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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

October 21, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Washington Square Building – Room 205

109 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI

[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 763 616 087#

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Review and Approve July and September 2022 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**
 - a. Discussion: Statewide Summit – Nancy Buyle
 - b. Postvention Activities – Barb Smith
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Discussion: 2022 Workgroups – Rachel Zaguskin
 - i. Communications
 - ii. Lethal Means
 - iii. Licensure
 - b. FY23 Prevent Block Grant – Rachel Zaguskin
- VIII. Other Updates**
 - a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley
 - b. Vacancy Status – James Bell III
 - c. Other Updates
- IX. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
- X. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- XI. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Executive Committee Meeting

October 25, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

November 18, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information.

October 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey			
2	Zaneta Adams			
3	Brian Ahmedani			
4	William Becroft			
5	Debra Brinson			
6	Nancy Buyle			
7	Adelle Cadieux			
8	Sarah Derwin			
9	Amber Desgranges			
10	Kevin Frank Fischer			
11	Cathrine Frank			
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September 16, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

South Grand Building – Grand Conference Room
109 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI

[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 763 616 087#

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Dr. Ahmedani called the meeting to order at 10:42 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were not present.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Celeste K, Kiersten Gutherman, Tabitha Welch, and Kellie Phelps.

III. Review and Approve July 2022 Meeting Minutes - All

July 2022 meeting minutes were not reviewed due to lack of quorum.

IV. MDHHS Updates

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

Dr. Pinals was not present, Rachel Zaguskin provided 988 data and updates.

Questions around 988 were asked and answered.

b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith

Jennifer DeLaCruz reported updates on Suicide Prevention Month activities including press releases going out regarding suicide prevention activities for the month of September and assisting another department with their press release regarding suicide prevention for construction workers. Jennifer also reported updates on Year 3 for PRISMM program.

No updates have yet been made available on the status of funding for the Michigan Endowment Fund.

Jennifer discussed how the Injury and Violence Prevention section recently submitted a proposal for an internal funding opportunity focusing on firearm violence in Detroit and Wayne County concentrating on interpersonal violence.

Kristen Smith provided updates on resources that are still available at www.michigan.gov/lifeyousave for the life you save campaign and asked that everyone feel free to utilize and share the stills and videos.

Lindsay DeCamp provided an update about the Michigan Endowment Fund and noted the section should hear back by the end of October. Lindsay also encouraged everyone to utilize suicide prevention month resources on MDHHS general website.

V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

a. Death Scene Investigation Form

Rachel did not have any significant updates to share. The work is still in progress and the workgroup plans on meeting and completing the Death Scene form.

VI. Old Business – Dr. Brian Ahmedani

a. **Update: Partnership with WOV/DPTV**

Brian discussed the formal drafted letter to With One Voice. Brian wanted to reiterate that the Commission supports the organization, but the Commission will not be moving ahead with a formal partnership. Instead, the Commission would like to work with WOV and DPTV on an informal basis for individual projects.

b. **Discussion: Statewide Summit -Nancy Buyle**

Nancy was not present at the meeting so this agenda item would be moved to the following Commission meeting.

c. **Postvention Activities – Barb Smith**

The postvention workgroup that fell under TSYF has not been meeting and submitted their recommendations to the leadership team. Lindsay DeCamp stated that she will provide updates during November's Commission Meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. Discussion: 2022 Workgroup
 - I. Communications
 - II. Lethal Means
 - III. Licensure

The Commission discussed the goals and objectives in reference to launching three new workgroups and who would lead each group. Commissioners outlined each workgroup's purpose. Commissioners will be reaching out to Rachel Zaguskin by the end of September to sign up for the workgroup of their choosing.

VIII. Other Updates

- a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

Corbin Standley provided the Policy Update. The Commission is actively monitoring HB 6326 and HB 6327.

- b. Vacancy Status – Jennifer DeLaCruz

There are currently several vacancies on the Commission. MDHHS is working with the Governor's Office to process existing nominations and to identify new candidates. Jennifer identified all of the current vacancies. If individuals are interested in applying and fit the various criteria, please visit the Governor's Appointments Office.

Laurin Jozlin will be stepping down from the Commission, she has officially accepted a new position.

Shaun Abbey provided an update about the launch of a first responder statewide program called Frontline Strong that came about through the First Responder Behavioral Health Summit. This programs intention is to educate, train and provide resources for first responders – including police, fire, EMS, dispatch, and corrections officers.

For more information, please go to FST5.org or call 833-34-strong (for any first responder or their family members).

- c. Other updates

Director Adams is hosting a veteran suicide prevention roundtable next week with the Lieutenant governor to discuss suicide prevention in the veteran's space.

On September 28th from 1:00 to 5:00 Oakland County Community Mental Health is hosting an open discussion on suicide prevention, everyone is welcome.

