



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: January 20, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Washington Square Building – Room 205

109 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI

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Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Conference ID: 457641636#

Agenda Items:

- 1. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Review and Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes – All**
- 4. MDHHS Updates**
  - a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Debra Pinals
  - b. Injury Violence Prevention Section – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
    - i. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith
    - ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsey DeCamp
- 5. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin**
  - a. Death Scene Investigation Form
  - b. Communications
  - c. Lethal Means
  - d. Licensure
- 6. Old Business**
  - a. Statewide Summit Discussion – Nancy Buyle
- 7. New Business**
  - a. Commissioner Engagement/Bylaws Discussion (attached) – Nancy Buyle
  - b. 2023 Meeting Schedule (attached) – Dr. James Bell III
  - c. 2023 Annual Report – Dr. James Bell III
- 8. Other Updates**
  - a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley
  - b. Vacancy Status – Dr. James Bell III
  - c. Other Updates
- 9. Next Steps**
  - a. Action Item Recap – Dr. James Bell III
- 10. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- 11. Adjourn**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Communications Workgroup Meeting**

TBD

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Lethal Means Workgroup Meeting**

January 24, 2023

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Licensure Workgroup Meeting**

February 1, 2023

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Monthly Meeting (TBD)**

February 17, 2023

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information*

### January 2023 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

|    | Name  | Present | Present<br>(Phone) | Not Present |
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| 1  | Shaun Abbey   |         |                    |             |
| 2  | Brian Ahmedani  |         |                    |             |
| 3  | William Beecroft  |         |                    |             |
| 4  | Debra Brinson   |         |                    |             |
| 5  | Nancy Buyle   |         |                    |             |
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| 7  | Sarah Derwin  |         |                    |             |
| 8  | Amber Desgranges  |         |                    |             |
| 9  | Kevin Frank Fischer   |         |                    |             |
| 10 | Cathrine Frank  |         |                    |             |
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| 12 | Cary Johnson  |         |                    |             |
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### Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

*July 15, 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#

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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

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. If individuals are interested in applying and [fit the various criteria](#), please visit the [Governor’s Appointments Office](#).

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.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting**

September 16, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information.*

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July 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

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| 4  | William Becroft   |         |                 | X           |
| 5  | Debra Brinson   |         |                 | X           |
| 6  | Nancy Buyle   | X       |                 |             |
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### 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](http://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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 Oakland County Community Mental Health is hosting an open discussion on suicide prevention, everyone is welcome.

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> at Wayne State in downtown Detroit and a second one at Davenport in Grand Rapids on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

AFSP Michigan is hosting a walk in Ferndale on October 8<sup>th</sup>. They have a total of 12 walks this year. 9 more walks will be taking place between now and October 8<sup>th</sup>. They will have a walk in Lansing, Traverse City, and Grand Rapids. Please go to [AFSP/Michigan.org](http://AFSP/Michigan.org) 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

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| 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 – Nancy Buyle**

Nancy Buyle called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were not present.

#### **II. Public Comment**

No public comment was provided during this section.

#### **III. Review and Approve July and September 2022 Meeting Minutes – All**

Nancy Buyle suggested editing the September 2022 meeting minutes due to an error on the page. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

#### **IV. MDHHS Updates**

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

Rachel Zaguskin (MDHHS) provided an update on 988 data and implementation. 988 now has an extension for LGBTQ youth, and that is an extension right after the VA line.

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

Kristen Smith (MDHHS) reported the Commission should be on the lookout in early 2023 for training opportunities for providers and safe messaging/reporting



training for journalists and media outlets. Kristen also encouraged individuals attend mantherapy.org and visit man therapy Michigan.

Lindsey DeCamp (MDHHS) reported the Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention's Suicide Prevention Coalition Community of Practice is running and met for the first time in August. The next meeting will be held in November. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Lindsey DeCamp at DeCampL@michigan.gov

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

### **a. Death Scene Investigation Form**

The Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup continue to meet. The group is now reviewing the physical document and determining which questions to leave and which ones to add. There will be a few more meetings to eliminate the redundancy in the document.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. Discussion: Statewide Summit – Nancy Buyle**

Nancy Buyle is proposing a Statewide Summit, hosted by the Suicide Prevention Commission. The goal and a purpose of the summit being to help Michigan counties develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan for the purposes of addressing the issue of suicide and to increase the ability of the county residents to improve their mental well-being.

The group would aim to have keynote presenters to talk about initiatives that have been going on and the work that the Commission has been doing and some of the other agencies and organizations that we've been collaborating with or that have been collaborating with each other. Some of the other objectives include:

- All the counties in Michigan would identify 5 stakeholders to participate in the summit.
- Stakeholders will develop a local plan to address the above listed purpose, and so our strategic plan in Michigan would be the guiding document some activities that might fall under that objective would be to assemble a larger local group, including any suicide prevention coalitions, to address their local need relative to our strategic plan.
- Another objective developed to high level strategies that can be measured that will likely have a direct result in a reduced suicide or increase in help seeking behaviors,

- Develop 2 high level strategies that can be measured that will increase self-efficacy in professionals that interact with suicidal individuals or individuals at risk for suicide.

There was discussion about the proposed activity and many of the Commissioners were in support. This will remain on the agenda until a quorum is met and moved to a vote.

b. Postvention Activities – Barb Smith

Lindsey DeCamp (MDHHS) reported the progress made with Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) teams – a group of volunteers that are typically activated by law enforcement or in other states by coroners. The group responds to the scene of a suicide death to support loved ones and family members and provide resources.

