



Justice

Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General

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Daphne Penrose
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Dear Ms Penrose:

In response to the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY) October 2019 report titled "*Documenting the Decline: The Dangerous Space between Good Intentions and Meaningful Interventions*" ("Circling Star"), I am pleased to provide a report on government actions undertaken to date in response to the MACY recommendations made (attached).

In accordance with the Government of Manitoba's public sector transformation objectives, a whole of government approach to MACY recommendation, action planning and implementation is being undertaken. Deputy Ministers from the departments of Justice, Families, Education and Training, and Health, Seniors and Active Living have formed a cross-departmental committee entitled the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth Recommendations Action Planning (MACY-RAP) Committee to guide and ensure collaborative and aligned policy and actions. Cross-departmental subcommittees are working together to review, assess and develop plans to address the concerns raised and reported by MACY.

Going forward, whole of government reports will be released twice annually, once in June and once in December. Reports shall contain updates and actions undertaken associated with all MACY reports and recommendations currently underway. Doing so will enable government to maintain focus on planning and implementation of actions in response to MACY recommendations. The government will also post responses to MACY recommendations on its website as a proactive measure to support public transparency.

The Government of Manitoba remains committed to improving the care of children and youth. Information gleaned and recommendations made by MACY to inform government efforts is appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

Dave Wright
Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General
Chair, MACY-RAP Committee

Attachment

- c Grant Doak, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education and Training
- Jay Rodgers, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Families
- Karen Herd, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living