

# COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

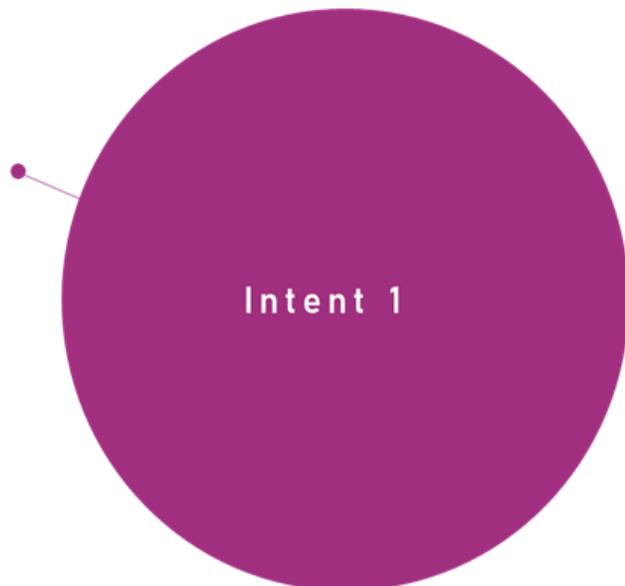
## Tina Fontaine – Recommendation 2

**Recommendation Summary:** Release a plan to implement the child and youth specific recommendations in the Virgo Report.

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

### 1. Release a plan to address the child and youth specific Virgo recommendations.

*A Pathway to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba* (released in February 2022) was reported. However, this is a broad document with no indication of specific provisions to address the child and youth-focused recommendations of the Virgo Report. Mental Health also submitted an outline of child and youth-specific Virgo recommendations and its efforts to achieve these recommendations, most of which are still at the planning and foundational stages, not yet launched or completed.



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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>A Place Where It Feels Like Home: The Story of Tina Fontaine</b>
<b>Date Released:</b>	3/12/2019
<b>Full Recommendation:</b> (including details)	<p><b>Recommendation Two:</b></p> <p>The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living expedite the public release of a clear implementation plan to address the child and youth-specific recommendations contained in the report on Improving Access and Coordination of Mental Health and Addiction Services: A Provincial Strategy for all Manitobans ("Virgo Report").</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (now Health and Seniors Care)'s plan must ensure that resources are prioritized in rural and remote locations to ensure equitable service levels for children and youth regardless of where they are living.</li> <li>• The implementation plan must reflect the client populations who require them and must, therefore, be culturally-informed, and be developed in ways that reflect the voices and preferences of Indigenous health experts, Indigenous leadership, children and youth, and others with lived experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>Intent(s) of Recommendation:</b>	The intent of the recommendation is to: <b>1. Release a plan to address the child and youth specific Virgo recommendations.</b>
<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
	June 30, 2020
	December 31, 2019
	June 30, 2019
2. Compliance Determination	
<b>Partially Compliant 0.50</b>	Actions taken show plans to implement the recommendation. Important requirements remain.
<b>Self-Assessment</b>	Fully Compliant
<b>Prior Assessment</b>	Limitedly Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination (How did you reach this compliance determination)	

**Intent 1: A plan to address the child and youth specific Virgo recommendations.**

**2022**

- Manitoba Mental Health reported the release of A Path to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba ('Roadmap'). This is a broad document, however, with no indication of specific provisions to address the child and youth-focused recommendations of the Virgo Report.
- Manitoba Mental Health also submitted an outline of child and youth-specific Virgo recommendations and its efforts to achieve these recommendations, most of which are still at the planning and foundational stages, not yet launched or completed.
- For rec 1.6 of the Virgo report, the department indicated that the Roadmap includes a plan to develop a coordinated provincial response to the prevention of suicide for children, youth, and adults, with special consideration for at-risk communities and populations, and points to the Roadmap as a partial fulfillment of rec 1.6.
- The department lists the Newcomer Trauma Initiative, the Integrated Youth Services, and the Roadmap as initiatives partially addressing rec 1.9.
- The department indicates an investment of \$600K was made to Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) to double the number of treatment beds for women, and an investment of \$3.8M to Neechewan to improve access to Indigenous-led healing, care, and treatment services for youth experiencing sexual exploitation as actions taken to partially implement rec 2.15.
- The department admits that rec 3.1 has not been addressed.
- The department mentions the decentralization of AFM services, expansion of NorWest Youth Hub, investment of \$1.55M for IYS Expansion, and an investment of \$7.7M to establish Hope North Recovery Centre for Youth in Thompson, as actions taken in partial fulfillment of rec 3.2.
- The department acknowledges that no action has been taken to address rec 3.6.
- The department outlines an investment of \$1M in Strong Families Institute, the expansion of NorWest Youth Hub, IYS Expansion, investment of \$2.1M in StreetReach in Thomson, \$370K investment in StreetReach Winnipeg, an investment of \$1.4M in Thrival Kits, investment of \$675K in PAX Dream Makers, investment of \$1.6M for expanding Community Schools Program, and an investment of \$400K to launch Granny's House, as partial fulfillment of rec 4.1.
- The department acknowledges that rec 4 .11 has not been addressed.
- It is unclear whether these initiatives are pre-existing, new, or modified.

**2021**

- Actions taken in the last year to implement this recommendation include discussions and planning with national leaders to develop a child and youth National Needs Based Planning Framework. While this work is endorsed and recommended by experts on the subject matter, Manitoba Health and Seniors Care advised this recommendation will be put on hold until this National Framework is developed.

**2020**

- Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living provided a summary chart outlining the recommendations it had determined as being 'complete' or 'partially complete' along with the

associated activities completed thus far. While the summary chart provided in 2020 was helpful in determining the activities that have occurred in association to 10 of the youth-specific recommendations named in the report, questions remain regarding the strategy to implement the remaining 29 recommendations. Further, clarification around whether the projects and initiatives named in the chart are long-term projects or pilot projects is required.

**Analysis Summary:** Important gaps continue to exist. There is no indication of a plan to fulfill some of the children and youth-specific Virgo recommendations including recommendations 3.6, 4.7, 4.11, 5.8, and 8.2. Implementation initiatives for other Virgo recommendations are mostly at the planning or foundational stages. As such, at this time, this recommendation is partially compliant.