



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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DIRECTOR

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

September 18, 2020

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 565105576#

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani**
- II. Suicide Prevention Commission Updates – Brian Ahmedani**
 - a. Suicide Prevention Week/Month
 - b. Suicide Prevention Commission Bylaws
- III. Review and adopt August 2020 Meeting Minutes**
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. MDHHS Updates**
 - a. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
- VI. Subcommittee Updates**
 - a. Executive Committee – Brian Ahmedani
 - b. Policy – Jessica DeJohn
 - c. Data – Zaneta Adams
 - d. Special Populations – TBD
 - e. Workforce – TBD
- VII. Preliminary Report – Nancy Buyle**
 - a. Dissemination Strategy
- VIII. Initial Report Discussion – James Bell/Brian Ahmedani**
- IX. Other Updates**
- X. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap - James Bell
- XI. Public Comment**

XII. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Data Subcommittee

October 7, 2020

1:00 – 2:00

Suicide Prevention Commission Policy Subcommittee

October 13, 2020

1:00 – 3:00

Suicide Prevention Commission Workforce Subcommittee

TBD

Suicide Prevention Commission Special Populations Subcommittee

TBD

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

October 16, 2020

10:30 – 12:30

Suicide Prevention Commission Executive Committee

October 27, 2020

10:00 – 11:00

September 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present by Phone	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey			
2	Zaneta Adams			
3	Brian Ahmedani			
4	William Beecroft			
5	Lily Bothe			
6	Debra Brinson			
7	Nancy Buyle			
8	Adelle Cadieux			
9	Kellie Cody			
10	Richard Copen			
11	Jessica DeJohn			
12	Sarah Derwin			
13	Amber Desgranges			
14	Kevin Frank Fischer			
15	Catherine 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			
26	Corbin Standley			
26	Kiran Taylor			
27	Kenneth Wolf			
	James Bell			
	Jennifer DeLaCruz			
	Linda Scarpetta			
	Patricia Smith			
	Orlando Todd			
	Public			
	Jim Gallant			
	Roberta Beck			
	Catherine Galdes			
	Celeste Smith			

	Angela Torrez			
	Neal Elkin			
	Jim Runestad			



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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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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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BYLAWS

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

DEFINITIONS:

“Commission” refers to the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

“Executive Committee” refers to the Executive Committee of the Suicide Prevention Commission

“Director” refers to the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

“Department” refers to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

“Chair” refers to the Chair of the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

“Co-Chair” refers to the back-up to the Chair

“State” refers to the State of Michigan

“The Act” refers to Public Act 177 of 2019, MCL 330.3001, et seq.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Commission shall be the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Commission is to:

- A. Work with State departments, agencies and nonprofit organizations to understand causes, factors, or reasons for suicide in order to develop strategies to assist in reducing incidents of suicide in the State.

ARTICLE III: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

- A. Pursuant to the Act, the Commission shall prepare and present a preliminary report of its research and findings to the legislature.
- B. Within one year after the effective date of this Act, and each year thereafter, prepare and present to the legislature an updated version of the report. The updated version of this report must include recommendations for reducing risk factors among the demographics described in the preliminary report and contain a list of evidence-based programs for suicide prevention in Michigan with successful outcomes.
- C. Annually review and update any recommendations made under this Act, and if any of the Commission’s recommendations are implemented, provide a process for ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations.
- D. Provide recommendations for a process for continued State coordination on suicide data collection, suicide prevention programs and a coordinated state approach to the prevention of suicide to continue after this Act no longer applies.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Voting membership of the Commission is outlined in [MCL 330.3003, et seq](#) or any subsequent Executive Orders related to the Commission.
- B. Members are required to attend, either in person or remotely by phone or other means, 50% of the meetings during any consecutive 12-month period.
- C. Members should notify the Chair of all absences prior to the meeting when possible.
- D. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. However, members of the Commission may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the Commission.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The only designated officer of the Commission is the Chair. The Commission shall elect from among its members a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or appropriate.

- A. The Chair:
 - a. May remove a member of the Commission for incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other good causes, on a motion that is approved by most of the members of the Commission.
 - b. Convenes and chairs all meetings of the Commission.
 - c. Oversees the overall function of the Commission.
 - d. Appoints members to committees or workgroups as necessary to conduct the Commissions' business.
 - e. Orients new members.
- B. The Co-Chair:
 - a. Convenes and chairs meetings in the Chair's absence
 - b. Assists the Chair in duties necessary to keep the work of the Commission moving forward

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

- A. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings.
- B. The Commission is legislatively mandated to meet at least four (4) times a year. The Chair may schedule work sessions, as necessary.
- C. The duties charged to the Commission by the Act must be conducted at a public meeting of the Commission held in compliance with the open meetings act (1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275) and therefore, open to public attendance.
 - a. The agenda for each regular and special meeting of the Commission will include an item devoted to public comment. Public comment may occur at the beginning or end of the meeting.
 - b. The Commission will limit public comment to three minutes per person at any Commission meeting. A second public comment period will be included in agendas and implemented at the Chairperson's discretion.
 - c. The public has no right to address the commission during its deliberation on a particular matter. Threatening, obscene and abusive comments or behavior will

not be allowed at Commission meetings, nor may persons addressing the Commission in any way inhibit the decorum of meetings. Failure to comply with this will result in individuals being removed from the meeting, pursuant to MCL 15.263(6).

- D. The majority of voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.
- E. The Commission may adopt such other procedures as necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business, including the creation of subcommittees or workgroups.
- F. The Chair may, with consent of the Commission, designate additional individuals, including interested citizens, educators, or specialists with relevant expertise, to serve on any subcommittee or workgroup.
- G. The Commission may consult with State agencies to obtain such technical assistance as it deems necessary to complete its duties.

Commented [MA(1)]: Subcommittees?

Commented [MA(2)]: Subcommittee?

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES AND TASKFORCES

The Commission may establish subcommittees or taskforces as is deemed necessary or desirable to carry out Commission responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall be ex officio members of all committees. Only voting members of the Commission shall be entitled to serve as chairs of committees or taskforces. Members will self-select appointments on committees with no committee consisting of fewer than three members. Among each committee, members will select a Chairperson to lead.

Commented [MA(3)]: Sorry to be repetitive but I would clarify if these are "subcommittees" or regular, since wording is important to the public in this commission.

Each committee or workgroup shall:

- A. Be chaired by a member of the Commission.
- B. Convene at least four (4) times a year, either in person or remotely.
- C. Contribute information, strategies and recommendations for their committee/workgroup focus to the preliminary report, initial report, updated annual reports or state plan.
- D. Provide other deliverables as requested.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the voting members of the Commission at any regular meeting of the Commission; provided, however, that no proposed amendment shall be acted upon unless the written text of the amendment is sent to each member of the Commission at least fourteen days prior to the vote.