

## **MINUTES**

### MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

November 23, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building, Fourth Floor  
608 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Dr. Daveda J. Colbert  
Mr. Patrick R. Green  
Dr. Alyse F. Ley  
Mr. Jason Russell  
Ms. Aimee Alaniz  
Dr. Jennifer Taiariol  
Ms. Rosa M. Thomas  
Ms. Beth Nagel  
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske

Staff Present: Dr. Diane Golzynski  
Mr. Scott Hutchins  
Ms. Janice Dixon

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Colbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Dr. Ley moved, seconded by Ms. Nagel, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the agenda and order of priority.**

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye  
Ley – Aye  
Russell – Aye  
Thomas – Aye  
Green – Aye  
Taiariol – Aye  
Nagel – Aye**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Colbert asked that the Commission members introduce themselves and the sector they were nominated to represent. Each Commissioner present introduced themselves and stated which sector they were representing.

#### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of School Safety Commission by Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske, Michigan State Police. Lt. Col. Kelenske, who serves as the Chair of the School Safety Commission, provided a history of how the School Safety Commission evolved from 1999 to now. He discussed school safety technology, School Resource Officers (SROs), assessments and baseline requirements, various grants that have been given to districts for safety improvements, and threat preparedness. He stressed that drills are important at every level within a district. Lt. Col. Kelenske discussed various trainings available, including the Behavioral Threat Assessment Management (BTAM) training, Train the Trainer, and Train the SRO. He stated that there are several Legislative items coming soon that the School Safety Commission is tracking. Lt. Col. Kelenske took questions and discussion took place.

Review of Fiscal Year 2023 State Funding for School Safety and Mental Health by Dr. Diane Golzynski, Director of the Office of Health and Nutrition Services at the Michigan Department of Education. Dr. Golzynski stated that although mental health funding started in 2019, much of that funding has been non-recurring. Only in Fiscal year 2022, did recurring funding begin. Dr. Golzynski discussed 31n, which provides funding with Medicaid match, 31o which provides funding for nurses, social workers, psychologists, and counselors, and 31p which provides funding for Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students (TRAILS). She also discussed new funding opportunities available.

Introduction of the Talent Pipeline Management and Workforce Development by Scott Hutchins, School Mental Health and Medicaid Consultant, Michigan Department of Education. Mr. Hutchins discussed the various sources of funding to hire behavioral and mental health professionals. The funding is available, but there are not enough professionals to fill these positions. This talent pipeline was created to get more individuals into mental health positions.

Update on Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) contract, Commission website, and other Commission business by Dr. Diane Golzynski, Director of the Office of Health and Nutrition Services at the Michigan Department of Education. Dr. Golzynski stated that a Request for Proposal was needed for each of the three positions to be hired for the Commission through MPHI. Approval of the contract with MPHI is expected on December 13, 2022. Postings and interviews can proceed after approval. The staff from the Office of Health and Nutrition Services is working to create a webpage for the Commission. This webpage will be housed on the Michigan Department of Education website and will include names, pictures, and contact information for Commission members, as well as meeting agendas and minutes. Dr. Golzynski also updated Commission members on parking

availability while attending meetings and the process for reimbursement for mileage while traveling to Commission meetings.

V. ACTION ITEMS

**Mr. Green moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the October 26, 2022, meeting.**

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye  
Ley – Aye  
Russell – Aye  
Thomas – Aye  
Green – Aye  
Taiariol – Aye  
Nagel – Aye**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Colbert opened discussion on setting future meeting agendas, asking what topics or speakers the Commission would like to have at future meetings. Next month, Ms. Thomas would like to have an agenda item to discuss a Commission-funded position to assist with the Talent Pipeline Management work. Other topics for January or beyond included: mental health discussions, presentation by the Suicide Commission, and the United States Department of Education overview on school safety and mental health. The Commission would like to have a presentation by a student-led organization called the Hope Squad, either in person or virtually.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one requested the opportunity to provide public comment.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission is Wednesday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dixon  
Executive Secretary  
Office of Health and Nutrition Services