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ROBERT GORDON
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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

August 21, 2020

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 898255245#

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was given by Celeste Kanpurwala, Senator Jim Runestad, Catherine Galdes, James Gallant and Neal Elkin.

III. Review and adopt July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Kellie Cody motioned to approve the July 2020 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Tom Reich. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Suicide Prevention Commission Updates – Brian Ahmedani

a. Attorney General Representative

Andrea Moua introduced herself to the Commission and her role as Legal Advisor for the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission. Andrea provided an overview of the Open Meetings Act, Public Comment, Subcommittees and Roberts Rules.

Open Meeting Act

Public Comment

Subcommittees as designed are not subject to Open Meeting Act as they are operating in an advisory capacity.

Roberts Rules are not required to be formalized with the commission. They are a supplemental tool for the Commission to use.

b. Co-Chair Vote

Zaneta Adams motioned to accept Nancy Buyle's nomination as the co-chair for the Suicide Prevention Commission and was seconded by Jessica DeJohn. Nancy's nomination was unanimously accepted.

Nancy Buyle is now the co-chair for the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission.

c. Bylaws

Deb Brinson motioned to table the Bylaws until they have been reviewed by the Attorney General's Office. Shaun Abbey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. MDHHS Updates

a. COVID-19 and Behavioral Health Update – Dr. Debra Pinals

Dr. Pinals (DHHS) provided an overview of COVID-19 response and behavioral health efforts. The Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) continues to push out crisis counseling opportunity through the SAMSHA and FEMA grant. BHDDA is also using a text line 741 741 using the term "RESTORE". There is also a warm line that has received over 8500 calls in 17 weeks.

A survey was released from the CDC – 11% of adults seriously considering suicide and a quarter of adolescents having suicidal ideation. BHDDA is also monitoring alcohol sales and the increased rates of domestic violence during COVID.

There is a request for proposal is under review for MI-CAL (Michigan Crisis and Access Line) to link all the crisis support services and a potential precursor to the 988.

b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith

Pat Smith gave an update for Injury Violence Prevention. The Public Health Consultant position has not yet been filled. It will be reposted up until September 8, 2020.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

a. Policy – Jessica DeJohn

Jessica DeJohn provided an update for the Policy Subcommittee. The group continues to review policy at the state and national level. The group will be inviting a panel of speakers to inform the Committee on current gaps in October.

b. Data – Zaneta Adams

Director Adams gave an update on the Data Subcommittee. The group has been working to identify current data and data collection gaps.

VII. Preliminary Report - Brian Ahmedani

Brian Ahmedani provided an overview of the draft Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Preliminary Report. The Commission is interested in filling in additional gaps related to occupation, substance abuse and other special populations.

Sen. Runestad would like to ensure the group considers the problem of suicide death in the state holistically and follows the data.

VIII. Implementing Other Subcommittees

- a. Special Populations
- b. Workforce

IX. Other Updates

Director Adams attended the Governor's Challenge and recommended including courses for CPL holder for suicide prevention as it relates to gun safety and gun security.

X. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap
 - i. Dr. Pinals will provide updated data from the Alcohol Commission on the recent increase of alcohol sales.
 - ii. Submit any additional data that you may have to James Bell for inclusion in the Suicide Prevention Commission report.
 - iii. James will follow up with Sen. Runestad's office on a potential extension for the Suicide Prevention Commission Preliminary Report.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.
The meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Executive Committee

August 25, 2020

10:00 – 11:00

Suicide Prevention Commission Data Subcommittee

September 2, 2020

1:00 – 2:00

Suicide Prevention Commission Policy Subcommittee

September 8, 2020

1:00 – 2:00

Suicide Prevention Commission Data Subcommittee

September 16, 2020

1:00 – 2:00

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

September 18, 2020

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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August 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present by Phone	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey	X		
2	Zaneta Adams	X		
3	Brian Ahmedani	X		
4	William Becroft	X		
5	Lily Bothe			
6	Debra Brinson	X		
7	Nancy Buyle	X		
8	Adelle Cadieux	X		
9	Kellie Cody	X		
10	Richard Copen	X		
11	Jessica DeJohn	X		
12	Sarah Derwin			
13	Amber Desgranges	X		
14	Kevin Frank Fischer	X		
15	Catherine Frank	X		
16	John Greden			
17	Danny Hagen			
18	Cary Johnson	X		
19	John Joseph			
20	Laurin Jozlin	X		
21	Jennifer Morgan			
22	Thomas Reich	X		
23	Ryan Schroerlucke	X		
24	Barbara Smith	X		
26	Corbin Standley			
26	Kiran Taylor	X		
27	Kenneth Wolf	X		
	James Bell	X		
	Jennifer DeLaCruz	X		
	Linda Scarpetta	X		
	Emily Schwarzkopf			
	Patricia Smith	X		
	Orlando Todd			
	Andrea Moua	X		
	Dr. Debra Pinals	X		
	Public			
	James Gallant	X		
	Roberta Beck			
	Catherine Galdes	X		

	Celeste Smith			
	Angela Torrez			
	Celeste Kanpurwala	X		
	Sen. Jim Runestad	X		
	Neal Elkin	X		

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