

***Pathways to Dignity: Rights, Safeguards, Planning and Decision Making***  
**24-Month Implementation Plan (January 2022 – December 2023)**

**Final Update- May 2024**

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## Overview

The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Task Force was appointed in September 2020 to review policies and practices related to services for adults with intellectual disabilities in Manitoba. In December 2021, the Task Force's final report titled "Pathways to Dignity: Rights, Safeguards, Planning and Decision Making" was released. The report contained 82 recommendations in 16 categories.

The Department's implementation plan includes action items for addressing the recommendations based on the following timelines:

- 0-3 Months: Consolidating Changes to Current Practice
- 3-6 Months: Exploring Solutions and Beginning Policy Review
- 6-12 Months: Continuing Policy Review and Beginning Fundamental Changes
- 12-18 Months: Implementing New Structures
- 18-24 Months: Legislative and Long-Term Changes

0-3 months

Consolidating Changes to Current Practice

Number	Recommendation	Action Item	Area responsible	Current Status
3.a	Assisted decision-making pilot project.	Begin discussions with community organizations to determine best practices for designing and resourcing the project.	Department of Families in collaboration with community organizations.	Complete  In March 2022, the Department of Families and 120 Maryland Group signed a funding letter committing \$675.0K to implement the two-year Community-based assisted decision-making pilot.
14.c(i)	Support community organizations to create a peer support program for families.	Begin discussions with community organizations to determine best practices for designing and resourcing the project.	Department of Families in collaboration with community organizations.	Complete  In March 2022, the Department of Families and 120 Maryland Group signed a funding letter committing \$675.0K to implement the two-year Community-based assisted decision-making pilot.
14.c(ii)	Provide ongoing support for peer support program.	Begin discussions with community organizations to determine best practices for designing and resourcing the project.	Department of Families in collaboration with community organizations.	Complete  In March 2022, the Department of Families and 120 Maryland Group signed a funding letter committing \$675.0K to implement the two-year Community-based assisted decision-making pilot.

6.b(i)	Specialized abuse unit leads all investigations.	The Provincial Protection Investigation Unit will continue its transition to playing a leadership role in all abuse investigations.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The Provincial Protection Investigation Unit now leads all abuse investigations.
7.b	Consult with Auditor General to determine whether existing risk assessments are sufficient.	Lead consultations with the Office of Auditor General.	The Office of the Commissioner <sup>1</sup> for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability and Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The Office of the Auditor General advised that the recommendation to seek its advice on the sufficiency risk assessments would be better fulfilled by Internal Audit.  The department has completed research of best practices for assessing risks. Practical implications will be assessed by the department.
9.(iv)	Vulnerable Persons Hearing Panels begin with Land Acknowledgement.	Create a standard Land Acknowledgment and ensure that all panels begin with the Land Acknowledgment.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  Panels now begin with a land acknowledgement.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective May 30, 2023, the Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner has changed its name to the Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability.

10.a	Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability provide more information on how decisions were reached.	Explore options for greater information sharing in annual report.	Chair of hearing panels and The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability now collects additional data for the annual report.
10.b(i)	Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability meet with stakeholders.	Plan and attend engagement sessions with community stakeholders.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred from Sept-Dec, 2022.  Regular engagements will be held with community on an ongoing basis.
10.b(ii)	Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability hold twice-annual "town halls".	Plan and hold first "town hall" session.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred from Sept-Dec, 2022. The Commissioner will host biannual town halls moving forward.
10.b(iii)	Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability meet with families.	Plan for one "town hall" session annually to target families.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred from Sept-Dec, 2022. The Commissioner will host biannual town halls moving forward.

10.b(iv)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability review its communications for gaps.	Review and refresh of all communication material produced by The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability, with specific attention to any gaps, and to plain language writing.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability website was updated in May 2022.</p> <p>Draft content was reviewed by stakeholders and revised based on their feedback.</p>
10.b(v)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability refresh its communications material.	Review and refresh of all communication material produced by The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability, with specific attention to any gaps, and to plain language writing.		<p>Complete</p> <p>The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability website was updated in May 2022.</p> <p>Draft content was reviewed by stakeholders and revised based on their feedback.</p>
10.c(i)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability review all material for plain language.	Review and refresh of all communication material produced by The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability, with specific attention to any gaps, and to plain language writing.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	<p>Progressing well</p> <p>Communication materials have been reviewed for plain language and red tape reduction. They are in the final stages of approval before being made available to the public.</p>

