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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

November 20, 2020

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Virtual Decorum
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Review and Adopt October 2020 Meeting Minutes**
- IV. MDHHS Updates**
 - a. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
- V. Subcommittee Updates**
 - a. Policy – Jessica DeJohn
 - b. Data – Zaneta Adams/James Bell
 - c. Special Populations - Shaun Abbey
 - d. Workforce – Ryan Schroelucke
- VI. Initial Report Recommendations – James Bell**
- VII. Virtual Townhalls & Listening Discussion – Nancy Buyle**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Outreach
 - c. Commission Member Sign Up
- VIII. Other Updates**
 - a. Youth Suicide Prevention Summit – December 9, 2020
- IX. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – James Bell
- X. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- XI. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Listening Session #1

December 1, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Listening Session #2

December 3, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission – Workforce Subcommittee Meeting

December 8, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Suicide Prevention Commission – Policy Subcommittee Meeting

December 8, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission – Data Subcommittee Meeting

December 9, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Listening Session #3

December 10, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Listening Session #4

December 10, 2020

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission – Special Populations Subcommittee Meeting

December 11, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

December 18, 2020

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

December 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

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

	Neal Elkin		
	Jim Runestad		
	Anne Daws-Lazar		
	Kellie Cody		
	Linda Hyaduck		
	Celeste Kanpurwala		



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DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

a. Roll Call

Brian Ahmedani, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

b. Virtual Meeting Decorum

Moving forward, the Commission will be encouraging all members to turn their video on during the meetings. Additionally, please keep your microphone on mute when you are not speaking.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was given by Amy Skelly.

III. Review and Adopt September 2020 Meeting Minutes

Cathrine Frank motioned to adopt the September 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting minutes. Zaneta Adams seconded. The September 2020 Prevention Commission Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

- a. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
No report.

V. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Policy – Jessica DeJohn

The Policy Subcommittee hosted their Policy Panel this week to hear from various local and national expert. The experts provided recommendations for collaboration and addressing the culture in suicide prevention. Some include funding, coordination, culturally informed interventions and mental health parity.

b. Data – Zaneta Adams

The Data Subcommittee has created a form for individuals submitting information to the Commission. The Data Subcommittee Article Sharing Criteria sheet can be found here. The Data Subcommittee is also looking to refine their data definitions as part of creating standards. The Data Subcommittee is seeking subject matter experts.

c. Special Populations - Shaun Abbey

Special Population are currently identifying additional experts and looking into resources for the special populations and geographically around the state. A survey is being prepared for distribution within the Commission.

d. Workforce – James Bell

Ryan Schroelucke is the new chair for the Workforce Subcommittee. The Workforce Subcommittee reviewed many of the evidence-based practices currently in use within the state. This includes Living Works, QPR, Mental Health First Aid, and Sources of Strength. The subcommittee is looking for additional subject matter experts and is inviting Chief Greg Flynn and Dr. Jodi Frey to participate in future meetings.

VI. Subcommittee Subject Matter Experts – James Bell

A document has been created to capture all of the subject matter experts attached to the Commission. This should be used to reduce duplication of contact. The document can be found here.

VII. Preliminary Report – Nancy Buyle

a. Dissemination Strategy Discussion

The Preliminary Report will be combined with the Initial Report with a new expanded Dissemination Strategy. There will also be an opportunity to bring together stakeholders for “sense-making sessions”.

VIII. Initial Report – Brian Ahmedani/James Bell

a. Upcoming Townhalls

The Commission is interested in holding virtual townhall meetings to get community input in December. The Commission is being solicited to attend and participate in the various townhalls.

The tentative dates are: December 1, December 3 and December 10. An evening session will also be scheduled.

b. Proposed Timeline

James Bell reviewed the proposed timeline between now and the Initial Report. It can be found here.

IX. Other Updates

X. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell
 - i. Forward thoughts on Townhall design and format to James Bell.
 - ii. A future meeting will be dedicated to the coding challenges described by Bill Beecroft.
 - iii. The Executive Committee meeting will be extended to include discussion for the Townhall.

XI. Public Comment

Public comment was given by Catherine Galdes.

XII. Adjourn

Kevin Fischer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jessica DeJohn seconded. The October Suicide Prevention Commission meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm. The meeting recording can be found here.

