

Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission  
Date: August 18, 2023  
Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
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## AGENDA

Agenda Items:

**1. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle**

a. Roll Call

Nancy Buyle called the August 2023 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

The roll was taken, and a quorum of members was not present.

**2. Public Comment**

Kyra Fisher provided public comment.

**3. Review and Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes – All**

A quorum was not present.

**4. MDHHS Updates**

a. Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs – Debra Pinalis

i. MiCAL/988 Implementation – Krista Hausermann

Krista Hausermann began her updates by referencing the 988 Year in Review Newsletter that was sent out to Commissioners in July, which detailed the first year of 988's implementation in Michigan. Krista confirmed that it covered key updates and achievements since 988 became active in Michigan on July 16th, 2023. She emphasized the importance of understanding the type of callers 988 was receiving. Not all callers were in crisis; many were in distress. However, the expectation was that the level of crisis among 988 callers would increase over time. This shift would ideally divert some callers who previously dialed 911 for behavioral health issues towards 988 and potentially reduce unnecessary emergency department visits.

Krista then shared some statistics from the first year of 988 in Michigan: over 69,000 calls from over 41,000 unique callers, with the average speed of answer of 18.8 seconds. She highlighted the need to expand the crisis service components, ensuring 988 had additional resources to refer callers to when they needed more than phone support.

Krista outlined one of the key goals for the upcoming year was to analyze situations where 911 was activated when it could have been mobile crisis instead of law enforcement, with the aim of increasing the use of mobile crisis in such scenarios. Krista also reported on the application for a SAMHSA grant for 988 operational funding. This funding would enable the development of 988 chat and text services, with plans to start in FY24 and fully roll out in FY25. She also mentioned MDHHS' work on tailoring 988 to specialty populations. They would collaborate with stakeholders, agencies, and individuals with lived experience focused on these populations, conducting research to develop care coordination processes, identify resources, and provide the necessary training for 988 staff. Krista stated that the listening session with LGBTQ+ youth has been concluded and the next listening session focusing on aging and elderly adults has been initiated. She also briefly touched on the 988 Awareness Media Campaign that will be launched for September's Suicide Prevention Month and the launch of the 988 Michigan Specific Toolkit that can be found at [988 MiCAL Partner Toolkit \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/988MiCALPartnerToolkit).

Krista briefly touched on crisis stabilization units (CSUs), indicating progress in drafting certification rules, anticipated for public review in September. The pilot CSUs were operational and working on certification readiness.

b. Injury Violence Prevention Section

i. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith

Dr. Kristen Smith provided a brief overview of the Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) program, highlighting its progress during the summer. She mentioned that they were concluding year three of their five-year award and working on an annual report, which would be available in the fall, including evaluation metrics and details.

Dr. Smith noted the 2nd anniversary of Man Therapy Michigan and its shift towards outreach to construction companies and trade schools in Michigan. She reported having 120 construction companies and 10 trade schools engaged in toolbox talks to change culture within these organizations. Man Therapy Michigan was also creating a heat map of their 600+ partners in Michigan to identify gaps.

Dr. Smith also reported that the Michigan Department of Corrections recently completed training for over 200 mental health professionals in assessing and managing suicide risk. Upcoming plans involved direct care training for ancillary staff to implement gatekeeper training. They were also establishing connections with organizations in other state corrections systems to collaborate on suicide prevention efforts.

Dr. Smith highlighted ongoing programs, such as Henry Ford Health System's quality improvement collaborative on zero suicide and telehealth symposium by Central Michigan University. She also mentioned their plans to focus on SafeTalk training in non-traditional communities in year four,

seeking suggestions for locations such as faith communities, dispensaries, and minority communities.

Dr. Smith also touched on counseling access to lethal means initiatives, the second tempos training, and the upcoming Suicide Prevention Month newsletter. Dr. Smith encouraged sharing event and training information for inclusion in the newsletter and asked that Commissioner's reach out to Megan Scott at [megan.scottscottm27@michigan.gov](mailto:megan.scottscottm27@michigan.gov) by no later than Monday, August 21, 2023.

- ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp MDHHS Updates continued with Lindsay DeCamp providing updates on the Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) program. Lindsay DeCamp mentioned that they were in the final year of their five-year grant cycle and were already planning for the next application cycle, although the details of the new application were not yet available.

Lindsay then shared updates from the program partners at the University of Michigan. The University of Michigan served as the technical assistance lead for the network. They were collaborating with multiple healthcare systems across Michigan, including various locations within those systems. Their focus was on implementing the Zero Suicide framework, particularly tailored for the youth population. Lindsay mentioned that the U of M team had recently published a paper in the "Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior" journal, and she would share it with the group via Rachel who will forward it onward.

Lindsay continued by discussing their work with the child welfare population through two ISP (Injury Surveillance Program) initiatives led by the University of Michigan. They had completed curriculum development comprising five modules, which would become mandatory for students pursuing the child welfare certificate in social work schools across Michigan. The rollout of this curriculum was expected in the winter semester of early 2024, aiming to equip social workers with suicide prevention training at an earlier stage. Lindsay then shared information about an upcoming presentation at the Loss Conference in Ohio. Michigan had been invited to present on the statewide implementation of LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) teams. Lindsay herself was asked to present from a statewide perspective, while one of their LOSS team leads would contribute to a panel discussion, shedding light on the county-level implementation. The presentation was scheduled for October.

In response to Kristen's mention of Suicide Prevention Month, Lindsay noted that they had submitted a proclamation related to the event. It was currently undergoing approval processes, with hopes of it being approved before September 1st. Upon approval, they planned to share it with their list serves and potentially issue a press release. Lindsay concluded her update by emphasizing the significant progress made in TYSP and the continued efforts to promote suicide prevention.

