

**Pathways to Dignity: Rights, Safeguards, Planning and Decision Making
24 Month Implementation Plan (Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2023)**

UPDATE – June 2023

0-3 months

Consolidating Changes to Current Practice

| Number | Recommendation | Action Item | Area responsible | Current Status |
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| 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. |

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| 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 Unit will continue its transition to playing a leadership role in all abuse investigations. | Disability and Specialized Services | Complete The Provincial Protection 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. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner 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. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete Panels now begin with a land acknowledgement. |

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| 10.a | Vulnerable Persons Commissioner provide more information on how decisions were reached. | Explore options for greater information sharing in annual report. | Chair of hearing panels and Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete The Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner will collect additional data starting next fiscal year. There will be a lag between implementation and reporting. |
| 10.b(i) | Vulnerable Persons Commissioner meet with stakeholders. | Plan and attend engagement sessions with community stakeholders. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred Sept-Dec, 2022. Regular engagements will be held with community on an ongoing basis. |
| 10.b(ii) | Vulnerable Persons Commissioner hold twice-annual "town halls". | Plan and hold first "town hall" session. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred Sept-Dec, 2022. The Commissioner will host biannual town halls moving forward. |
| 10.b(iii) | Vulnerable Persons Commissioner meet with families. | Plan for one "town hall" session annually to target families. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred Sept-Dec, 2022. The Commissioner will host biannual town halls moving forward. |

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| 10.b(iv) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner review its communications for gaps. | Review and refresh of all communication material produced by the Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner, with specific attention to any gaps, and to plain language writing. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | <p>Complete</p> <p>The office of Vulnerable Persons Commissioner website was updated in May 2022.</p> <p>Draft content was reviewed by stakeholders and revised based on their feedback.</p> |
| 10.b(v) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner refresh its communications material. | Review and refresh of all communication material produced by the Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner, with specific attention to any gaps, and to plain language writing. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | <p>Complete</p> <p>The office of Vulnerable Persons Commissioner website was updated in May 2022.</p> <p>Draft content was reviewed by stakeholders and revised based on their feedback.</p> |
| 10.c(i) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner review all material for plain language. | Review and refresh of all communication material produced by the Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner, with specific attention to any gaps, and to plain language writing. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | <p>Progressing well</p> <p>Communication materials have been reviewed for plain language and red tape reduction. Updates to reflect recent changes in The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act are in progress.</p> |
| 14.a(i) | Vulnerable Persons Commissioner 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. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | <p>Complete</p> <p>Four engagement sessions with the Commissioner occurred Sept-Dec, 2022 with 80-100 people attending each one. The Commissioner will host biannual town halls moving forward.</p> |

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| 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. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete The review of the website of the Office of the Vulnerable Persons' Commissioner 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 The Person-Centered Planning Policy and the Intake Policy have been revised to emphasize the distinction between the intake process and the development of the Individual Plan through Person-Centered Planning. |
| 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 Person-Centered Planning Policy and the Intake Policy have been revised to emphasize the distinction between the intake process and the development of the Individual Plan through Person-Centered Planning. |
| 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 (the SIS) has been updated in all three policies to reflect its role as a tool in Person-Centered Planning and to emphasize the importance of Person-Centered |

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| | | | | Planning while deemphasised SIS in the PCP process. |
| 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 The language in the policies has been updated to provide greater clarity about the role of the department and the role of service providers in the Person-Centered Planning process. |
| 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 Revisions made in the Person-Centered Planning Policy place more emphasis on the role of the service providers in initiating and leading Person-Centered Planning. The IDIA council will receive an update on the revisions in Fall 2023. |

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| 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 | <p>Complete</p> <p>Revisions made in the Person-Centered Planning Policy place more emphasis on the role of the service providers in initiating and leading Person-Centered Planning.</p> <p>The IDIA council will receive an update on the revisions in Fall 2023.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Complete</p> <p>Revisions made in the Person-Centered Planning Policy place more emphasis on the role of the service providers in initiating and leading Person-Centered Planning.</p> <p>The IDIA council will receive an update on the revisions in Fall 2023.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Complete</p> <p>Revisions made in the Person-Centered Planning Policy place more emphasis on the role of the service providers in initiating and leading Person-Centered Planning.</p> <p>The IDIA council will receive an update on the revisions in Fall 2023.</p> |

