete based on Manitoba Justice's report in 2020 that an update of the OCME's current database is underway and resources have been allocated. Limited information was provided, however, on the current status of the database development and whether updates to the database will include data points that collect information on risk factors.
- In October 2021, Manitoba Justice clarified that it is "close to updating an old build

of the database, which is the first necessary step to implement this recommendation."

- The department also clarified that funding approvals have yet to be sought for the development of a new database.

Intent 2: For the OCME to develop an electronic database that systematically and consistently collects information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba. Data will be used to report on the incidence of risk factors associated with sleep-related infant deaths.

2023

- Manitoba Justice reported the OCME Scoping Project is underway to assist with the development of the database. The Department has experienced some challenges moving forward in seeking the Request for Proposal of Service, citing unexpected and uncontrollable delays in completion. The database will eventually capture information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths in the province. The Department advised the OCME is working through the logistics to ensure successful completion. Anticipated completion was cited as Spring of 2024.

2022

- Manitoba Justice reported that "The OCME has begun to review their database. Improvements, including the addition of data collection on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths, and testing will take months" and shared that the OCME will connect with MACY as the new/revamped database is developed.
- No information beyond this was provided about the OCME's review of the database or on how data will be used to report on the incidence of risk factors associated with sleep-related infant deaths. As such, confirmation is needed that the variables listed in the report are integrated into the database.

2021

- The OCME's database is currently being updated and the OCME is aware of this recommendation and intends to integrate sleep-related death information as part of the data it collects. A review is needed to confirm whether the database updates are in line with what needs to be collected.
- The implementation of this recommendation is largely contingent on the implementation of *Safe and Sound* recommendation 9: to develop a form that police can use to collect information on what may have contributed to a sleep-related infant death. MACY will also ask Manitoba Justice what information police are currently collecting and providing to the OCME when attending the scene of an infant death.
- Manitoba Justice stated that funding approval for the development of a new database has not occurred yet since an update of the old build of the database needs to be completed first.

Intent 3: For the OCME to partner with MACY in developing the electronic database.

2023

- Manitoba Justice expressed understanding the OCME has met with MACY.
- At this time, there has not been collaborative development of an electronic database given the above two aforementioned stalled intents.

2022

- Work in collaboration with MACY in developing the electronic database is anticipated to occur in late fall/early winter 2022.

2021

- In lieu of 'partnering', Manitoba Justice has suggested that MACY be consulted as the OCME develops/updates their database.
- The process for how communication between the Manitoba Advocate, the OCME, and Manitoba Justice should occur in order to collaborate on this intent is still in development.

Analysis Summary: Since last year, minimal progress has occurred across all three intents. MACY is encouraged by the maintained commitments reported on the part of the Department; however, as nothing substantive has occurred, this recommendation remains Limitedly Compliant.