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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

September 17, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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

Conference Line: 877-820-7831

Access Code: 741058

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani**
 - a. Roll Call
- II. Public Comment** (comments are limited to 3 minutes)
- III. Review and Adopt July 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- IV. MDHHS Updates**
 - a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Deb Pinals
 - b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
- V. Suicide Prevention Month Activities**
 - a. Prevent Block Grant/Social Media Campaign Presentation – Rachel Zaguskin
 - b. Other Activities/Resources – All
- VI. Michigan Suicide Prevention Community Technical Assistance Meeting Recap**
- VII. Subcommittee Workgroup Discussion – Rachel Zaguskin**
 - a. Workgroup Discussion
 - b. Project Plan
 - c. Implementation
 - d. Subcommittee Sign Up – Nancy Buyle
- VIII. Other Updates**
- IX. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
- X. Public Comment** (time permitting)
- XI. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

October 12, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

October 15, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting

TBD

Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting

TBD

Please contact James Bell for additional meeting information.

September 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

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



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July 16, 2021

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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

Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 565105576#

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle

a. Roll Call

Nancy Buyle called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

b. Virtual Decorum

II. Public Comment (comments are limited to 3 minutes)

Public comment was provided by Robert Goble and James Gallant.

III. Review and Adopt May 2021 Meeting Minutes

The May 2021 minutes needed to be updated to reflect “MINUTES” on the top of the page.

Shaun Abbey motioned to approve May 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments. John Joseph seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Deb Pinals

According to the CDC’s Household Pulse Survey, 30-40% of Michigan residents report being impacted by anxiety and depression. BHDDA continues to work on

the StayWell initiative. The state has received federal funding to support individuals who need additional crisis counseling. The MiCAL work continues, as it has gone live in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula.

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
Injury and Violence Prevention is partnering with BHDDA on 988 implementation. There is additional interest in using geo-coding for Lifeline calls, to identify where calls originate from and individuals getting routed back to the state where the caller is located.
- c. Prevention Block Grant – Rachel Zaguskin
The objective of the Block Grant activity is to educate Michiganders about suicide and suicide prevention, specific to lethal means storage. The target audience is male, 20-50 years old. This will run from September 5 to September 11, to align with Suicide Prevention Week.

V. Governor’s Challenge on Suicide Prevention Update – Julie Cortright

Director Zaneta Adams (MVAA) and Julie Cortright (MVAA) provided an update on the 2021 Michigan Governor’s Challenge Initiative. Some of the key efforts and focus include:

- Reducing suicide among service members, veterans and their families;
- Increasing access to services and support;
- Expanding state-wide capacity to engage SMVF in public and private services;
- Enhancing provider and SMVF peer practices

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

VI. Post Suicide Prevention Workgroup Discussion – Barb Smith/Lindsey DeCamp

Barb Smith and Lindsey DeCamp (DHHS) gave an overview of Postvention Activity in Michigan. As part of TYSP-Mi3’s goal to assess suicide prevention services across the state, the group sent an online survey to each county’s suicide prevention leader to try to better understand their postvention resources and needs.

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

VII. Other Updates

No additional updates provided.

VIII. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
No action items were recorded during this meeting.

IX. Public Comment (time permitting)

A second public comment was not held due to a lack of time.

X. Adjourn

Dan Hagen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barb Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The July Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

