

Other Actions

In addition to the actions outlined in *Together We Can*, the province will work on providing better access to mental health and addictions services for people with disabilities. In addition, we recognize the importance of recreation, physical activity and leisure in many of these action items as a key ingredient to recovery and integration into the community.

Evaluation

Evaluation is key to determining the success of *Together We Can*, so we have developed an evaluation framework and have engaged internal and external partners to begin the process of designing the implementation. Ensuring this process is in place prior to the roll-out of the actions is critical to determining the degree of positive outcomes for the overall strategy and for the individual action items. As we provide updates through news releases, outcome information will be shared. If we learn that what we believed to be evidence based is not having the anticipated positive impact, we will reexamine our actions moving forward.

Key to Priorities Table

Work completed and underway



Work ahead



* Checkmarks ✓ indicate when work will get underway. While this is a 5-year plan, the work will get underway within the first three years.

5 Key Priority Areas

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Enhanced education for EHS paramedics	✓		

Shorter waits, better care

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Expanded peer support for mentally ill	✓		
Skills training and support for families		✓	
Expanded opioid replacement treatment	✓		
Province-wide toll-free crisis line	✓		
Review location of mental health and addictions beds		✓	
More specialty care networks		✓	
Concurrent disorder training for care providers		✓	
Awareness of Problem Gambling Helpline, DHA/IWK gambling services	✓		
Better information system for mental health and addictions			✓
Information-sharing guidelines		✓	

Aboriginal and diverse communities

Diversity group(s) for mental health and addictions	✓		
More collaborative treatment services for First Nations, cultural safety training for care providers	✓		
Gay Straight Alliances for students	✓		
Sex, gender and diversity review of services		✓	
Undertake work to increase diversity in addictions, mental health workforce		✓	
Recruit French speaking professionals		✓	
Education on seniors' mental health, addictions needs for care providers			✓

Working together differently

Safe, affordable housing options	✓		
Funding process for community agencies, projects	✓		
Support municipalities to reduce alcohol harms	✓		
Collect and monitor alcohol, drug, gambling data		✓	
Mental health, addictions care for incarcerated adults		✓	

Reducing stigma

Anti-stigma initiatives	✓		
Share reporting guidelines with media		✓	
Awareness of healthy, safe workplaces			✓
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