

Setting the Path

Consultation Plan for the new
Mental Health, Wellness and
Recovery Department

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A New Manitoba Ministry

Now more than ever, we need to respond rapidly and effectively to the evolving mental health and wellness landscape in our province. *Budget 2021*

- In January 2021, the Government of Manitoba announced the creation of a new Ministry of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery (MHWR).
- Mission is to provide access to mental health and addictions supports and treatment that improve life outcomes for Manitobans on their journey through recovery and healing.
- Brought together over 600 FTEs (over 500 FTEs SMHC) and a \$332 million budget from across government to create a single Ministry focused on the mental health and well being of Manitobans.

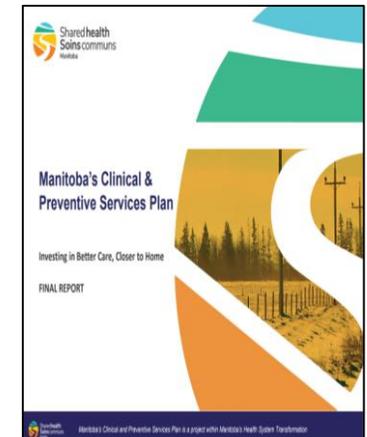
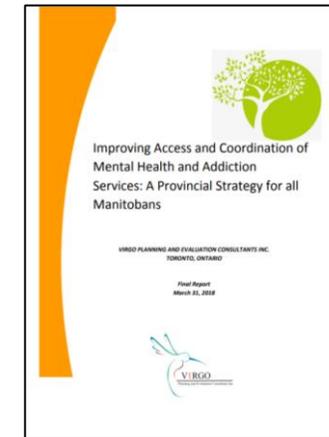
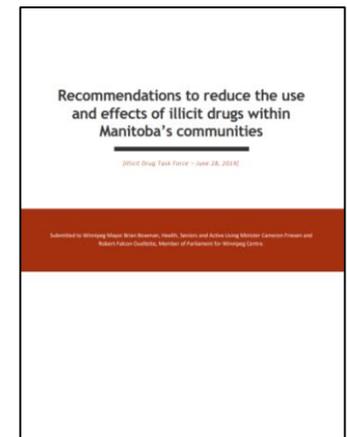
Department Mandate

- Provide strategic leadership to support the priorities of the department.
- Provide and oversee the funding to health authorities for mental health and recovery services, psychiatric services, and wellness and health promotion programs, including funding for Selkirk Mental Health Centre, and the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba.
- Build a system that offers improved access to mental health and addictions care, and wellness and health promotion initiatives to those in need.
- Establish a plan using leading practices to align and integrate programs and services using a whole of government approach.

Informed and guided by extensive reporting and planning

The creation of this new ministry is grounded in, and informed by, years of research, planning and recommendations, including:

- Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Service Plan
- Improving Access of Coordination of Mental Health and Addiction Services: A Provincial Strategy
- Provincial Clinical and Preventive Services for Planning for Manitoba
- Recommendations to Reduce the Use and Effects of Illicit Drugs within Manitoba's Communities



We have made progress as we build

Investments in Community-Based Care

Service delivery organizations and community-based agencies are trusted sources of care across the spectrum of the mental health, wellness and recovery system. Since October 2019, the Manitoba government has announced:

- \$51.3 million in 34 initiatives

This includes investing:

- \$2.4 million to expand services at Klinik Community Health Centre and Laurel Centre, including walk-in mental health services and specialized trauma counselling

