

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

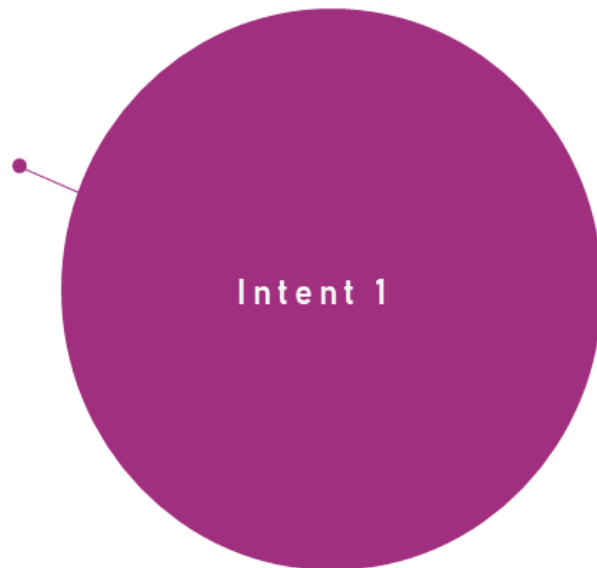
Matthew – Recommendation 6

Recommendation Summary: Create a long-term residential mental health treatment for youth.

Primary Public Body: Government of Manitoba

1. Creation of a long-term residential treatment centre for youth who are in the top tier of mental health care needs

Mental Health reported a recent investment in a Youth Healing Lodge in Thompson, which is to be a one-stop resource centre that will provide substance use and mental health support for all youth involved in the justice system. This work is in its early stages.



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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	
Special Report Name:	The Slow Disappearance of Matthew: A Family's Fight for Youth Mental Health Care in the Wake of Bullying and Mental Illness
Date Released:	2/27/2020
Full Recommendation: (including details)	Recommendation Six: Long-term residential mental health treatment for youth. The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Government of Manitoba, through the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living create a long-term, residential treatment centre for youth who are in the top tier of mental health care needs and for whom less intensive options have been ineffective.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	The intent of the recommendation is to: 1. Create a long-term residential treatment centre for youth who are in the top tier of mental health care needs.
Issue:	Mental Health and Addictions
Public Body	Manitoba Mental Health
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	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	Partially Compliant
Previous Compliance Determination	Limitedly Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination (How did you reach this compliance determination)	
Intent 1: Create a long-term residential treatment centre for youth who are in the top tier of mental health care needs. 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Mental Health reported a recent investment in a youth healing lodge in Thompson. The lodge will be run by Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, in collaboration with Manitoba Justice. Although it is not clear whether this will be a long-term residential treatment centre, it is nevertheless a contribution to ensuring the availability of mental health services to youth. • The proposed lodge will be a one stop resource centre, and will provide substance use and mental health supports for all youth involved in the justice system. • The first phase of the healing lodge will include open-custody and <i>Intoxicated Persons Detentions Act</i> (IPDA) beds. Phase Two and Three will include the healing lodge, housing 	

supports, employment and skills training, increased mental health and addictions resources, and community justice resources.

- Implementation of the first phase will occur in 2022/23.

2021

- Discussions and planning are underway with national leaders regarding the development of a child and youth Needs Based Planning (NBP) framework. NBP is reportedly informed by best practices. According to Manitoba Health and Seniors Care (MHSC), many of the recommendations assigned to MHSC can be addressed through this process. This includes engaging with Shared Health to expand mental health assessment and treatment services for children and youth at Health Sciences Centre (HSC) in Winnipeg. As physical space is at a premium in HSC, this initiative is being implemented in a phased manner. Phase One of this initiative was implemented in 2020, it included:
 - Improving quality of care in the Children's Hospital Emergency Department (CHED) by providing relief coverage for child and adolescent Psychiatric Emergency Nurses (PENs) who are away due to illness or vacation. The PENs assess children and youth who present in the CHED and facilitate referral to appropriate outpatient resources.
 - Increasing individual and group psychotherapy capacity in Intensive Child and Adolescent Treatment Services (ICATS), a 12-week multi-disciplinary crisis treatment resource.
 - Increasing capacity in the Outpatient Mental Health Service (OMHS).
 - Improving access to group therapy and reduced wait times for Anxiety Disorders Services for Children and Youth (ADSCY).
- Phase Two (Stage One) of this initiative will include:
 - Increased capacity in the Child and Adolescent Rapid Assessment Clinic (CARAC) for additional children and youth to be able to receive a rapid psychiatric assessment. This will improve flow from, and wait times in, the CHED. This will also improve capacity to provide urgent consultation to staff in rural and remote areas regarding direct care of patients, thus reducing transfers to CHED.
 - Further increased group therapy capacity and reduced wait times in the ICATS.
 - Further increased capacity and reduced wait times in the OMHS.
 - Further increased capacity and reduced wait times in the ADSCY.
 - Shared Health has advised that they are currently interviewing for positions to enable capacity enhancement in these areas. These services were implemented early in 2021.
- Phase Two (Stage Two) of this initiative requires additional office and treatment space in HSC. Shared Health has submitted a plan for renovations in the 2021/22 Regional Health Plan. MHSC reported that additional service enhancements will be planned once a timeline is solidified for any renovations that may occur.
- Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre (MATC) continues to have an Intensive Treatment Service Inpatient Service, which is a hospital-based service that provides inpatient assessment, treatment, and/or stabilization for youth with persistent and serious mental health disorders.
- The Manitoba government has invested \$800,000 in 2019/20, and \$1.5 million in 2020/21 to enable Neecheewam Inc. to expand its Winnipeg facility, and improve access to Indigenous-led healing, care and treatment services to sexually exploited youth. Neecheewam operates the Strong Hearted Buffalo Women Crisis Stabilization Unit, a four-bed crisis intervention program for female and transgender youth who are at high risk of sexual exploitation. With this provincial funding, Neecheewam will undergo renovations to pilot a new, longer-term four-bed addition to its treatment facility. It is expecting to open its doors in June, 2021. In the

meantime, staff have been hired and training is underway. Staff are doing outreach/relationship building with the SEY youth and community resources. The funding for Neecheewam addresses recommendations in the VIRGO report on mental health and addictions.

Analysis Summary: Work to implement this recommendation is in its early stages. As noted above, plans to create a youth healing lodge in Thompson are under way. The compliance status of this recommendation will be updated as the work progresses. As such, the status determination for this recommendation remains limitedly compliant.