

# COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

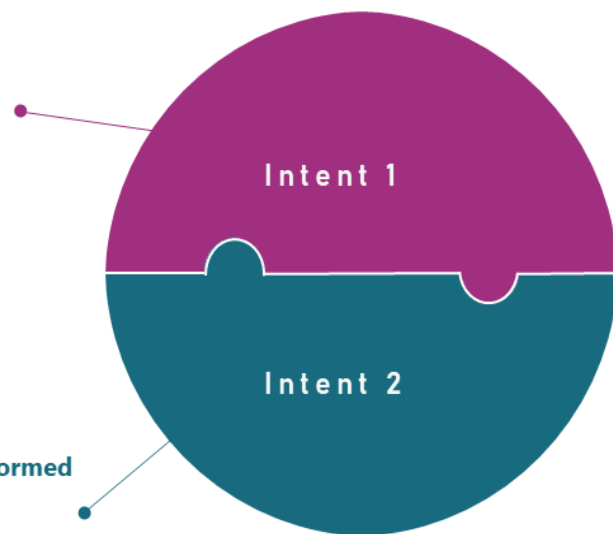
## Suicide Aggregate – Recommendation 2

**Recommendation Summary:** Demonstrate equitable access to mental health and addiction systems.

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

**1. Demonstrate a framework and strategic plan for improving mental health and addictions treatment for children and youth in Manitoba, with attention to equitable access in rural and remote communities**

*A Pathway to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba* (released in February 2022) was offered in compliance with this intent. While one of its focus areas is Equitable Access and Coordination, the Roadmap contains no information on work being done specifically for children and youth.



**2. Implement culturally-informed safe services and supports**

Indigenous stakeholders are involved in the provision of mental health and addiction services for children and youth. 12% of stakeholders surveyed in preparation of the Roadmap were Indigenous. No information was provided on how these consultations have informed the Roadmap or other services.

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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>"Stop Giving Me a Number and Start Giving Me a Person": How 22 Girls Illuminate the Cracks in the Manitoba Youth Mental Health and Addiction System</b>
<b>Date Released:</b>	5/7/2020
<b>Full Recommendation:</b> (including details)	<b>Recommendation Two:</b> The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living (now Manitoba Health) demonstrates its framework and strategic plan for transformation of the youth mental health and addictions systems in Manitoba ensures equitable access to services across all areas of Manitoba, which are tailored to the unique needs of children and youth in our province.
<b>Intent(s) of Recommendation:</b>	The intents of the recommendation are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Demonstrate a framework and strategic plan for improving mental health and addictions treatment for children and youth in Manitoba, with attention to equitable access in rural and remote communities.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Implement culturally-informed and safe services and supports, modified or new, incorporating feedback from important stakeholders, including children, youth, and families, service providers, and Indigenous leadership and Elders, which serve to meet the mental health and addictions needs of children and youth in Manitoba who fall in each of the five tiers.</b></li> </ol>
<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
2. Compliance Determination	
<b>Limitedly Compliant 0.25</b>	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.
<b>Self-Assessment</b>	Fully Compliant
<b>Previous Compliance Determination</b>	Limitedly Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	

**Intent 1: Demonstrate a framework and strategic plan for improving the mental health and addictions treatment for children and youth in Manitoba, with attention to equitable access in rural and remote communities.**

**2022**

- Manitoba Mental Health cited the release of A Path to Mental Health and Community Wellness: A Roadmap for Manitoba ('Roadmap') in support of its compliance with Intent 1 of this recommendation.
- While one of the focus areas of this roadmap is Equitable Access and Coordination, more information is needed on specific steps taken/to be taken to improve mental health and addictions treatment and equitable access to such treatments for children and youth.

