



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

January 21, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

South Grand Building – Grand Conference Room
333 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI

[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 565-105-576#

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

Brian Ahmedani called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and there was not a quorum of members present.

II. Public Comment

Public Comment was provided by Ashley Kipp, James Gallant, and Krista Hausermann.

III. Review and Adopt July 2021, September 2021, and November 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. MDHHS Updates

- a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Debra Pinals

Deb Pinals reported BHDDA have been continuing to push out advances in crisis services, including MiCAL and linking that to other initiatives such as crisis stabilization units.

BHDDA is also working on a bed registry to understand where there is psychiatric bed access to reduce wait times.

BHDDA is following the Household Pulse Survey from the CDC and have observed 37% of the population reporting anxiety and depression at potentially clinically significant levels.

Additional funding has been secured for the Stay Well effort.

BHDDA continues to support the 988 roll out, developing the infrastructure for implementation.

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
One of the section’s Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men partners has relaunched Man Therapy in Michigan. More information can be found at mantherapy.org

The Section is moving forward with the Michigan State Suicide Prevention Plan and should be updated by the end of May 2022.

V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

- a. Universal Screening Tool

This group is creating a recommended checklist professional’s should consider when selecting an evidence-based screening tool. This will also include a list of the various tools, and best utilized based on the organization and individual’s needs.

- b. Death Scene Investigation Form

This group is focusing on Law Enforcement and capturing more detailed information to share with Medical Examiners for suicide deaths.

Both documents should be prepared for the Annual Report in March.

VI. Discussion 2022 Prevention Block Grant – Rachel Zaguskin

The Suicide Prevention Commission has been allocated an additional \$20,000 to work with DHHS on a video ad on streaming services. The goal is to use men talking to other men about mental health. The Suicide Commission will run an additional media campaign and safe messaging.

VII. Discussion: 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Report – James Bell

James Bell reviewed the outline for the 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Report (attached).

The Commission requested additions on MI-MIND, 988 and MI-CAL implementation.

A draft will be prepared for review at the February 2022 Meeting.

VIII. Other Updates

- a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

- i. Corbin Standley provided the National and State Policy Update based on current bills and their status. Corbin’s report can be found [here](#).

- b. Membership Update – James Bell

- i. There are three vacancies on the Suicide Prevention Commission. These include the Suicide Attempt Survivor, Michigan Veteran’s Facility Ombudsman, and Department of State Police.

- ii. Individuals interested in applying for the Suicide Attempt Survivor vacancy can apply on the Governor’s Appointments website [here](#).
- c. Virtual Meetings Status – James Bell
 - i. The Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission will continue to meet in person. There are no orders in place that allow for public meetings to be conducted in a full virtual setting.
- d. Other Updates
 - i. James Bell shared a video from “A Different Cry” highlighting the suicide disparities for Black boys. The link can be found [here](#).
- e. Quorum
 - i. The Commission discussed the need to meet quorum in order to approve business. The group would like to create a process for ensuring members can be present and participate.

IX. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
 - i. MDHHS will continue to push the Suicide Prevention Commission Annual Report through it’s review process. The Commission request additions on MI Mind, 988, and MI-CAL.
 - ii. MDHHS will share the link for the Suicide Prevention Commission Vacancy.

X. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

XI. Adjourn

The January 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting

February 16, 2022
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting

February 9, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

February 18, 2022
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact James Bell for additional meeting information.

DRAFT

January 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey		X	
2	Zaneta Adams	X		
3	Brian Ahmedani	X		
4	William Becroft	X		
5	Debra Brinson		X	
6	Nancy Buyle		X	
7	Adelle Cadieux	X		
8	Jessica DeJohn	X		
9	Sarah Derwin		X	
10	Amber Desgranges		X	
11	Kevin Frank Fischer	X		
12	Cathrine Frank		X	
13	John Greden		X	
14	Cary Johnson			X
15	John Joseph	X		
16	Laurin Jozlin	X		
17	Jennifer Morgan			X
18	Thomas Reich			X
19	Ryan Schroerlucke			X
20	Barbara Smith	X		
21	Corbin Standley	X		
22	Kiran Taylor		X	
23	Kenneth Wolf		X	
24	Vacancy – Suicide Attempt Survivor			
25	Vacancy – Michigan Veterans’ Facility Ombudsman			
26	Vacancy - Department of State Police			
27	Vacancy – Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs			
	James Bell	X		
	Jennifer DeLaCruz		X	
	Debra Pinals		X	
	Linda Scarpetta			
	Patricia Smith	X		
	Orlando Todd			
	Rachel Zaguskin	X		