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| 14.d | Explore unintended consequences of bonds and sureties requirement. | Review options for mitigating unintended consequences for this policy. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | 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. | Pending The Department of Families is holding conversations with the Public Guardian Trustee. |
| 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. | Pending The Department of Families is holding conversations with the Public Guardian Trustee. |
| 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 community stakeholders. | Pending The Department of Families is holding conversations with the Public Guardian Trustee. |

3-6 months

Exploring Solutions and Beginning Policy Review

| Number | Recommendation | Action Item | Area responsible | Current Status |
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| 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 (PPIU) 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>Progressing well</p> <p>The Disability and Specialized Services branch continues to review abuse reporting guidelines.</p> |

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| 6.a(iii) | Share information with community about reporting abuse. | Work with community organizations. | Disability and Specialized Services | <p>Progressing well</p> <p>The Disability and Specialized Services Branch continues to develop strategies to better inform the general public.</p> <p>PPIU provides ongoing training on reporting abuse. This includes offering targeted training for CLDS transportation providers on protection and reporting abuse.</p> <p>A partnership has been developed with Abilities Manitoba for the delivery of 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 recently been reviewed.</p> <p>Currently, staff are able to take action in situations that do not meet the threshold for abuse, but which may require safety planning to minimize risk of future incidents. Proposed amendments to the VPA will also widen the definition of abuse and neglect to allow substantiated findings of abuse in more situations.</p> |

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| 6.b(ii) | Create guidelines to understand the abuse investigation process. | Revise and share guidelines. | Disability and Specialized Services | <p>Progressing well</p> <p>Policies and practices related to the guidelines for reporting abuse have been reviewed and enhanced.</p> <p>Draft guidelines and process map have been shared with internal staff to better understand the abuse investigation process.</p> <p>The document “Protecting Vulnerable Persons from Abuse and Neglect: Reporting Requirements for Direct Services Providers” is being updated to reflect new language, definitions and practices.</p> |
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| 6.b(iii) | Share results of abuse investigations. | Initiate a review of what can be shared while respecting privacy considerations. | Department of Families | <p>Progressing well</p> <p>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The renamed Act, The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act, requires that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive Director must inform an adult living with an intellectual disability and their substitute decision maker or committee that a report was made and that an investigation is to be conducted. - The Executive Director must attempt to determine and accommodate the adult's wishes respecting the conduct of the investigation. <p>Revised processes are being implemented at the PPIU to reflect the changes.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Complete</p> <p>A case-weighting tool has been developed and is in use by departmental staff. The department continues to evaluate</p> |

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| 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. The department continues to evaluate the accuracy and effectiveness of the case-weighting tool. |
| 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. The department continues to evaluate the accuracy and effectiveness of the case-weighting tool. |
| 8.a(i) | Complete "Bridging to Adulthood" revision. | Continue revision of the document. | Department of Families | Complete Document has been reviewed and is expected to be posted by February 2023. Families and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development anticipate undertaking a more fulsome review of the document, along with stakeholders, in 2023 |

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| 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 have been posted on the Education and Early Childhood Learning website. Phase 2 will begin in Fall 2023. |
| 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 | Progressing well Disability and Specialized Services and Child and Youth Services have developed a checklist with the CFS Authorities. The document is in the final stages of review. |
| 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 | Progressing well Regular discussions are taking place between Disability and Specialized Services, Child and Family Services and Child Welfare Authorities to strengthen the transition planning process. |

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| 8.b(iii) | Quarterly notices from Child and Family Services to Disability and Specialized Services about children reaching age of majority. | Disability and Specialized Services receive notices about children reaching the age of majority from Child and Family Services to ensure no child is missed for transition planning. | Disability and Specialized Services Child and Family Services Authorities/Agencies | Complete The provincial government has developed a checklist with CFS Authorities (recommendation 8.b(i)) that includes contact between CFS and disability services. |
| 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 | Progressing well Department of Families continues to explore opportunities to partner with Indigenous organizations to provide more culturally appropriate services to Indigenous individuals diagnosed with an intellectual disability. |
| 10.c(ii) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner review all forms for red tape reduction. | Review forms and simplify where possible. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Progressing well Updates to the forms are in progress to reflect recent changes in The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act. |
| 10.c(iii) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner develop a policy on waiving abuse checks in certain cases. | Review policy options for waiving abuse checks. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Complete Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner waives abuse |