**2021**

- Manitoba Health and Seniors Care (MHSC) reported that discussions and planning are underway with national leaders regarding the development of a child and youth Needs Based Planning (NBP) framework. They further reported that many of the recommendations assigned to MHSAL can be addressed through this process.
- The overall goal of Needs-Based Planning has been to develop a quantitative model that key decision-makers in health planning jurisdictions across Canada can use to estimate the resources required to address the needs for services and supports relating to substance use/mental health problems in their populations.
- MHSC has participated on the NBP Advisory Committee since 2010, and was a pilot site in 2018, with results of the pilot feeding into the gap analysis that informed the VIRGO Report.
- Child and Youth NBP Process/Objectives include understanding the full distribution of need; identifying core services/tiered framework; estimating required level of service; and determining planning requirements.
- In summary, knowing this work will take one to two years, MHSC and other provincial government departments will continue working together to fill critical gaps identified in the VIRGO Report in order to make services more accessible for children and youth until a national framework is created for child and youth services.
- Update provided October 13: activities currently underway include:
  - Developing a needs-based provincial model.
  - Quarterly Needs Based Planning Advisory Committee meetings.
  - Prairie Mountain Health Authority participated as a pilot site, in the development and refinement of the needs-based planning model.
  - The newly created Mental Health, Wellness, and Recovery (MHWR) Department has begun to track service coverage of core services, according to the NBP model, as outlined in the VIRGO Report gap analysis. As investments are made, gaps outlined in the NBP model and the VIRGO Report are being monitored for progress towards meeting the appropriate level of service coverage. MHWR also uses the model to preliminarily measure the impact investments are having on service coverage.
  - MHWR is developing an action plan/roadmap.
  - MHWR is leading an engagement process, including a series of consultations, to inform an integrated, whole-of-government five-year roadmap. This 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.

- MHWR is in the process of hiring a consultant to conduct a system-mapping of mental health and addictions services and systems in Manitoba, which will inform the development of a Stepped-Care model.

**Intent 2: Implement culturally-informed and safe services and supports, modified or new, incorporating feedback from important stakeholders, including children, youth, and families, service providers, and Indigenous leadership and Elders, which serve to meet the mental health and addictions needs of children and youth in Manitoba who fall in each of the five tiers.**

**2022**

- Manitoba Mental Health reported a number of Indigenous stakeholders involved in providing services to meet the mental health and addictions needs of children and youth in Manitoba.
- They include Ata Chiminis Mikisiw (Project Neecheewam Inc.), Granny's House, Anish Corporation, the Aboriginal Health & Wellness Centre of Winnipeg, and Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre. The response, however, did not provide any evidence or information about how programs or services have been modified or are new, or of meeting with these Indigenous stakeholders and rightsholders to get and incorporate their feedback.
- MHCW reported that the approach to consultation with Indigenous stakeholders has been co-design.
- MHCW is in the process of onboarding an Indigenous Partnerships Lead and reported a range of Indigenous stakeholders consulted in preparation of the roadmap: 12% of survey participants for the Roadmap were Indigenous.

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- MHSAL reported an Integrated Youth Services (Youth Hubs) expansion, as each Hub is informed by engagement with youth, families, service providers and community members.
- Youth Hubs provide an accessible one-stop service where youth (aged 12 to 29) and their families can access required supports including primary health care, mental health, and addiction supports, employment training supports, and other social services. Culturally safe services will be an integral part of each Youth Hub. As well, Youth Hubs are designed to meet the needs of youth using a stepped care approach.
- The NorWest Youth Hub in Winnipeg has been expanded, and five additional sites have been identified.

**Analysis Summary:** There is very little indication that the requirements for this recommendation have been met. While reference was made to the Roadmap, the Roadmap contains no specific framework or strategic plan for improving mental health services for children and youth. Mental Health and Community Wellness listed a range of Indigenous stakeholders and rightsholders with whom relationships have been established, but did not give any indication about whether these are new or modified, or how feedback from these stakeholders has been integrated into a framework or strategic plan specifically for children and youth with mental health and addictions needs. As such, this recommendation remains limitedly compliant.