Saturday, November 19th is national suicide survivor loss day. There is an event going on in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Two NAMI walks are taking place – one on Saturday, September 24th at Wayne State in downtown Detroit and a second one at Davenport in Grand Rapids on October 8th.

AFSP Michigan is hosting a walk in Ferndale on October 8th. They have a total of 12 walks this year. 9 more walks will be taking place between now and October 8th. They will have a walk in Lansing, Traverse City, and Grand Rapids. Please go to [AFSP/Michigan.org](https://www.afsp.org/michigan) if you are interested or would like more information.

Henry Ford and Michigan State are receiving a \$15 million federal grant to develop new research for a suicide prevention research center that is headquartered in Michigan.

IX. Nex Steps

a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin

Setting up the workgroups – everyone who is interested needs to send Rachel Zaguskin an email stating their interest by the end of September.

X. Public Comment (Time Permitting)

No public comment was provided at this time.

XI. Adjourn

The September 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

October 21, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information.

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September 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

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2	Zaneta Adams	X		
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9	Sarah Derwin			X
10	Amber Desgranges		X	
11	Kevin Frank Fischer	X		
12	Cathrine Frank		X	
14	Cary Johnson			X
15	John Joseph	X		
16	Laurin Jozlin	X		
19	Ryan Schroerlucke		X	
20	Barbara Smith	X		
21	Corbin Standley	X		
22	Kiran Taylor			X
23	Kenneth Wolf			X
	James Bell			X
	Jennifer DeLaCruz		X	
	Debra Pinals			X
	Linda Scarpetta			X
	Patricia Smith			X
	Rachel Zaguskin	X		



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MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Brian Ahmedani called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Jessica DeJohn.

III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – All

Shaun Abbey motioned to accept March 2022, May 2022, and June 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting minutes. Kevin Fischer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

MDHHS is finishing the Crisis Stabilization Role Set for Certification. It has been provided to a working group for feedback and will later be sent to the public for comment.

IV. MDHHS Updates

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

Dr. Pinals reported the 988 transition date is July 16th. The other number will still be available for use. The number will be used for both suicide prevention and crisis.

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

Kristen Smith reported the Department just completed an assessing and managing suicide risk training of trainers. The state capacity for responding to this need has increased by 24 trainers.

V. BE SMART Presentation – Jeffrey Bozell

Jeffrey Bozell presented on the Be SMART framework.

- S – Secure all guns in your home and vehicles
- M – Model responsible behavior around guns
- A – Ask about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes
- R – Recognize the role of guns in suicide
- T – Tell your peers to be SMART

To learn more about the framework, please visit their website [here](#).

VI. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

- a. Death Scene Investigation Form

Rachel Zaguskin reported the Death Scene Investigation Workgroup has nearly completed reviewing their updated form. The group is using the Colorado Death Scene Investigation report and intended to collaborate with law enforcement for distribution and implementation.

VII. Old Business –

- a. **Discussion: Solidifying 2022 Commission Goals and Activities - Dr. Brian Ahmedani**

The Commission has identified Licensure rules for educating healthcare providers and lethal means, as priority areas for the upcoming year. Workgroups will be formed by the new fiscal year (October 2022).

There is a request to look at potential funding for the Suicide Prevention Commission to accomplish some of their goals.

- b. **Discussion: Statewide Summit – Nancy Buyle**

Zaneta Adams motioned to table the Statewide Summit discussion. Shaun Abbey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. **Discussion: Postvention – Barb Smith**

The Commission is interested in learning more about the work MDHHS is conducting regarding Postvention. Once this effort continues, the Postvention group can come present at a future meeting or become a standing agenda item.

d. **Follow Up: With One Voice/DPTV Conversation – Dr. Brian Ahmedani**

At this time the Commission does not want to enter into an exclusive relationship with With One Voice. There will be opportunities for individual Commission members to engage through their work after a Communications Workgroup has been stood up.

Zaneta Adams made a motion to allow With One Voice to support Commission efforts and respond to With One Voice offline regarding the formalized partnership. Laurin Jozlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Updates

a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

Corbin Standley provided the Policy Update. The Commission is actively monitoring [HB 6326](#) and [HB 6327](#).

b. 988 Update – Rachel Zaguskin

988 Update was provided earlier in the meeting.

c. Vacancy Status – Dr. James Bell III

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d. Other Updates

Shaun Abbey reported some firefighters are providing a work-life balance resource to assist with identifying triggers that are going on mental health wise.

Every two weeks, during recruit training the group brings families and support systems to be incorporated while recruits are being sworn in.

IX. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin
- Launch the Lethal Means and Licensure subcommittees
 - Include the Be SMART website in the meeting minutes
 - Draft letter to With One Voice and DPTV

X. Public Comment (time permitting)

No public comment was provided at this time.

XI. Adjourn

Sarah Derwin motioned to cancel the August 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting. Laurin Jozlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Zaneta Adams motioned to adjourn the July 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting. Kevin Fischer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

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