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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: https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/clds/csw/role.html |
| 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 Will be explored as results from pilot projects are known. |
| 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 | Pending Will be explored as results from pilot projects are known. |

6-12 months

Continuing Policy Review and Beginning Fundamental Changes

| Number | Recommendation | Action Item | Area responsible | Current Status |
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| 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 | <p>Progressing well</p> <p>The Training Subcommittee of the Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council has been established to identify gaps and develop a comprehensive training strategy. The first meeting of the subcommittee was held in July 2023.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Not moving forward</p> <p>Department has explored this option and concluded that the model is not relevant for the adult disability services sector.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Pending</p> <p>Incidents involving abuse by residents towards each other are reportable and investigated on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Recommendations and follow up may include: staff training, support plan updates, behavioural management, complex case review, etc.</p> |

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| 7.a(i) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner to develop "spot check" process. | Begin discussions with legal counsel on this recommendation. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Not moving forward Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Vulnerable Persons Act. |
| 7.a(ii) | Spot checks' to apply to all Substitute Decision Makers. | Begin discussions with legal counsel on this recommendation. | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Not moving forward Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Vulnerable Persons Act. |
| 14.a(ii) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner 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) | Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner | Not moving forward Based on legal review, implementing the recommendations related to "spot checks" is not legally feasible under the current Vulnerable Persons 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 continues to review practices and policies to reflect the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action. |

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| 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 | Progressing well The pilot project has been extended until September 2023, updates and next steps will be determined upon completion. |

12-18 months

Implementing New Structures

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| 1 | Creation of an Advisory Council. | Prepare options for the Minister's consideration. | Department of Families | Complete Public call for interest held in fall 2022 for the Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council (IDIA Council). Members have been chosen and informed by the Minister. The first meeting of the council is expected for early 2023. |
| 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 IDIA 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, Office of the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner 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 Vulnerable Persons Act. |

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| 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. The first meeting of the subcommittee was held in July 2023. |
| 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 |
| 5.b | Appeals Process | Prepare research on options for appeals at different levels and in different settings. | Department of Families | Pending |

18-24 months

Legislative and Long-Term Changes

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| 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>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023. 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>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>Language in the renamed Act, The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act, was amended to reflect human rights and other related legislation.</p> |

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| 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>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The preamble of the renamed Act (The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act) 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>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023. The preamble of the renamed Act, The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act, includes a statement on the principles of assisted decision making.</p> |

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| 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>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The 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>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The renamed Act, The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act, introduces a review clause with a time frame of five years.</p> |

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| 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>Progressing well</p> <p>Bill 23, which proposed amendments to The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act, received royal assent on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>The renamed Act, The Adults Living with an Intellectual Disability Act, revises the definition of "abuse". The revised definition of "abuse" will come into force upon proclamation.</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>Progressing well</p> <p>Consultations ongoing. A package of legislative amendments is being prepared for the spring 2024 legislative session.</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>Progressing well</p> <p>Consultations ongoing. A package of legislative amendments is being prepared for the spring 2024 legislative session.</p> |

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| 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 | Not moving forward |
| 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 | Not moving forward |
| 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 | Not moving forward |

TBD (Will require work with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services)

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| 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. | Department of Families | Pending Further discussion with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services required. |
| 15.c(i) | Public Guardian Trustee to work with the Department of Families to review delegation agreements. | Consult with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian and Trustee) to determine next steps. | Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services | Pending Further discussion with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services required. |
| 15.c(ii) | Public Guardian Trustee develop stronger links to service delivery agencies. | Consult with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian and Trustee) to determine next steps. | Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services | Pending Further discussion with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services required. |
| 15.c(iii) | Public Guardian Trustee review how information is shared to increase information-sharing with agencies. | Consult with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services (Public Guardian and Trustee) to determine next steps. | Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services | Pending Further discussion with Department of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services required. |