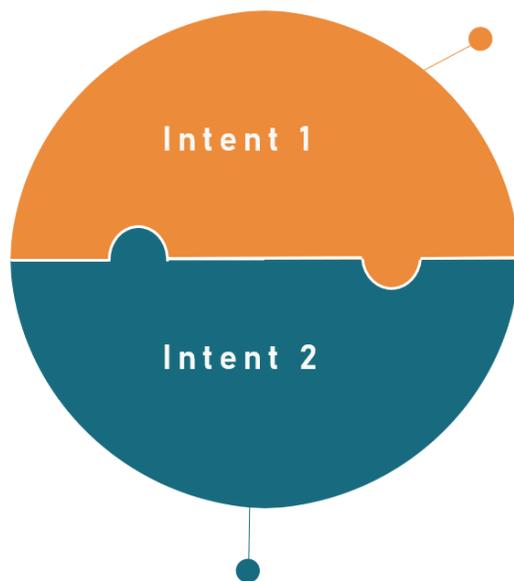


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Matthew- Recommendation 7

Recommendation Summary: Publicly release a framework for child and youth mental health and addictions system transformation.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Health and Seniors Care



1. Develop a consultation strategy that will inform the development of a youth mental health and addictions framework

Discussions and planning are underway with national leaders to develop a Needs-Based Planning framework, and the new Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery is preparing to undertake broad consultation to develop a whole-of-government action plan.

Outstanding Action: Publicly release information on the consultation strategy.

2. Publicly release the consultation strategy and the mental health and addictions framework

It is unclear at this time what will be publicly released.

Outstanding Action: Publicly release the consultation strategy, framework and plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system.

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION



Actions taken only implement a small part of the recommendation. Public release of a mental health and addictions framework is required.

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 Seven: A transparent framework for child and youth mental health and addictions health system transformation. The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that in a commitment to transparency and accountability, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (now Manitoba Health and Seniors Care) publicly release its framework and plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system in Manitoba so recent and anticipated investments and announcements can be understood by Manitobans not as one-off announcements, but as part of an overall tiered strategy for improving access, coordination, content, and capacity of the child and youth health care system in the province.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	The intent of the recommendation is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a consultation strategy that will inform the development of a mental health and addictions framework. 2. Publicly release the consultation strategy, and subsequently, the mental health and addictions framework, detailing the plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system.
Issue:	Mental Health and Addictions
Public Body	Manitoba Health and Seniors Care
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 <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
Intent 1: Develop a consultation strategy that will inform the development of a mental health and addictions framework.	
2021	

- According to Manitoba Health and Seniors Care (MHSC), discussions and planning are underway with national leaders regarding the development of a child and youth Needs Based Planning (NBP) framework.
- The new Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery is currently preparing to undertake broad consultation to develop an integrated, whole-of-government action plan for mental health, substance use, wellness, and health promotion services in Manitoba. The consultation and development of an action plan indicate that early actions are being taken to develop a plan to ensure a continuum of services for children and youth who are at imminent risk due to life-threatening addictions.
- MHWR is leading an engagement process, including a series of consultations, to inform an integrated, whole of government five-year roadmap. MACY participated in the recent consultation for the MHWR Departmental Roadmap held on August 23, 2021. MHWR's engagement process will guide the work of the department, and is aligned with the department's mission to provide access to mental health and addictions support and treatment to improve the life outcomes for Manitobans in their journey through recovery and healing. This will include services and systems for children and youth.

Intent 2: Publicly release the consultation strategy, and subsequently, the mental health and addictions framework, detailing the plan for transforming the youth mental health and addictions system.

2021

- The Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery reported that consultations will be concluded by the end of 2021 and that a plan is expected to be implemented in 2022-23. No information was provided as to whether this plan will be public.

Analysis Summary: This recommendation is in early stages of implementation. While there has been movement in discussing a national Needs Based Planning framework and in developing an engagement process through the newly created MHWR, it is not clear if the consultation strategy and overall mental health and addictions framework will be made available to the public. Further information is needed in relation to how investments and public funding announcements are part of an overall tiered strategy for improving access, coordination, content, and capacity of the child and youth health care system in the province. As such, this recommendation is assessed as limitedly compliant.