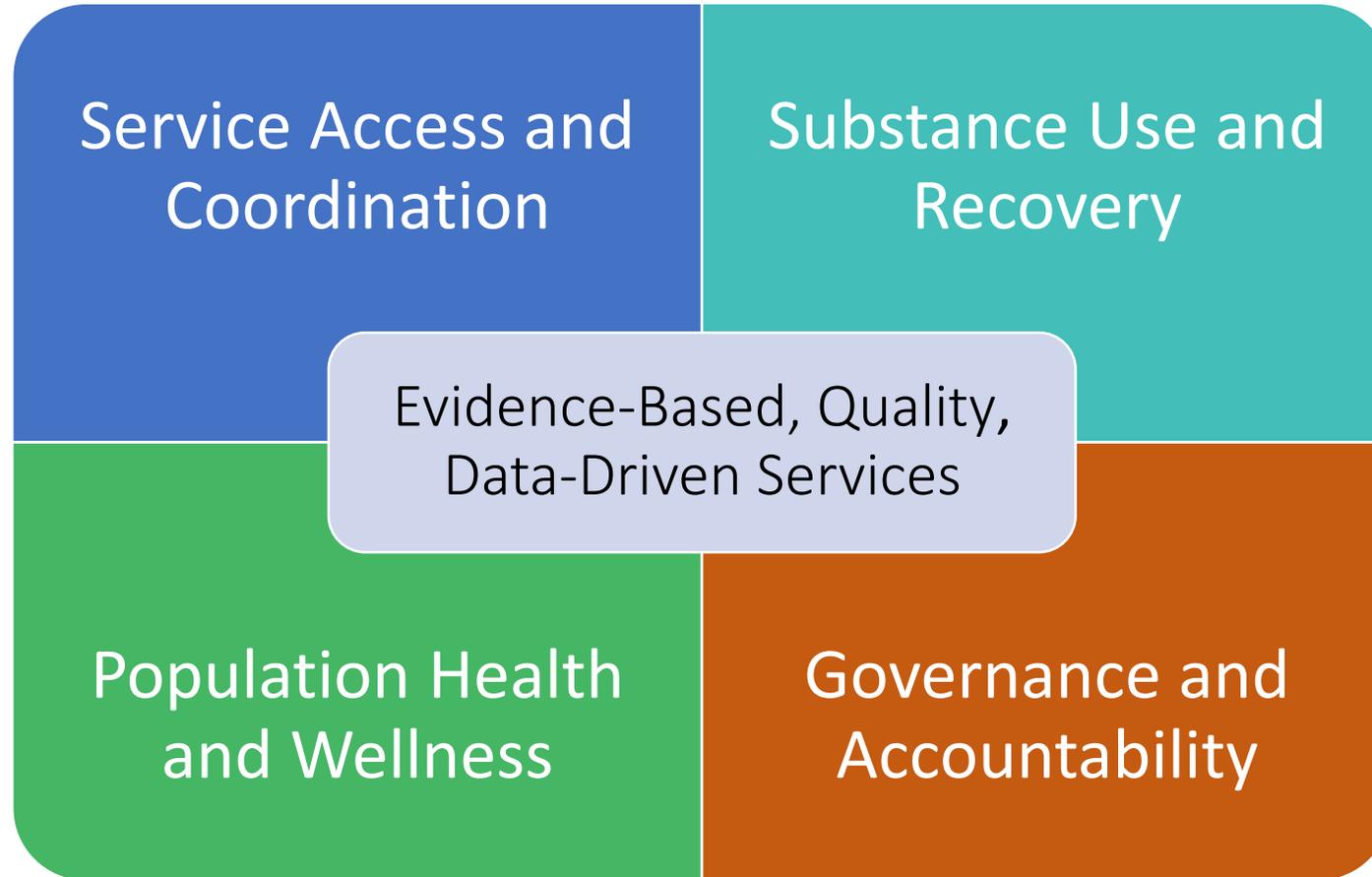
- \$4.4 million to enhance access to school-based mental health and addictions supports, by expanding existing school-based clinical teams with psychiatric nurses and addictions support workers, beginning in Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Steinbach

- \$2.8 million to establish and operate a sobering centre in the City of Thompson to offer an effective alternative to police and hospital-based responses to public intoxication, while keeping Manitobans safe

