



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

June 17, 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: 763 616 087#

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – All**
- IV. MDHHS Updates**
 - a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Debra Pinals
 - b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
- V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin**
 - a. Death Scene Investigation Form
- VI. Old Business - Dr. Brian Ahmedani**
 - a. Partnership with WOV/DPTV
 - b. Statewide Summit
 - c. Other action items from the last meeting
- VII. Discussion: Postvention – Barb Smith**
- VIII. Discussion: 2022 Commission Goals and Activities - Dr. Brian Ahmedani**
- IX. Other Updates**
 - a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley
 - b. Discussion: July’s Commission Meeting - Rachel Zaguskin
 - c. Other Updates
- X. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin
- XI. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- XII. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

July 15, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information.

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June 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey			
2	Zaneta Adams			
3	Brian Ahmedani			
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May 20, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Brian Ahmedani called the May 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order. The roll was taken, and there was not a quorum of members present.

II. Public Comment

Public Comment was provided by Mia Reid and Julie Cortright.

III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – All

March 2022 Meeting minutes were not reviewed due to lack of quorum.

IV. MDHHS Updates

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

No updates

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith

- i. AMSR T4T – Kristen Smith

Kristen provided update on Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training for trainers this July 12-14. Application for candidates is due May 20th at 5 PM. On July 12th there is a Community Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk training, there are 15 spots available and 25 spots available for Training for Trainers.

If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please contact Kristen Smith at smithk134@michigan.gov

Kristen also provided an update on the Media/Ad Campaign.

ii. **CTAM Recap – Lindsay DeCamp**

Lindsay provided a recap on the success of the Community Technical Assistance Meeting (CTAM).

V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

a. **Death Scene Investigation Form**

Barb Smith provided update on the progress of the Death Scene Investigation Workgroup. Barb stressed the importance of balancing the data that we need to collect for national as well as statewide information with a form that works for law enforcement on the scene as well as the medical examiner's office.

VI. With One Voice & Detroit PBS Presentation – Michael Pyne, Leo Nouhan and Al Hibert

Michael Pyne and Leo Nouhan gave a presentation about With One Voice and how it brought the suicide prevention community together.

With One Voice & Detroit PBS discussed a desire for a collaboration effort with the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission in the future.

Barb Smith and John Greden acknowledged their support in endorsing partnership with DPTV.

With One Voice & Detroit PBS requested an endorsement of official support from the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission. An official endorsement from the commission was discussed but due to lack of quorum the Commission was unable to officially approve this decision.

Leo discussed providing the commission with an official outlined proposal of what the envisioned partnership would look like.

VII. Discussion: Listening Sessions – Nancy Buyle

Nancy opened up a discussion of reintroducing listening sessions supported by a partnership With One Voice and Detroit PBS. Laurin Jozlin provided comment of support. But due to lack of quorum a further discussion will need to be had at the next commission meeting.

VIII. Discussion: Statewide Suicide Prevention Summit – Nancy Buyle

Nancy discussed the idea of having a statewide suicide prevention summit with counties in the state. Nancy discussed having five key stakeholders from each county come together, along with the Commission, to discuss the Commission's report, have expert conversations, and have presentations and then ask each county to develop a work plan that they will bring back to their local county.

IX. Discussion: 2022 Commission Goals and Activities - Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Due to time restrictions this discussion topic was moved to be had at June's Commission Meeting.

X. Other Updates

a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

- There has not been much traction on new state legislation since the last meeting.
- In federal legislation congress introduced bipartisan resolution to recognize May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Another bill – the Justice in Mental Health Collaboration Reauthorization Act passed through the Senate judiciary committee last week and will go to the full senate for a vote and then to the house. This act focuses on decriminalizing mental illness as well as components related to the crisis response system such as mobile crisis units.
- A lot of work happening around funding and infrastructure at state and federal level in regard to 988.