September 17, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

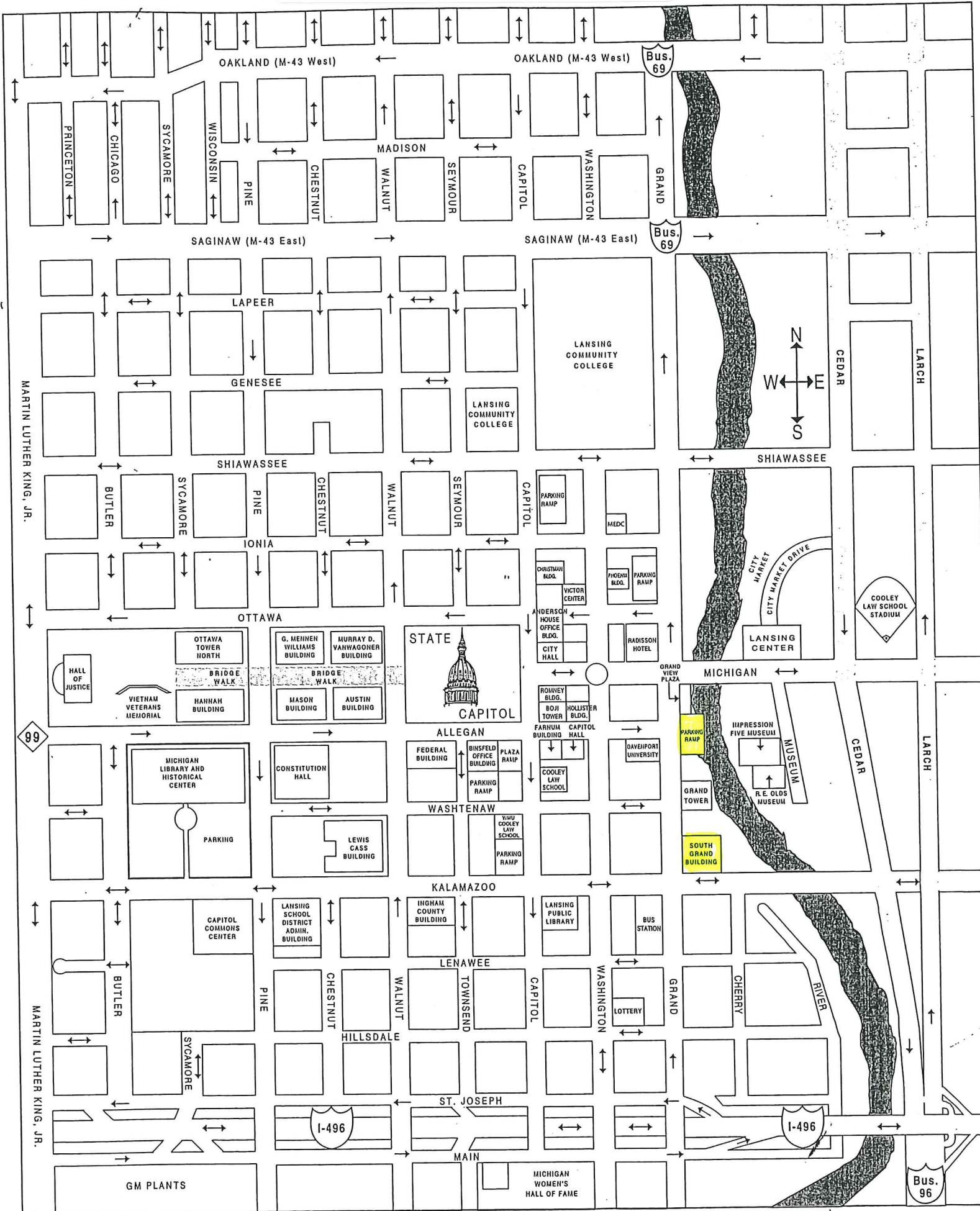
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3	Brian Ahmedani	X	
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5	Debra Brinson		X
6	Nancy Buyle	X	
7	Adelle Cadieux		X
8	Richard Copen		X
9	Jessica DeJohn	X	
10	Sarah Derwin	X	
11	Amber Desgranges		X
12	Corey Doan		X
13	Kevin Frank Fischer	X	
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16	Danny Hagen	X	
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26	Kenneth Wolf	X	
	James Bell	X	
	Jennifer DeLaCruz	X	
	Debra Pinals	X	
	Linda Scarpetta		
	Patricia Smith	X	
	Orlando Todd		
	Jeff Spitzley		
	Rachel Zaguskin	X	

Downtown Lansing





Suicide Prevention Social Concepts

September 2, 2021



MEDIA OVERVIEW



OBJECTIVE:

To educate Michiganders about suicide. Specifically, how limiting or reducing an at-risk person's access to lethal means effectively prevents suicides.

Direct Michiganders to state resources to help those in need.



TARGET AUDIENCE:

A18+ with a focus on males from 20-50 years old



TIMING:

September 5 – September 30, 2021



GEOGRAPHY:

Statewide






BUDGET:


\$20,000

Suicide Prevention Month

Suicide Prevention Month – Link Post 1

 **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**  


During National Suicide Prevention Month, be there to learn, listen and lend a hand. If someone is struggling, there is help.