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Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Executive Committee

October 27, 2020

10:00 – 11:00

Suicide Prevention Workforce

November 10, 2020

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Suicide Prevention Policy Subcommittee

November 10, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Data Subcommittee

November 11, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Special Populations Subcommittee

November 13, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission

November 20, 2020

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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October 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey	X	
2	Zaneta Adams	X	
3	Brian Ahmedani	X	
4	William Becroft	X	
5	Lily Bothe		
6	Debra Brinson		
7	Nancy Buyle	X	
8	Adelle Cadieux		
9	Richard Copen	X	
10	Jessica DeJohn	X	
11	Sarah Derwin	X	
12	Amber Desgranges	X	
13	Corey Doan	X	
14	Kevin Frank Fischer	X	
15	Cathrine Frank	X	
16	John Greden	X	
17	Danny Hagen		
18	Cary Johnson		
19	John Joseph		
20	Laurin Jozlin	X	
21	Jennifer Morgan		
22	Thomas Reich		
23	Ryan Schroerlucke	X	
24	Barbara Smith	X	
25	Corbin Standley	X	
26	Kiran Taylor		
27	Kenneth Wolf	X	
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**Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission
Initial Report Recommendations**

#	Subcommittee	Recommendation
1	Data	Encourage medical examiners and law enforcement to adopt a standardized investigation form.
2	Data	Adopt data standards/definitions based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices.
3	Data	Identify opportunities to leverage workplace reporting data for suicide prevention programs.
4	Data	Identify opportunities for machine learning and artificial intelligence to identify trends/patterns during COVID-19 pandemic for suicidality.
5	Data	Require health care, behavioral health care, public health, vital statistics and law enforcement organizations to collect suicide-related data.
6	Policy	Increase funding for suicide prevention activities and resources.
7	Policy	Reduce access to lethal means among persons at risk for suicide.
8	Policy	Encourage the use of peer support programs as a model for suicide prevention.
9	Policy	Select an evidence-based or best practice screening tool and follow up suicide risk assessment tool that can be used by providers.
10	Policy	Develop a suicide risk management protocol which includes the frequency and under what conditions the screening and risk assessment tools should be administered.
11	Policy	Support integrated behavioral health and primary care practices.
12	Policy	Routinely screen adolescents and adults for depression using the PHQ or another approved screening tool.
13	Policy	Continued support to phone and text message crisis lines.
14	Policy	Enhance community coordination from crisis lines.
15	Policy	Create and enforce policies to reduce excessive alcohol use.
16	Policy	Make access to counseling more available through school systems, workplaces, clinics, hospitals and other appropriate facilities.
17	Special Populations	Conduct outreach to community partners to ensure people touched by suicide will know where to turn for help.
18	Special Populations	Strengthen and expand survivors of suicide support groups in the state by aligning with community mental health regions.
19	Special Populations	Educate faith organizations in suicide prevention.
20	Special Populations	Recruit and train community volunteers to educate organizations they represent and the general public on suicide prevention.

**Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission
Initial Report Recommendations**

21	Special Populations	Encourage hospitals and other facilities to promote availability to members of individuals at risk or attempters of suicide.
22	Special Populations	Annual survey suicide prevention resources in Michigan, and publicize these resources at both state and local levels.
23	Special Populations	Maintain a current resource database that families individuals at risk for suicide, first responders, other professionals, and natural community helper cans access for resource information
24	Special Populations	Create community environments that supports seeking help without stigma.
25	Workforce	Training requirements for licensure for teachers, school counselors, health care, behavioral health care personnel, law enforcement officers and other first responders.
26	Workforce	Encourage employers to conduct employee assistance program audits to determine services available to support emotional health.
27	Workforce	Recommend standardized training, reporting, and regular auditing of training between medical examiners in the reporting of suicide deaths in Michigan.
28	Workforce	Develop standards for what information must be included in recovery support plans to build natural supports.
29	Workforce	Identify peer and natural support groups that can help individuals reduce feelings of isolation.
30	Workforce	Identify and adapt postvention toolkits for schools and communities in Michigan.
31	Workforce	Work with law enforcement agencies to include trained volunteers or other professionals who can accompany first responders to the scene of a suicide.
32	Workforce	Provide school counselors, personnel or human resource officers in business and employment counselors with lists of suicide prevention resources available in their areas.
33	Workforce	Provide schools and workplaces with resources for mental and physical health services and substance abuse treatment programs
34	Other	Adopt a Suicide Mortality Review Team model for local investigations
35	Other	Encourage strengths-based language/safe reporting and messaging.
36	Other	Update the Michigan Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan.
37	Other	Explore the possibility of developing annual Michigan Conference on Suicide Prevention.



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AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | 5 min |
| II. | Suicide Prevention Commission Overview | 10 min |
| III. | Ground Rules | 10 min |
| IV. | Focus Group Questions | |
| | a. What is the most critical barrier in your community to preventing suicide and why? | 20 min |
| | b. What do you see as the major risk factor for suicide in your community and why? | 20 min |
| | c. What resources are missing in your community to prevent suicide prevention? | 20 min |
| V. | Public Comment | 20 min |
| VI. | Next Steps | 10 min |
| VII. | Adjourn | 5 min |