14.a(i)	Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability to consult with family advocacy groups about various matters.	Building on “town halls” (see 10.b(iii)), Commissioner to develop process for receiving feedback from families.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred from Sept-Dec, 2022 with 80-100 people attending each one. The Commissioner will host biannual town halls moving forward.
10.d	Support efforts to divert applications for substitute decision making by working at the outset of the process.	Identify how to raise awareness of other options while respecting the distinct quasi-judicial role of the Commissioner.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  The review of the website of The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability has begun this process. It will continue as other communications pieces are reviewed.
12.a	Department build in principles of individual planning in policy.	Initiate a review of existing policy in order to identify areas where principles can be included.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  A review of the principles of individual planning in policy has been completed.
12.b(i)	Not treat intake and individual planning as the same process.	Initiate a review of existing policies in order to revise where applicable.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The policies have been reviewed to emphasize the distinction between the intake process and the development of the individual plan has been completed.

12.b(ii)	Not use the Supports Intensity Scale for individual planning.	Initiate a review in order to revise practices.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The language regarding the use of the Supports Intensity Scale has been updated in policy to clarify the use of the Supports Intensity Scale as a tool to help determine support needs for the individual.
12.c(ii)	Recognize the role of service delivery agencies in individual planning.	Initiate a review in order to revise guidelines related to individual planning, including clarifying the role of families/individuals, service delivery agencies, and the department.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  Revisions made in the policies place more emphasis on the role of service providers in initiating and leading individual planning in addition to clarifying who can/should initiate the planning process and the department's role.
12.c(iii)	Work with agencies on training related to individual planning.	Support community agencies to develop and deliver Person-Centered Planning Training to the disability services sector.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  In March 2022, the Department of Families and Inclusion Winnipeg signed a funding letter committing \$100.0K to deliver Person-Centered Planning Training to the disability services sector.



12.c(iv)	Families, friends, and advocates be included in individual planning.	Initiate a review in order to revise guidelines related to individual planning, including clarifying the role of families/individuals, service delivery agencies, and the department.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  A description of the role of the individual's support network has been included in the policies.
12.d(i)	Department maintain oversight role in individual planning.	Initiate a review in order to revise guidelines related to individual planning, including clarifying the role of families/individuals, service delivery agencies, and the department.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  Revisions made in the policies clarify the role of the Community Service Worker in ensuring that each individual has an individual plan and that it is being implemented.
12.d(ii)	Department develop guidelines to outline its role in individual planning.	Initiate a review in order to revise guidelines related to individual planning, including clarifying the role of families/individuals, service delivery agencies, and the department.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  Revisions made in the policies outline the role of the department in individual planning.
12.d(iii)	Explore a process for monitoring implementation of individual plans.	Initiate a review in order to revise guidelines related to individual planning, including clarifying the role of families/individuals, service delivery agencies, and the department.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  Revisions made in the policies clarify the role of the individual's support network, planning team members and Community Service Workers in

				ensuring implementation of the individual plan.
14.d	Explore unintended consequences of bonds and sureties requirement.	Review options for mitigating unintended consequences for this policy.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  The Commissioner analyzed and considered options for mitigating unintended consequences of bonds and sureties.
15.a(i)	Create a working group with the Public Guardian Trustee and other stakeholders.	The Department of Families and Public Guardian and Trustee create a working group to discuss the issues listed by the report in the short term.	Department of Families and Public Guardian and Trustee in partnership with community stakeholders	In Progress  The Services for Adults Living with Intellectual Disabilities working group has been established with the Public Guardian and Trustee and other stakeholders.
15.a(ii)	The Public Guardian and Trustee working group provide twice-yearly updates to the Advisory Council.	The Department of Families and Public Guardian and Trustee create a working group to discuss the issues listed by the report in the short term.	Department of Families and Public Guardian and Trustee in partnership with community stakeholders	In Progress  The Services for Adults Living with Intellectual Disabilities working group will provide regular updates to the Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council.
15.a(iii)	The working group focus on a list of issues.	This work will eventually feed into the advisory council.	Department of Families and Public Guardian and Trustee in partnership with	In Progress  The Services for Adults Living with Intellectual Disabilities working group will carry out its

			community stakeholders	work taking into consideration the recommended issues.
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3-6 months