Be There

Learn how to help during
Suicide Prevention Month

Call 1-800-273-TALK(8255)
Or Text "HELP" TO 741-741

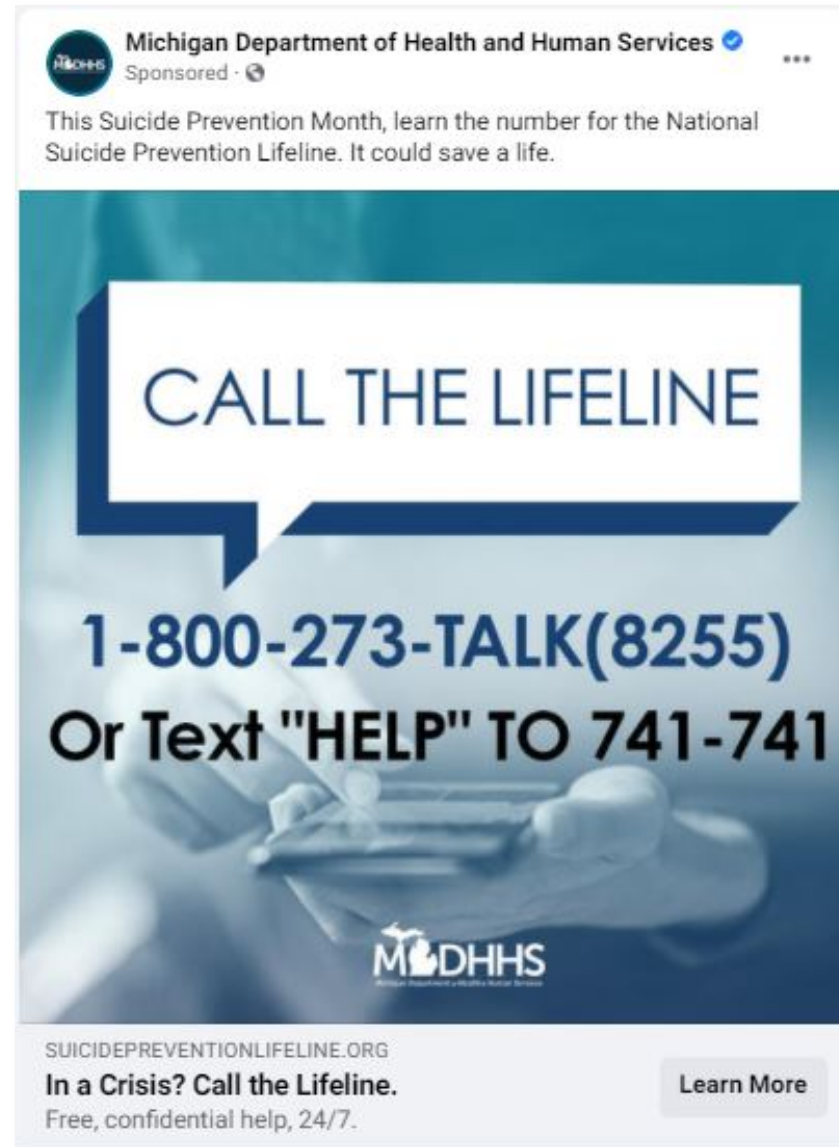






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National Suicide Prevention Month
Free, confidential help, 24/7.

[Learn More](#)

Suicide Prevention Month – Link Post 2




Michigan Department of Health and Human Services   Sponsored ·  

This Suicide Prevention Month, learn the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. It could save a life.

CALL THE LIFELINE

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Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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In a Crisis? Call the Lifeline.
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Suicide Prevention Month – Carousel Post



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Anyone could be struggling with suicide. Everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention. Learn how to help today.

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**NATIONAL
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
LIFELINE**

Resources for individuals
and loved ones



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Prevention Month

Free, confidential, 24/7

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**NATIONAL
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
LIFELINE**

Best practices
for professionals



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National Suicide
Prevention Month

Free, confidential, 24/7

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Lethal Means

Lethal Means – Link Post 1

 **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**    

If someone is having thoughts of suicide, removing access to lethal means can help keep them safe. Learn how you can help.