Corbin will continue to monitor.

b. Discussion: June’s Commission Meeting - Rachel Zaguskin

c. Other Updates

Jennifer DeLaCruz provided an update that Rachel Zaguskin will be the Grant Coordinator for 988.

XI. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin

XII. Public Comment (time permitting)

XIII. Adjourn

The May 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

June 17, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information.

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March 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Dr. Ahmedani called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Celeste Kanpurwala.

III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – All

The July 2021, September 2021, November 2021, January 2022, February 2022 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

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

No updates from Dr. Pinals

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith

Jennifer DeLaCruz reported no significant updates.

The Suicide Prevention Team put out a concept paper for the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Their focus this spring is on behavioral health. The team put out a proposal to reduce access to lethal means, specifically when someone is

experiencing a crisis. The concept paper stated that the mission of the paper aligns with the commission's recommendations.

The team remains hopeful that the concept paper will be reviewed, and the Suicide Prevention Team will be invited to submit a full proposal. The fund would be for over two years and \$500,000 part of this funding would be for staffing and the other part would be for the intervention.

Lindsay DeCamp reported that the Community Technical Assistance Meeting (CTAM) registration were open and noted that if anyone was interested in attending the meeting registration is currently filled up to half of its capacity (50 spots left). Lindsay requested James Bell or Rachel Zaguskin to share the CTAM registration information with the Commission members.

There are 4 preliminary sessions scheduled focusing on African American, LGBT, Indigenous and military communities. Keynote speakers include Dr. Patrick Carter from the University of Michigan who will be talking about firearm safety, Travis Atkinson who will be talking about crisis services, care givers and first responders. There will be 9 breakout speakers, a postvention session where Barb Smith is going to be presenting. And Laurin Jozlin will be on a panel for Zero Suicide implementation.

Kristen Smith reported that there will be more updates about Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training for Trainers in May and June and there will be a Michigan Men Ad Campaign for September for Suicide Prevention Week.

Rachel Zaguskin updated the Commission on the status of the Media Campaign. The campaign currently has two volunteers. The campaign will be running from May 23rd to June 30th and September 4th-September 10th for Suicide Prevention Week.

V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

a. Death Scene Investigation Form

Rachel Zaguskin reported the Death Scene Investigation Form is not yet finalized. This workgroup's meeting time will be rescheduled to increase engagement.

VI. 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Report – Dr. James Bell III

Rachel Zaguskin reported that the report was with the communications department and will be submitted by the end of the month.

VII. Discussion: 2022 Commission Goals and Activities - Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Nancy Buyle reviewed s summary of last week's commission meeting goals and activities.

There is additional interest in:

- Creating a new subgroup to build off of the work previously done by the Universal Screening Tool Workgroup and refocus towards examining suicide prevention assessment.
- Creating a care pathway subcommittee that will provide recommendations.
- Creating a workgroup that focuses on dealing with lethal means access, availability, and means reduction recommendations.
- Educating schools about how to deal with the topics related to suicide and teach resilience.
- Coordinating with the state about creating a crisis stabilization unit workgroup and coordinating with providers who may not have a co-care or collaborative care model to identify issues and have a resource available to them immediately.
- Maximizing Community Health and Medicaid dollars and start a conversation with the state about bringing in different trainings and expediting dollars to bring in more specialist.
- Focusing on connecting schools, colleges, and youth to services.
- Focusing on upstream approaches regarding educating and training all providers about suicide and suicide prevention and incorporating how to properly deal with suicide and suicide prevention in all school curriculums.
- Opening a conversation about a payment piece to address additional capacity.
- Incorporating listening sessions where the public can vote on priority areas that are important to them.
- The commission monitoring MiCAL and 988 as well as its roll out across the state.
- Examining technology/digital based tools to supplement therapy.
- Invite Michael Pine from With One Voice to come and guest speak at a commission meeting.

VIII. Other Updates

- a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

There has not been much traction on new state legislation since the last meeting.