Exploring Solutions and Beginning Policy Review

Number	Recommendation	Action Item	Area responsible	Current Status
6.a(i)	Single point of contact for reporting abuse.	Explore options to more clearly communicate existing “single point” contact for reporting abuse.	Disability and Specialized Services	<p>Progressing well</p> <p>The Provincial Protection Investigations Unit has transitioned from a decentralized regional model to a centralized team, reporting to one manager.</p> <p>An online reporting tool is being developed to create an accessible point of contact for the public. A central phone number will also be implemented.</p>
6.a(ii)	Revised guidelines for reporting abuse.	Revise and communicate guidelines	Disability and Specialized Services	<p>Complete</p> <p>Disability and Specialized Services have developed and piloted internal reporting guidelines with three agencies.</p> <p>Guidelines have been reviewed to ensure consistency with the amendments to the definition of abuse as proclaimed in the Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act.</p>

6.a(iii)	Share information with community about reporting abuse.	Work with community organizations.	Disability and Specialized Services	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Disability and Specialized Services Branch is committed to continue evaluating strategies that inform the public about reporting abuse.</p> <p>A partnership has been developed with Abilities Manitoba and Abilities is delivering protection and abuse training to the sector.</p>
6.a(iv)	Address concerns where a situation does not meet the criteria for abuse (but may still be a concern).	Work with community organizations.	Disability and Specialized Services	<p>Complete</p> <p>Policies and practices related to the guidelines for reporting abuse have been reviewed.</p> <p>Currently, staff can take action in situations that do not meet the threshold for abuse, but which may require safety planning to minimize risk of future incidents.</p> <p>Amendments to the Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act expanded the definitions of abuse and neglect.</p>

6.b(ii)	Create guidelines to understand the abuse investigation process.	Revise and share guidelines.	Disability and Specialized Services	Progressing well  Guidelines have been created and will take into consideration any recommendations expected in the 2024 report of the Commissioner.
6.b(iii)	Share results of abuse investigations.	Initiate a review of what can be shared while respecting privacy considerations.	Department of Families	Complete  A review was conducted, and policies and procedures are in place to inform appropriate parties about the results of abuse investigations.
6.e(i)	Review caseloads to ID high-risk individuals who require more oversight.	Initiate a review of the definition of "high risk." Lead caseload review and identify those cases considered "high risk" on an ongoing basis.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  A case-weighting tool has been developed and is in use by departmental staff. Program managers are expected to review case loads on an ongoing basis.
6.e(ii)	In determining risk, consider many factors and key determinants.	Initiate a review of the definition of "high risk." Lead caseload review and identify those cases considered "high risk" on an ongoing basis.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  A case-weighting tool has been developed and is in use by departmental staff. Program managers are expected to review case loads on an ongoing basis.

6.e(iii)	Make case management practice adaptations to adjust to needs of high-risk individuals.	Initiate a review of the definition of “high risk.” Lead caseload review and identify those cases considered “high risk” on an ongoing basis.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  A case-weighting tool has been developed and is in use by departmental staff. Program managers are expected to review case loads on an ongoing basis.
8.a(i)	Complete "Bridging to Adulthood" revision.	Continue revision of the document.	Department of Families	Complete  Document has been reviewed and posted on the Education and Early Childhood Learning website. Families and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development anticipate undertaking a more fulsome review of the document, along with stakeholders, in the near future.
8.a(ii)	Use “Bridging to Adulthood” as standardized guide for children entering the adult system.	On completion, share the document with stakeholders and begin cross-government discussions to ensure the use of the document and that individuals in transition and their families/guardians are aware of their options.	Child and Family Services Disability and Specialized Services	Progressing well  Phase 1 revisions of “Bridging to Adulthood” have been posted on the Education and Early Childhood Learning website.  The department is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning to begin cross-government discussions to ensure

				the use of the document in transition planning.
8.a(iii)	Transitional map created for each child entering transition stage.	Disability and Specialized Services to liaise with Child and Family Services on how best to complete this initiative.	Disability and Specialized Services  Child and Family Services Authorities/Agencies	Complete  Regular discussions are taking place between Disability and Specialized Services and Child and Family Services to strengthen information that supports the transition planning process.
8.b(i)	Child and Family Services Authorities adopt a common checklist.	Child and Family Services Authorities to liaise with each other in order to create a common checklist that outlines planning details for transitions.	Child and Family Services Authorities	Complete  A communication and checklist developed by both Disability and Specialized Services and Child and Youth Services has been sent for distribution to CFS authorities, CFS agencies and Community Care Providers.
8.b(ii)	Mandatory transition planning meetings for children with disabilities ageing out of care.	Work collaboratively to ensure transition meetings begin at age 15.	Disability and Specialized Services  Child and Family Services Authorities/Agencies	Complete  The completed checklist includes mandatory transition planning meetings.
8.b(iii)	Quarterly notices from Child and Family Services to Disability and Specialized Services about	Disability and Specialized Services receive notices about children reaching the age of majority from Child and Family Services to	Disability and Specialized Services  Child and Family Services Authorities/Agencies	Complete  The completed checklist includes contact between CFS and disability services.