**Reduce the risk of suicide
by lethal means:**

- > Lock firearms away
- > Dispose of unneeded medication
- > Safely store medication
- > Reduce access to ligatures
(e.g., ropes, belts)

If you or someone you know is in a crisis,
call 1-800-273-TALK(8255) 

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Lethal Means Prevention
Free, confidential help, 24/7.

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Lethal Means – Link Post 2

 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 
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Men are three times more likely to die by suicide than women.
Removing access to lethal means can help keep them safe.

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Lethal Means – Carousel Post



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REDUCE ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS

Lock firearms in a remote location



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Free resources & support.

1-800-273-TALK(8255)

[Learn More](#)

REDUCE ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS

Keep medications stored in a safe place



MICHHS

Free resources & support.

1-800-273-TALK(8255)

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REDUCE ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS

Properly dispose of medications no longer needed



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Free resources & support.

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REDUCE ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS

Reduce access to ligatures (e.g., ropes, belts)



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Free resources & support.

1-800-273-TALK(8255)

[Learn More](#)

REDUCE ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS

Create a safe and healthy environment



MICHHS

Free resources & support.

1-800-273-TALK(8255)

[Learn More](#)

Lethal Means – Boosted Post



Twitter Post Copy (280 character limit):

Lethal means are the mechanisms people might use in a suicide attempt that are likely to result in serious injury or death. They include, firearms, medications or poisons. Removing access to lethal means can help keep individuals safe. Learn how to help <https://bit.ly/3yAbfU3>

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Work Group - Work Plan

Date/Date-Range	Meeting/Activity	Meeting Goals
August 24 th , 2021	Suicide Prevention Commission Executive Committee Meeting	Present Subcommittee Project Plan
September 2021	Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting Sign up for workgroups begins	Create two work groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct first meeting with subcommittee to discuss Death Scene Investigation Form. - Conduct first meeting with subcommittee to discuss Universal Screening Tool. Have people sign up for each group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (2) Leads; 1 responsible for each group. - Participants sign up for each group.
September 2021	Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD) Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)	<i>Identify what tools already exist:</i> Are there limitations to the current tools being utilized? What additional questions could we ask that we do not have answers to currently? What are some skills and resources that we can bring to the table that we currently have?

		<p><i>Gaps and Barriers:</i></p> <p>We have noted that there are gaps that exist within the current tools -</p> <p>What would you say some of those gaps are?</p> <p>What are some ideas on what we can/need to do to fill these gaps?</p> <p>We have all these tools available for our disposal, how can we create a tool that will be useful and that we can share with the majority?</p> <p>Do we create a tool utilizing something that already exists and citing it? Or do we create something brand new?</p> <p>How can we change the narrative to reduce stigma and thereby reduce said gaps?</p> <p>Incorporating training after someone is determined to be at risk? What are the next steps?</p> <p>Assignment: find evidence-based screening methods for next month to discuss.</p>
October 2021	<p>Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p> <p>Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p>	<p>Having given instructions previously on finding evidence-based research for both groups, discuss research and ask members to consider said information in the context of incorporating it into our respective tools.</p> <p><i>Evidence-Based Research:</i></p>

		<p>What kind of evidence-based methods are available? Can we incorporate them in our tools?</p> <p>How can we expand the use of evidence-based screening, assessments, and suicide-specific treatment to those at risk?</p> <p>Assignment: Come up with questions to ask subject matter experts.</p>
November 2021	<p>Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p> <p>Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p>	<p>Begin finalizing respective documents.</p> <p>Have a guest subject matter expert speak and provide an opportunity to discuss what they would want and need in a tool.</p> <p><i>Expertise:</i></p> <p>Have Subject Matter Experts speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is liked about the current tool? • What is disliked about the current tool? • What, in their opinion, is missing? Are there any gaps? • Who regularly uses screening tools? And or who benefits from the information? • What would they like to see added? Changed? <p>What are procedures after someone is determined to be at risk?</p>

December 2021	<p>Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p> <p>Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p>	Subcommittee will start reviewing and finalizing their respective documents.
January 2022	Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting	Commission will review and approve the finalize and approve the respective documents.
February 2022	<p>Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p> <p>Universal Screening Tool Workgroup Meeting (Date TBD)</p>	<p><i>Dissemination and Promotion:</i></p> <p>How do we promote and disseminate these tools to people?</p> <p>How can we leverage commissioner's roles to get these tools out to people that need them?</p> <p>Why would we, as commissioners, need to require suicide screening in emergency rooms, during hospital admissions, and during primary care visits?</p> <p>What are the benefits of standardizing screenings/death scene investigation tools?</p>
March 2022	Incorporate both documents into Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission's Annual Report.	