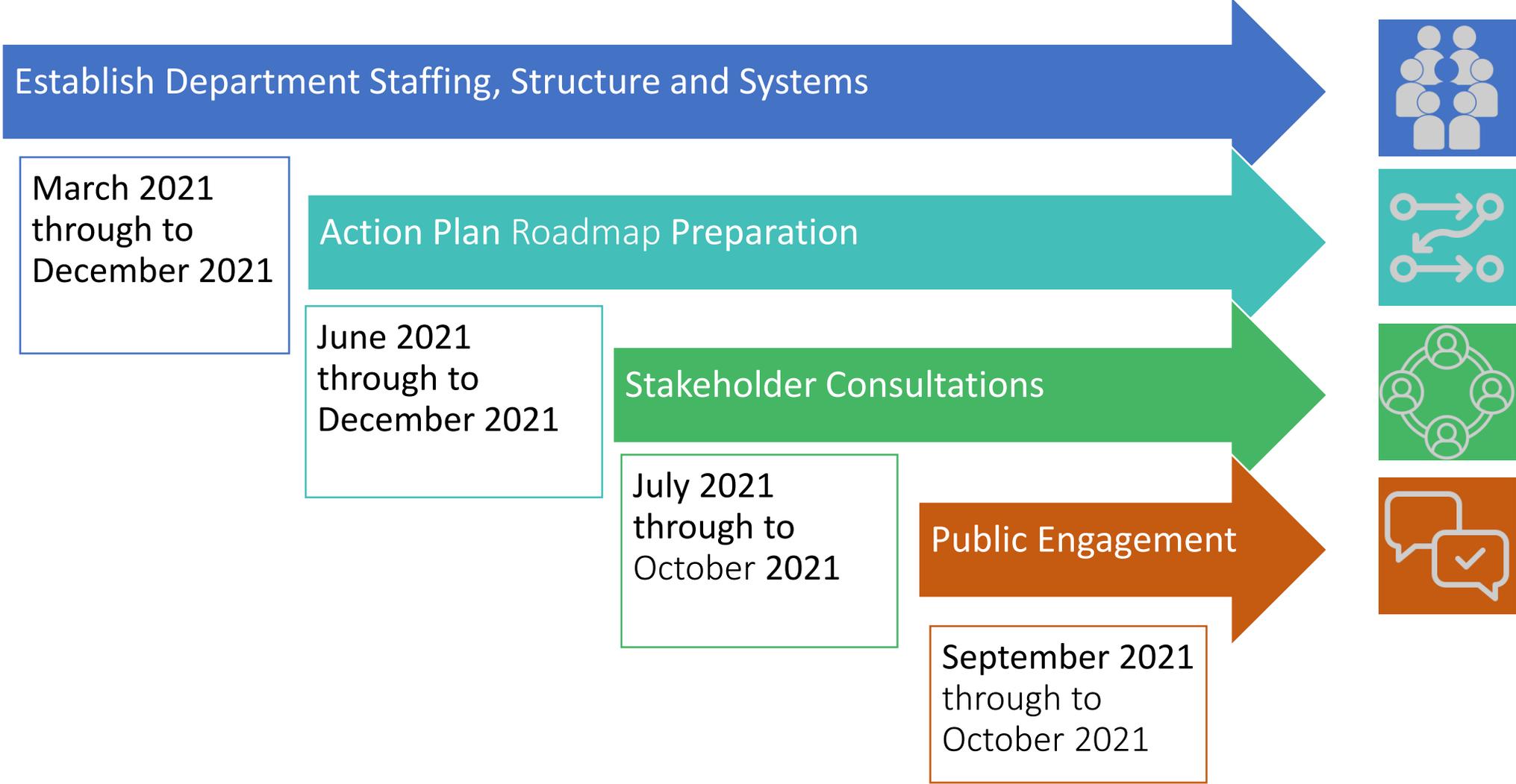
And it's time to look to the next five years, and chart a course together

- More needs to be done. The government is committed to making positive, lasting changes to ensure the MHWR system is effective and results-oriented.
- It is essential that partners and stakeholders contribute to planning and design.
- The minister and department will lead consultations to help ensure services and programs are meeting the needs of Manitobans, and that people have access to coordinated, quality care.
- These consultations will inform an **integrated, whole of government five-year action plan roadmap** for mental health, wellness, and recovery.
- The purpose of this action plan is to shape the strategic priorities, direction, and action items for the new department to work towards their mission.

Cornerstones of the Action Plan



Timeline to Develop the Action Plan



Wave 1: Establish Department Staffing, Structure and Systems

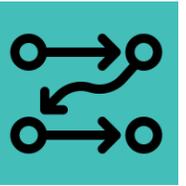
March 2021
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- In January 2021, MHWR was established as a new stand alone department.
- We are building the team.
- An interdepartmental policy committee (comprised of Deputy Ministers from across government departments) has been established to plan together towards a whole of government approach to enhance the Mental Health and Addictions systems.
- We are in the process of transferring programs from other departments that align with the work of MHWR.
- This will include another 30 programs from other government departments and an additional \$14 million.

Wave 2: Action Plan Finalization

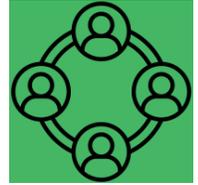
June 2021
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- Government's role is to provide overall direction to improve access to and the coordination of the system, and support the work of the service delivery organizations and community-based agencies that provide direct patient care.
- The five-year action plan, built on the work of previous reports, will help shape the strategic priorities and set the direction for years to come.
- This high-level plan will outline the priorities and action items to help enhance the mental health and addictions and wellness and health promotion system in Manitoba.
- The preliminary plan will be refined over the course of the year based on stakeholder and public engagement. A final plan will be released later this year, following consultations.

Wave 3: Stakeholder Consultations

June 2021
through to
October 2021



- Stakeholder consultation sessions are being scheduled with internal and external mental health/substance use addiction and wellness/health promotion stakeholders including service delivery organizations, community agencies, and other departments.
- A RFP has been issued and posted publicly to hire a consultant to help lead this work.
- The RFP closes later this week, and we expect to have a consultant in place by mid-August.

Wave 4: Public Engagement

September 2021
through to
October 2021



- Public consultations will begin in the fall.
- These sessions will focus on validating the themes from the various reports that have been previously commissioned by the Manitoba government and informing the five-year action plan.
- This will involve a variety of engagement opportunities including town halls, surveys and other tools on EngageMB to gather input from Manitobans.

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Questions?

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