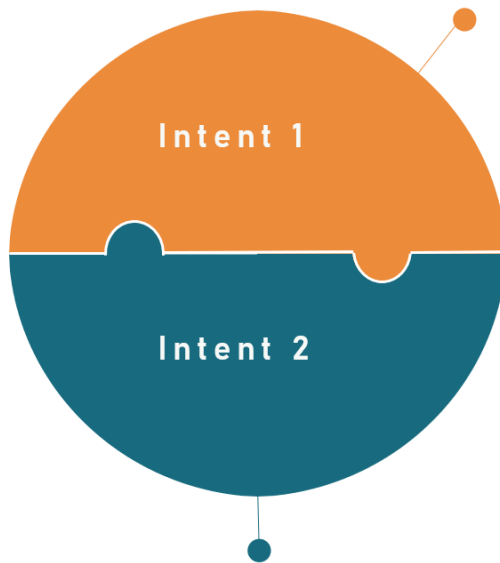


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Angel's Story- Recommendation 5

Recommendation Summary: Review and reform addiction treatment programs, create a safe and secure facility for sexually exploited youth (SEY).

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Health and Seniors Care



1. Review and reform provincial treatment programs for children and youth

Planning is underway to develop a National Needs-Based Framework; no work has been done at a provincial level.

Outstanding Action: Provide a copy of the AFM review, with evidence that a review has been completed on provincial treatment programs for children and youth.

2. Create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited

The Manitoba government invested \$1.5 million in 2020/21 to enable Neecheewam Inc., to expand. Neecheewam is set to open in June 2021; once operational, this recommendation will move forward towards completion.

Outstanding Action: Neecheewam Inc. being fully operational.

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Actions taken implement part of the recommendation to have a fully operational safe facility for sexually exploited youth.

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:	In Need of Protection: Angel's Story
Date Released:	12/13/2018
Full Recommendation: (including details)	<p>Recommendation Five: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living (now Health and Seniors Care) and Department of Families, in collaboration with the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, (1) review and reform the province's treatment programs for children and youth and (2) create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are sexually exploited and harmfully involved in substance misuse.</p> <p>DETAILS: This should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve community organizations. • Address the limitations, barriers and occupancy rate concerns of existing resources (e.g., Compass, YASU). • Include a harm reduction policy specific to children and youth. • Recognize that "secure facilities" do not need to be institutions, but can be secured via adequate staffing, geographic locations, and can further be holistic and culturally-based home-like settings. • Involve youth, experiential, and Indigenous stakeholders. • Address accessibility challenges related to addiction and mental health treatment services. • Be informed by a scan of jurisdictions who successfully incorporate short and long-term safe and secure settings in their continuum of care models for youth who are sexually exploited. • Be included in the Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<p>The intents of the recommendation are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and reform provincial treatment programs for children and youth. 2. Create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited.
Issue:	Mental Health and Addictions
Public Body	Manitoba Health and Seniors Care
Dates of Previous Official Updates from	July 13, 2021
	June 30, 2020

Public Body:	December 31, 2019 June 30, 2019
2. Compliance Determination	
Partially Compliant 0.50	Actions taken only implement part of the recommendation. Important requirements have been met, deficiencies remain yet the recommendation has been acted upon.
Self-Assessment:	Partially Compliant
Prior Assessment:	Partially Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
<p>Intent 1: Review and reform provincial treatment programs for children and youth.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is underway to develop a National Needs Based Planning framework. <p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFM has done their own internal review of their youth programs and, although it did not share any documentation of this, it reported occupancy levels have improved since this review took place. In addition, AFM made the decision to embed its youth counsellors into community-based organizations to better serve youth where they are at. <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) has conducted an internal review to address occupancy challenges. <p>Intent 2: Create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manitoba government has invested \$800,000 in 2019/20, and \$1.5 million in 2020/21 to enable Project Neecheewam Inc. to expand its Winnipeg facility, and improve access to Indigenous-led healing, care, and treatment services to sexually exploited youth. This provincial funding will allow Neecheewam to undergo renovations to pilot a new, longer-term four-bed addition to its treatment facility. Staff have been hired, and are currently being trained. Neecheewam Inc. is expected to open in June 2021. <p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Emergency Department Violence Program provides support and services to sexually exploited youth who have experienced violence-related injuries by a multi-disciplinary team that uses a harm reduction, trauma-informed approach to care. • Newcomer Trauma-Focused Services are provided to newcomer youth who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental illnesses that often make them more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. They can access long-term mental health services in the community with linkages to the formal health care system. <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neecheewam Inc. is developing a new residential treatment facility. Upon development, a four-bed unit will be offered to youth who are using substances and who are being sexually exploited, to provide specialized mental health and addictions treatment. <p>Analysis Summary: The reported activities conducted in 2020/21 to move this recommendation towards completion consist of further funding for Project Neecheewam Inc's facility in development,</p>	

including the hiring and training of staff, and initial meetings with national stakeholders to start developing a National Needs-Based Planning Framework that will support the development of benchmarks to ensure consistent core services related to youth mental health and addictions. Actions taken to date only implement part of the recommendation. As such, at this time, this recommendation remains partially compliant. Work that will move this recommendation forward includes Neecheewam Inc. being fully operational and more information on work completed to conduct a review of existing Manitoba provincial treatment programs for children and youth.