

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Matthew- Recommendation 6

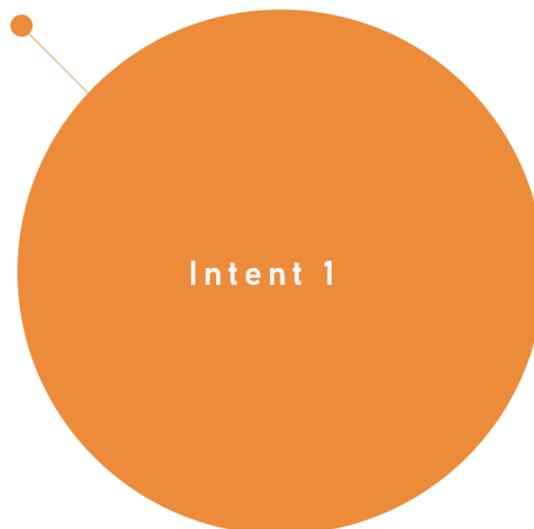
Recommendation Summary: Create a long-term residential mental health treatment for youth.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Health and Seniors Care

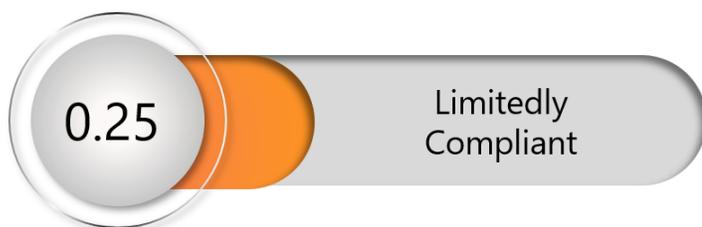
1. Create a long-term residential treatment centre for youth who are in the top tier of mental health care needs

While there has been work conducted on implementing this recommendation, it is unclear what the admissions, treatment, and discharge processes are that would qualify new programs as 'long-term residential treatment centres'.

Outstanding Action: Completion of Phase two at HSC, and evidence that new programming will meet the requirements of a long-term residential treatment centre.



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Actions taken only implement a part of the recommendation. Evidence-based documentation is required to better understand how new programs will meet the intent of this recommendation.

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:	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 (now Manitoba Health and Seniors Care) 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	Government of Manitoba
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	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	N/A
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. 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: There have been several steps made towards implementing this recommendation. First, planning with national experts on how to implement a needs-based planning framework has commenced. Second, the second phase of expanding mental health assessment and treatment services for children and youth at Health Sciences Centre (HSC) in Winnipeg, is being undertaken. Third, existing resources, such as Neecheewam Inc., Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre Intensive Treatment Service, and Intensive Child and Adolescent Treatment Services, have continued to evolve and expand, often to offer longer-term services in a wrap-around capacity. That said, given the

programming continues to be developed at HSC and the long-term residential mental health treatment intent of this recommendation remains outstanding, the status determination for this recommendation is limitedly compliant.