TYSP is hosting the first step to address this gap in postvention in Michigan. TYSP is planning to launch five LOSS teams in Michigan.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Discussion: 2022 Workgroups – Rachel Zaguskin
- i. Communications
  - ii. Lethal Means
  - iii. Licensure

Commissioners who are interested in participating in the three above mentioned workgroups should reach out to Rachel Zaguskin immediately. The deadline to sign up is the end of the month. A Doodle poll will be submitted in early November to schedule the meetings.

b. FY23 Prevent Block Grant – Rachel Zaguskin

Megan Scott (MDHHS) provided metrics on the FY22 ad campaign for adult men. The primary objective was to reduce stigma around mental health and suicide and to increase help seeking behavior in men who are struggling with mental health. The campaign ran from June 6, 2022, until July 3, 2022 and again from September 4, 2022 until September 10, 2022. The campaign resulted in nearly 8,200,000 impressions across YouTube, Facebook, Mobile, and other social media platforms.

With the funding for FY23 (\$20,000), the state will fund a media campaign aimed at decreasing suicidal ideation in LGBTQ youth by encouraging high levels of social support from family and friends. Increasing access to at least one LGBTQ affirmation space and connecting youth to services through channels such as the Trevor Project. More updates will be provided as the concepts are developed.

## VIII. Other Updates

### a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

Corbin Standley provided the monthly policy update. A written update was provided before the meeting. Some of the highlights include:

- Governor Whitmer has made appointments to the new School Safety and Mental Health Commission which was created by the FY22-23 School Aid budget.
- On September 30th, Congress passed a continuing resolution to temporarily extend fiscal year 2022 spending levels until December 16th, avoiding a shutdown.

Legislation to watch:

- **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Reauthorization Act (H.R. 8166)** has been introduced in the house. It's intended to reauthorize the program which helps foster positive outcomes for individuals with mental illness or substance use disorder who come into contact with law enforcement or the criminal justice system.
- **Preventing Suicide Through Voluntary Firearm Purchase Delay Act (H.R. 8361)** would establish an online, voluntary database allowing people to voluntarily enroll themselves onto a "do not sell" list, preventing them from accessing a gun later on to harm themselves or others should they experience a mental health emergency.
- **Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act (H.R. 1324/S. 467)** to support hospitals' ability to screen for suicide risk in EDs by authorizing \$20 million for a new grant program to be administered by HHS. House version has passed, Senate version is in committee.
- **Behavioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act (H.R. 5611/S. 1902)** to direct HHS to ensure that, by definition, behavior health crisis care includes the core elements of a robust 988 system, to provide health insurance coverage of behavioral health crisis services, and to expand Mental Health Block Grant funding. House and Senate versions have been introduced the their respective chambers.
- **988 Implementation Act (H.R. 7116)** to ensure adequate funding and support are provided to states for full implementation of 988. Introduced in the House

b. Vacancy Status – James Bell III

James Bell (MDHHS) reported he is continuing to work with the Governor’s Office and MDHHS Director’s Office to fill vacancies. A mem was submitted last week to appoint three new members to the Commission.

Members of the public who are interested in participating should reach out to MDHHS staff to get connected.

c. Other Updates

Cathy Frank provided an update on Mi-MIND, a Blue Cross Blue Shield CQI initiative. The purpose is to eliminate suicide with the state of Michigan. The initiative aims to make suicide screening and risk on par with heart disease risk, diabetes risk and cancer risk. There are 5 organizations involved, using screening people at every visit using the PHQ-9 tool.

Nancy Buyle provided an update several ISDs have collaborated on having mental health summit relative to K12 school employees. It will take place on November 21, 2022.

**IX. Next Steps**

a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III

Rachel will schedule the workgroup meetings for the month of November.

**X. Public Comment (time permitting)**

No public comment was provided at this time.

**XI. Adjourn**

The October 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission adjourned at 11:49 AM.

## **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.*

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## **2023 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Calendar**

**January 20, 2023**

**February 17, 2023**

**March 17, 2023**

**May 19, 2023**

**June 16, 2023**

**August 18, 2023**

**September 15, 2023**

**October 20, 2023**

**November 17, 2023**

All meetings will take place 10:30 am – 12:30 pm unless noted otherwise.

## 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 at least seven meetings of the annual Commission meetings in person.
  - A. Two unexcused absences during the year trigger an interview of the member by the Executive Committee to determine continued status on the Commission.
  - B. Members shall be excused by notifying the Commission when unable to attend a scheduled meeting.
  - C. Absent members who do not provide notification to be excused from a meeting shall be noted as unexcused.
  - D. Two unexcused absences during a member's term shall trigger an interview of the member by the Executive Committee to determine the member's continued status on the Commission.
- C. 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.~~ will occur at the end of the meeting.
  - a.b. ~~Individuals wishing to participate in public comment will be identified at the beginning of the meeting and will be permitted to speak during the public comment period.~~
  - b.c. 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.~~
  - e.d. 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). If any member of the public commits a breach of the peace at a Commission meeting, the Chairperson may provide one (1) verbal warning to that individual that they are committing a breach of the peace. If the individual commits another breach of the peace, the Chairperson will mute the individual's line or ask the individual to remain silence. Should another breach of the peace occur, the Chairperson will terminate the individual's participation for the remainder of the meeting, pursuant to MCL 15.263(6).
  - d.e. For purposes of this Commission, a "breach of the peace" includes, but is not limited to, the following: an individual disobeying time limits, becoming repetitious, name-calling, shouting, disrupting the orderly progress of the meeting, inappropriate or insensitive comments regarding the subject matter, or any threatening comment and/or language directed at another individual. This is not an exhaustive list.
- 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.

## 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.

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.