	children reaching age of majority.	ensure no child is missed for transition planning.		
14.b	Families to receive orientations about options available as their children reach age of majority.	Share information with families during application process.	Disability and Specialized Services	Progressing well  The department is working on materials to improve the information available to families who have children transitioning into adult services.
9.(i)	Department consult with Indigenous stakeholders.	Develop options for consultation of Indigenous stakeholders about the specific needs of Indigenous people.	Department of Families in consultation with Indigenous stakeholders	In progress  The department continues to explore opportunities to consult with Indigenous stakeholders.
10.c(ii)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability review all forms for red tape reduction.	Review forms and simplify where possible.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Progressing well  Forms have been reviewed for plain language and red tape reduction. They are in the final stages of approval before being made available to the public.
10.c(iii)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability develop a policy on	Review policy options for waiving abuse checks.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Complete  The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability waives abuse checks in certain cases.

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13.a(i)	Publicly share the job description for community service workers.	On completion of generic community service worker job description, create plain language version and share with stakeholders, including self-advocates.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  Job description is posted on the website: <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/clds/csw_role.html">https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/clds/csw_role.html</a>
16.a(i)	Department set aside funding to provide ongoing support to community.	Begin discussions with community organizations and stakeholders to determine how ongoing support should be provided and what kind of projects should be supported.	Department of Families	Pending  The department will continue to explore opportunities to fund ongoing projects.
16.a(ii)	Government and community explore innovative options to fund and deliver projects.	Begin discussions with community organizations and stakeholders to determine how ongoing support should be provided and what kind of projects should be supported.	Department of Families	In progress  The department, along with the community, considers innovative approaches to delivering projects on an ongoing basis.

6-12 months

Continuing Policy Review and Beginning Fundamental Changes

Number	Recommendation	Action Item	Area responsible	Current Status
2.a	Development of a Comprehensive Training Strategy.	Begin discussions with stakeholders to explore existing training and identify gaps.	Department of Families with community stakeholders	Progressing well  The Training Subcommittee of the Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council has been established to identify gaps and develop a comprehensive training strategy.
6.b(iv)	Use of "single interview" model for investigating abuse.	Engage with community organizations (e.g., Toba Centre) on potential models that are already being used.	Disability and Specialized Services	Not moving forward  Department has explored this option and concluded that the model is not relevant for the adult disability services sector.
6.d	Develop guidelines for abuse by residents towards each other.	Explore with service delivery agencies the frequency of the problem and determine appropriate solutions.	Disability and Specialized Services	Progressing well  Incidents involving abuse by residents towards each other are reportable and investigated on a case-by-case basis.  Recommendations and follow up may include: staff training, support plan updates, behavioural management, complex case review, evaluation of placement suitability etc.

7.a(i)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability to develop "spot check" process.	Begin discussions with legal counsel on this recommendation.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Not moving forward  Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Act.
7.a(ii)	Spot checks' to apply to all Substitute Decision Makers.	Begin discussions with legal counsel on this recommendation.	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Not moving forward  Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Act.
14.a(ii)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability to use approach of "educating into compliance" when doing spot checks.	Work with community stakeholders to address concerns around difference between substitute decision maker appointments (whether with family or with the Public Guardian and Trustee)	The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability	Not moving forward  Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Act.
9.(ii)	All parties review policies and practices to ensure they are culturally sensitive.	Review internal policies and practices to ensure that they are culturally sensitive, reflecting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.	Department of Families	Complete  The department has reviewed practices and policies to reflect the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

13.a(ii)	Ensure caseloads allow for meaningful contact with clients, guided by best practice.	Review internal policies and practices around caseloads to identify areas for improvement.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The department has established a process to review and adjust caseload distribution. An initial review has been completed and the department will continue this practice on an ongoing basis.
13.a(iii)	Ensure consistency in rural and urban casework.	Conduct a review of the differences between the practices of community service workers in rural and urban areas and adapt policies and practices accordingly.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The department has established a process to review and adjust caseload distribution. An initial review has been completed and the department will continue this practice on an ongoing basis.
13.a(iv)	Share the results of Service Transformation Project within a year.	Share recommendations post-pilot.	Disability and Specialized Services	Complete  The department has applied the lessons learned in the pilot projects and moved forward with the recommended changes.