September 27, 2021

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

I want to thank you for your time and dedication to addressing suicide prevention in Michigan, as it is only through collective efforts and a continuum of services that we can reduce suicide deaths. My name is Maricela Alcala, and I am the CEO of Gryphon Place, an organization in Kalamazoo assisting those facing crisis and conflict in our state and is a National Suicide Prevention LifeLine affiliate. I am here today to share with you the experience of Gryphon Place and concerns related to the 9-8-8 line in Michigan.

Gryphon Place has been providing services through the suicide prevention line for 16 years and is part of a network of centers supporting our state's suicide prevention efforts by taking these calls. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (through MDHHS) has notified Gryphon Place that after the capacity-building period ends in April 2022, we will more than likely not receive any financial support for taking 9-8-8 calls, and any funds that become available will be directed to MICAL. This means **after April 2022**, the only financial assistance received would be an annual token of \$1,200 from Vibrant the National LifeLine. We were given the option to give our calls (coverage area) to MiCal. Gryphon Place has no intent in doing this.

As we have always done, we will continue to serve by taking calls from suffering people in need of help. Our call volume will not decrease with the changes, and it is projected to increase following the 9-8-8 launch. Yet, there is no plan to compensate our organization for taking 9-8-8 calls.

I would like this commission to consider taking action and advocating for funding to Lifeline affiliated centers like ours and others across the state when funding comes available that is designated to fund 9-8-8 calls.

- Current Lifeline centers
 - Listening ear
 - Common Ground
 - Macomb County CMH
 - Dial Help
 - Network 108
 - Gryphon Place

- Lifeline Capacity building grant purpose: to prepare Michigan for 9-8-8
 - Going from 35% to 80% coverage
 - Funding ends April 2022
 - 9-8-8 silent launch Jan 2022

- Management of 9-8-8
 - All centers have actively participated in 9-8-8 planning meetings.
 - MDHHS contacted MPHI to manage the project
 - There has been no meeting to discuss centers capacity, nor contact center integration.
 - There has been no meeting to discuss the cost of each center's operations, not to learn our staffing models.
 - The meeting has been very high-level conversations regarding education, accessibility, awareness, and promotion.

- Center decision regarding 9-8-8
 - On June 10, there was a sub-committee there was a meeting led by MPHI and Krista Hauserman where centers were notified that there would be one 9-8-8 center for Michigan (MiCAL)
 - As lifeline affiliates, we could keep our designation as a lifeline affiliate and could continue to get the lifeline stipend (\$1,200 a year) in the case of Gryphon Place.
 - MDHHS has not given the crisis line centers the opportunity to apply to become the state 988 center
 - MDHHS believes that if Michigan allocates 988 call center-specific funds, it will likely go to MiCAL (Common Ground), similar to the current funding structure and PA 12 of 2020.
 - In the 9-8-8, There is a national 9-8-8 planning committee for funding in preparation for the launch.
 - MICAL RFP intent was to become a lifeline affiliate and be part of the system; the RFP did not call for full state 9-8-8 coverage

- How does this affect Gryphon Place?
 - In May of 2021, Michigan LifeLine handled 3,697, which Gryphon place handled 2,272 of these calls.
 - Common core courses in any related mental health studies do not include suicide prevention. GP has served as the training grounds for mental health professionals in our region.
 - Gryphon Place takes over 150K calls annually for various helplines and our youth suicide prevention program in over 20 school districts and our community suicide prevention coalition. Our Lifeline calls are part of our continuum of care that we will not be transferring to MICAL.
 - This means that Gryphon Place will have to fundraise for these lines and that MDHHS through MiCal will not have valuable data from our calls for need assessment purposes and planning.