- Nationally Congress did pass a 1.5 trillion-dollar budget on March 9th to fund the federal government for the fiscal year.
- Key pieces:
 - 2.1 billion dollars to the National Institutes of Mental Health.
 - 12.5 million dollars to continue firearm injury and mortality prevention research.
 - 3.9 million dollars towards substance use treatment
 - Increase in 50 million dollars for health disparities research
 - Significant investments in public health infrastructure which includes 5 million dollars for the National Center of Health Statistics and 61 million dollars for public health force initiatives, some of which is earmarked for mental health specifically.
 - 100 million dollars for public health surveillance at the CDC and state and local health departments.
 - SAMSHA is funded at 6.5 billion dollars.
 - 101.6-million-dollar funding for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
 - 5 million dollars to create a behavioral health crisis and 988 coordinating office at the federal level.
 - 38.8 million dollars for the Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grants.
 - 10 million dollars to help communities build mobile behavioral health crisis response.
- Budget did include significant increases to mental health and suicide prevention.

Commissioner Standley will continue to monitor.

Other Updates

IX. Next Steps

a. Action Item Recap – Dr. James Bell III

- Share information with the commission about CTAM.
- Send more information about the media campaign to certain commissioners.
- Discuss reinstating the Universal Screening Tool workgroup to focus on assessment.
- Discuss creating a workgroup to focus on means and access reduction.

- Set up a listening session where we discuss/create a prioritized list of things that the commission would like to discuss and or focus their attention on moving forward.
- Create a list of priorities that the commission would like to focus on.
- Invite Michael Pine and With One Voice to come to a commission meeting and present updates on the work currently being done.

X. Public Comment (time permitting)

Kevin Fischer, Bob Goble, and Celeste Kanpurwala provided public comment.

XI. Adjourn

The March 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

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Upcoming Meetings

Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting

April 20, 2022

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

May 20, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact James Bell for additional meeting information.

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2022 Commission Goals and Activities

Workgroups/Subcommittees:

- Creating a new subgroup to build off of the work previously done by the Universal Screening Tool Workgroup and refocus towards examining suicide prevention assessment.
- Creating a workgroup that focuses on dealing with lethal means access, availability, and means reduction recommendations.
 - Continued education on means safety
- Creating a care pathway subcommittee that will provide recommendations.
- Coordinating with the state about creating a crisis stabilization unit workgroup and coordinating with providers who may not have a co-care or collaborative care model to identify issues and have a resource available to them immediately.

Listening Sessions:

- Incorporating listening sessions where the public can vote on priority areas that are important to them.

Schools/Education:

- Focusing on connecting schools, colleges, and youth to services.
 - Resilience in schools
- Leveraging 31n funding in the schools.
- Educating schools about how to deal with the topics related to suicide and teach resilience.
- Focusing on upstream approaches regarding educating and training all providers about suicide and suicide prevention and incorporating how to properly deal with suicide and suicide prevention in all school curriculums.
 - Creating a communication/education plan for non-traditional advocates.
 - Maximizing Community Health and Medicaid dollars and start a conversation with the state about bringing in different trainings and expediting dollars to bring in more specialist.

Other possible priority areas:

- Supporting Suicide Prevention Coalitions across the state.
- Focusing on access and workforce (how do we use peer support)
- Opening a conversation about a payment piece to address additional capacity.
- The commission monitoring MiCAL and 988 as well as its roll out across the state.
- Examining technology/digital based tools to supplement therapy.
- Examining gaps within the child/suicide death review process and providing recommendations on how we can revive and better support the continuation of this work.

Presentations:

- ✓ Invite Michael Pine to speak about One Voice (their purpose, what are their activities and goals, collaborating with the commission, etc.) at the next commission meeting.



**Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.**

With One Voice, the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission (State Commission) and Detroit Public Television (DPTV) have formed a working partnership to launch a state-wide initiative around Mental Health & Wellness for the purpose of supporting the goal of the State Commission to reduce suicides in Michigan by ten percent within five years.