Lindsay and Kristen hold a community of practice meeting quarterly to provide a space for suicide prevention coalitions to come together and talk about things like challenges, successes, and share ideas. If you would like to participate in the meetings, please reach out to Lindsay or Dr. Smith to receive an invitation.

## **5. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin**

Rachel Zaguskin (MDHHS) reported that both the Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup and the Licensure Workgroup Meetings will temporarily be paused during James Bell's leave. Workgroup meetings will resume in November.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a. Statewide Summit Planning – Rachel Zaguskin**

Rachel Zaguskin shared the drafted Summit Proposal with the Commissioners. Rachel outlined the goal of the Statewide Summit and its mission to highlight the work that Commissioners has done. Lindsay shared that MPHl is currently in the processes of looking at venues. Rachel had stated that the expected date for the Summit would be August of 2024, but no date has been solidified. The Statewide Summit Proposal will be shared out with the Commissioners after the meeting.

Nancy Buyle, Barb Smith, Carol Zuniga, and Kevin Fischer voiced their interest in being apart of the Commission's Statewide Summit Planning Committee.

Some initial feedback from Commissioners was to have at minimum three learning tracks, incorporating education and information for a wider audience, and John Joseph suggested that MSP be invited to the Summit.

Commissioners had asked to review the proposal and provide feedback, comments, and suggestions to Rachel Zaguskin by the end of the month so that she can compile everyone's feedback and Commissioners could revisit the discussion at September's meeting.

### **b. USPTF Nomination of Collaborative Care – Bill Beecroft**

This agenda item has been moved September's meeting.

Nancy Buyle motioned to develop a proposal to request legislation for a line item in Michigan's state budget to fund suicide prevention. Deb Brinson mentioned the importance of working with the governor's office to get this line item into her budget that is currently being worked on. Carol and Nancy will provide more information on the development and progress of this agenda item at September's meeting.

## **7. New Business**

## 8. Other Updates

### a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

Dr. Corbin Standley reported that there have been a few updates since Junes Commission meeting in terms of policy.

Dr. Corbin Standley began his update by highlighting recent legislative achievements related to firearms and suicide prevention. He mentioned the successful passage of two new bills, Public Acts 117 and 118, in July, which prohibit mental health professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with minors and outline disciplinary actions for violations.

Dr. Standley emphasized the significance of these bills and the years of effort invested in their advocacy. He briefly touched on the complexities surrounding conversion therapy for adults, citing issues related to consent. He credited Representatives Brabeck and Hoskins for introducing and successfully passing these bills into law in July.

Dr. Standley also provided updates on other pending legislation, including Senator Anthony's bill, which seeks equitable coverage for mental health by insurance companies, and bills related to school safety and mental health reauthorization. Additionally, he discussed a proposed amendment to the Save Our Students Act, aiming to add the "OK to say" program to student ID cards in public schools, further enhancing access to mental health resources.

On the federal level, Dr. Standley mentioned three bills of interest, notably the "Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act," which seeks funding for research, outreach programs, and training to address disparities in mental health and suicide prevention. The other two bills that are both supported and being monitored are related to maternal mental health – Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act and Data to Save Moms Act.

Dr. Corbin Standley will continue to monitor the progress of these bills and continue advocating for mental health and suicide prevention initiatives.

### b. Other Updates

Barb Smith shared that November 18<sup>th</sup> is Survivor Suicide Loss Day and on November 17<sup>th</sup> they will host some events for Survivor Day.

Kevin Fischer provided an updated on the success of the International CIT Conference in Detroit. Kevin also mentioned that NAMI Walk will take place on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Wayne State University in Detroit and on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

The Commission also discussed the most recent CDC report released that stated that suicide rates are currently at an all-time high.

Dr. Corbin Standley provided an update on behalf of the Michigan Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. They will be hosting a number of walks in September and October throughout the state of Michigan. Dr. Standley stated that one walk will be taking place on October 7<sup>th</sup> in Ferndale. The foundation will also be hosting some Survivor Day events in November that are free.

## **9. Next Steps**

- a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin
  1. Share “Are You?” Mental Health Campaign information with Commissioners.
  2. Send Lindsay and Kristen’s shareables with Commissioners.
  3. Distribute the Drafted Summit Proposal with Commissioners and compile feedback by September’s meeting.
  4. Convene Planning Committee.

## **10. Public Comment (time permitting)**

Celeste Kanpuwala, Michael Pyne, Leo Neohan, Bryan Colveson, and Kyra Fisher provided public comment.

## **11. Adjourn**

The August 2023 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Executive Committee Meeting**

August 22, 2023

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Monthly Meeting**

September 15, 2023

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information*

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### August 2023 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey		X	
2	Brian Ahmedani		X	
3	William Beecroft			X
4	Debra Brinson		X	
5	Nancy Buyle	X		
6	Adelle Cadieux	X		
7	Jessica DeJohn			X
8	Sarah Derwin	X		
9	Amber Desgranges			X
10	Kevin Frank Fischer	X		
11	Cathrine Frank			X
12	Gregory Ginebaugh			X
13	Adam Hollier		X	
14	Cary Johnson			X
15	John Joseph	X		
16	Ryan Schroerlucke			X
17	Barbara Smith	X		
18	Corbin Standley	X		
19	Kiran Taylor			X
20	Kenneth Wolf			X
21	Wilbur Yancer		X	
22	Carol Zuniga	X		
23	Vacancy – Faith Based Organization			
24	Vacancy – Suicide Prevention Expertise with SAMHSA grant			
25	Vacancy – Senate Majority Leader Nominee			
26	Vacancy – MSP Nominee			
27	Vacancy – Veteran’s Facility Ombudsman			