12-18 months

Implementing New Structures

Number	Recommendation	Action Item	Area responsible	Current Status
1	Creation of an Advisory Council.	Prepare options for the Minister's consideration.	Department of Families	Complete  A public call for interest was held in fall 2022 for the Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council (IDIA Council). Members have been appointed for a two-year term. The Council meets at least three times per year.
9.(iii)	Advisory Council has standing item on Indigenous issues.	On creation of advisory council, ensure standing agenda item on Indigenous issues.	Department of Families	Complete  The Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council will be empowered to set its own agendas. This item will be suggested to the Council, and Indigenous representation is built into the Council's membership.
7.a(iii)	Summary of experience with 'spot checks' to be presented to Advisory Council.	On creation of advisory council, The Office of the Commissioner for Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability will present on status of "spot checks"	Department of Families	Not moving forward  Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Act.

2.b	Establishment of a Training Committee.	Prepare options for Minister's consideration	Corporate Services ADM with LSPB support.	Complete  The Training Subcommittee of the Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council has been established to identify gaps and develop a comprehensive training strategy.
5.a	Rights Recognition	Work with community organizations to develop a process for families and individuals to bring up their concerns regarding rights infringement.	Department of Families	Pending  The department will continue to explore options to move towards implementing the recommendation.
5.b	Appeals Process	Prepare research on options for appeals at different levels and in different settings.	Department of Families	Pending  The department will continue to explore options to move towards implementing the recommendation.

18-24 months

Legislative and Long-Term Changes

Number	Recommendation	Action Item	Area responsible	Current Status
3.b	Use of the term “Assisted Decision Making”.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>Amendments were made to replace "supported decision making" with "assisted decision making."</p>
4.a(i)	Update Principles of the Act.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The language reflects human rights and other related legislation.</p>



4.a(ii)	Include statement of dignity, respect and independence.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The preamble includes a statement of dignity and recognition of responsibilities under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p>
4.a(iii)	Include will, preferences, beliefs and desires.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The preamble includes a statement on the principles of assisted decision making.</p>

4.b(i)	Rename the Act.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>Effective May 30, 2023 the Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act is renamed the Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act.</p>
4.c	Review clause.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act received royal assent on May 30, 2023. It introduces a review clause with a time frame of five years.</p>
6.c(i)	Revise definition of abuse.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Complete</p> <p>A revised definition of “abuse” in the Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act was proclaimed on January 1, 2024.</p>

3.c(i)	How best to legally define assisted decision-making.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>In progress</p> <p>Consultations ongoing.</p>
3.c(ii)	Bring in "Representation Agreements".	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>In progress</p> <p>Consultations ongoing.</p>
4.b(ii)	Plain language rewrite of the Act.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Not moving forward</p> <p>Per legal review, the act cannot be rewritten in its entirety due to legal meaning behind the language.</p>

6.c(ii)	Add definition of "maltreatment".	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Not moving forward</p> <p>Per legal review, the concept of "maltreatment" does not work in the context of the Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act. Instead, the new definitions of "abuse" and "neglect" will cover the concept of "maltreatment".</p>
12.c(i)	Greater clarity in the Act about the role of the "Executive Director" for individual plans.	<p>Prepare a package of legislative amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Conduct research and additional consultation on recommended changes.</p>	Department of Families	<p>Not moving forward</p> <p>The department reviewed the act and found that the role of the Executive Director still has the necessary flexibility.</p>

To be Determined

<b>Number</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Area responsible</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
15.b	Legislative review of Public Guardian Trustee Act.	Consult with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian and Trustee) to determine next steps.	Consumer Protection and Government Services	Not Applicable  This recommendation is not under the purview of the Department of Families. However, it has been shared with the Public Guardian and Trustee and Consumer Protection and Government Services.
15.c(i)	Public Guardian Trustee to work with the Department of Families to review delegation agreements.	Consult with Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian and Trustee) to determine next steps.	Consumer Protection and Government Services	Not Applicable  This recommendation is not under the purview of the Department of Families. However, it has been shared with the Public Guardian and Trustee and Consumer Protection and Government Services.
15.c(ii)	Public Guardian Trustee develop stronger links to service delivery agencies.	Consult with Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian and Trustee) to determine next steps.	Consumer Protection and Government Services	Not Applicable  This recommendation is not under the purview of the Department of Families. However, the department is open to working with the Public Guardian and Trustee on this recommendation.
15.c(iii)	Public Guardian Trustee review how information is shared	Consult with Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian	Consumer Protection and Government Services	Not Applicable

	to increase information-sharing with agencies.	and Trustee) to determine next steps.		This recommendation is not under the purview of the Department of Families. However, it has been shared with the Public Guardian and Trustee and Consumer Protection and Government Services.
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