With One Voice (WOV) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit whose mission is to build a state-wide coalition that promotes mental health and suicide prevention, advocates for greater access to quality preventative care, and inspires hope and healing in communities across Michigan. It will work closely with individual organizations to focus on the intersection of education, treatment, and support by identifying best practices, resources, and evidence-informed approaches while implementing the state's suicide prevention plan.

The Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission works with state departments, agencies, and nonprofit organizations on researching the causes and possible underlying factors of suicide in this state. This task force was appointed to collect data, expand resources, and implement best practices to reduce suicide rates in Michigan. The priorities of the State Commission include:

- Minimizing risk for suicidal behavior by promoting safe environments, resiliency, and connectedness.
- Increasing and expanding access to care to support Michiganders who are at-risk.
- Improving suicide prevention training and education.
- Implementing best practices in suicide prevention for health care systems.
- Enhancing suicide-specific data collection and systems.



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The partnership with Detroit Public Television will leverage the power of public media and in particular DPTV's experience in raising public awareness around critical issues, providing context around ongoing conversations, engaging communities, and connecting individuals to needed programs and services.

Detroit Public Television will form a dedicated team of communication professionals who will work closely with the With One Voice organization, the State Commission and other partner organizations and stakeholders to extend its knowledge of the issues, provide context, understand priorities and help identify areas where the station and its partner organizations can best focus their efforts.

WOV and the State Commission will form subcommittees to interface with DPTV in identifying and prioritizing program content, selecting subject-matter experts as Town Hall panelists, and assuring compliance with the principles of safe-messaging.

Together, WOV and DPTV will look to the State Commission for its expertise and guidance in sharing key research and data findings, communicating goals and objectives, identifying evidence-based solutions, and endorsing the partnership in its fundraising efforts going forward.

The partners will work to raise awareness around the state of Michigan to combat suicide and promote better access to mental health services, especially to diverse communities. Together they will amplify the goals and objectives of the State Commission to the people of Michigan with one strong, united voice.



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SCOPE OF WORK

Specifically, DPTV and With One Voice, with content support and subject matter expertise from the State Commission, will produce a series of Quarterly Town Hall community engagement events, as follows:

- Quarterly, 60-minute broadcast & live-stream events.
- Produced in-studio: professional moderator, panel of front-line leaders and a live audience.
- Documenting real-world initiatives that are yielding positive results.
- Q&A via Facebook Live or other digital platforms.
- Focus group/listening session following each hour-long program.
- Pre-and post-promotion via social media through DPTV and its organization databases along with the media contacts of partners WOV and the State Commission.
- Cross-promotion through national events: Ken Burns Mental Health series; TPT fall premiere “Facing Suicide”, “Well Beings Tour”, PBS News Hour, and the Kevin’s Song Conference on Suicide.

In addition, DPTV and WOV will build and maintain a digital mental health resource hub that is easy to access and free to everyone. The digital hub will amplify the content of signature events such as the Kevin’s Song Conference on



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Suicide, for the purpose of documenting evidence-based and evidence-informed suicide prevention activities statewide in support of the priorities, goals and objectives of the State Commission.

WOV, DPTV and the State Commission shall meet quarterly to discuss project content and logistics and to evaluate the impact of programming and media outreach.

2022 Commission Goals and Activities

- Create a new subgroup to build off the work done by the Universal Screening Tool Workgroup to focus on suicide prevention assessment.
- Create a workgroup that would focus on lethal means access, availability and means reduction.
- Incorporating listening sessions where the public can vote on priority areas that are important to them.
- Examining gaps within the child/suicide death review process and providing recommendations on how we can revive and better support the continuation of this work.

And/or

Focus on Policy and Recommendations –

Develop policy recommendations for:

- 1) reducing lethal means
- 2) crisis stabilization
- 3) promoting/educating suicide prevention in schools
- 4) funding for suicide prevention and treatment