



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: March 17, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

111 W. Edgewood Blvd. Suite 11

Lansing, MI 48911

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AGENDA

Agenda Items:

- 1. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. New Member Introduction
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Review and Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes – All**
- 4. MDHHS Updates**
 - a. Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs – Debra Pinals
 - i. MiCAL/988 Implementation – Rachel Zaguskin
 - b. Injury Violence Prevention Section – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
 - i. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith
 - ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp
- 5. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Letters of Support – Bill Beecroft
 - b. Statewide Summit Planning – Nancy Buyle
- 7. New Business**
 - a. 2023 Annual Report – James Bell III
 - b. Communications Workgroup Discussion – Rachel Zaguskin
 - c. Death Scene Investigation Form Next Steps – Rachel Zaguskin
- 8. Other Updates**
 - a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley
 - b. Other Updates
- 9. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
- 10. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- 11. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2023

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information

March 2023 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey			
2	Brian Ahmedani			
3	William Beecroft			
4	Debra Brinson			
5	Nancy Buyle			
6	Adelle Cadieux			
7	Jessica DeJohn			
8	Sarah Derwin			
9	Amber Desgranges			
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11	Cathrine Frank			
12	Gregory Ginebaugh			
13	Adam Hollier			
14	Cary Johnson			
15	John Joseph			
16	Ryan Schroerlucke			
17	Barbara Smith			
18	Corbin Standley			
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MINUTES

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

a. Roll Call

Brian Ahmedani called the February 2023 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Roll was taken and a quorum of members were present.

b. New Member Introduction

Will Yancer introduced himself as a new member to the Commission representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association.

Gregg Ginebaugh introduced himself as a new member to the Commission representing Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Brian Ahmedani opened the meeting with reflections on the importance of this work, especially in the wake of the Michigan State University tragedy.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

3. Review and Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes – All

Sarah Derwin motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes (includes July 2022, September 2022, October 2022, and January 2023). Adelle Cadieux seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. MDHHS Updates

- a. Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs – Debra Pinals
 - i. MiCAL/988 Implementation – Rachel Zaguskin
Rachel Zaguskin reported 7049 calls were received by 988 as of January 2023. This represented an increase of 583 calls in December and the state answer rate is still 90%.
- b. Injury Violence Prevention Section – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
Jennifer DeLaCruz reported the Michigan Violent Death Reporting System dashboard launch was pushed back until March 1.
 - i. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith
Kristen Smith reported the portal for requesting AMSR trainings will be lived next week. Additionally partners at Central Michigan University will host a Telemental Health Symposium next Friday. The registration link will be provided.

Megan Scott reminded the Commission about an upcoming webinar on TEMPOS (Tool for Evaluating Media Portrayals of Suicide) – the first tool created to assess adherence to recommended reporting guidelines. The webinar will be on April 5th at 6:00 PM.

- ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp
Lindsey Decamp reported the group was able to select four pilots for local outreach to suicide survivors (LOSS). These sites are Alpena County, another team is covering Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties, a third team covers Barry, Calhoun, Eaton, and Kalamazoo, and the final team covers Delta, Dickinson, Iron, and Marquette counties.

Also, registration is now full for the 2023 Michigan Suicide Prevention Community Technical Assistance Conference in person. There is still availability for virtual attendance.

5. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

Rachel Zaguskin reported Lethal Means work group met recently and has put a plan in place to release a letter of support for the Governor's priority areas. This letter will be completed by the end of next week. The Licensure workgroup will be meeting next week and will include Dr. Bart Andrews who will discuss some of the successes in his state with licensure requirements.

6. Old Business

- a. Statewide Summit Discussion – Nancy Buyle
Nancy Buyle motioned to plan and host a statewide summit. Amber Desgranges seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

To participate in the planning committee, please reach out to Nancy directly.

7. New Business

- a. 2023 Annual Report – James Bell III
James Bell reported the 2023 annual report was submitted to MDHHS Communications for internal review. Feedback is expected within the next 7-10 days.
- b. Future Meeting Location – James Bell III
James Bell reported the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meetings will need to change locations. MDHHS staff will go view the Edgewood Office as a potential location. There will be additional follow up with the commission once more information has been made available.
- c. Letter of Support - Bill Beecroft

Bill Beecroft reviewed recommendations for eliminating copays and making suicide evaluation a preventive service through petitioning the USPTF. John Joseph motioned to approve a proposal to begin this petition. Nancy Buyle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill Beecroft also reviewed the challenge with Medicare not recognizing the codes SAMHSA has promulgated for crisis programming. Kiran Taylor motioned to provide a recommendation to CMS to support crisis codes. Nancy Buyle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Other Updates

- a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley
Corbin Standley reviewed Senate Bill 27, which would require insurance companies to provide equitable coverage for mental health, behavioral health and substance use treatment that would codify mental health parity in Michigan statute.

There were an additional 11 bills introduced yesterday around gun violence and firearms.

- b. Vacancy Status – James Bell III
James Bell reported vacancies continue to be filled in coordination with the Governor’s Appointment Office.
- c. Other Updates
No additional updates were provided at this time.

9. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
 - i. Forward the registration link to the telemental health symposium.
 - ii. Forward the registration link for virtual CTAM attendance.
 - iii. Bill Beecroft will submit the letters of support and recommendations for USPTF and CMS.

10. Public Comment (time permitting)

No public comment was provided at this time.

11. Adjourn

Nancy Buyle adjourned the meeting at 11:54 am.

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Licensure Workgroup Meeting

February 22, 2023

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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National and State Policy Updates**Michigan Updates**

Bill	Summary	Status (As of 3.10.2023)
SB 27 (Anthony)	Requires insurance companies to provide equitable coverage for mental health, behavioral health, and substance use treatment.	In Senate Health Policy Committee Chair: Sen. Kevin Hertel (D-12) SenKHertel@senate.michigan.gov
SB 76 (Hertel) HB 4138 (Church)	Would require license or background check for purchase of firearms.	SB: Referred to Full Senate HB: Passed house, referred to Full Senate
SB 79 (Bayer) HB 4144(Brabec)	Provides for penalties for storing or leaving a firearm where it may be accessed by a minor.	SB: Substitute referred to Full Senate HB: Referred to Judiciary Committee
*SB 81 (Irwin) *HB 4141 (Price)	Would exempt sales tax for firearm safety devices, safes, lockboxes, and trigger locks.	SB: Substitute referred to Full Senate HB: Referred to Judiciary Committee
*SB 82 (Chang) *HB 4140 (Whitsett)	Would exempt use tax for firearm safety devices, safes, lockboxes, and trigger locks.	SB: Substitute referred to Full Senate HB: Referred to Judiciary Committee
*SB 83 (McMorrow) *HB 4146 (Breen)	Would enact an extreme risk protection order, also known as a “red flag” law.	SB: Substitute referred to Full Senate HB: Referred to Judiciary Committee
SB 84 (Polehanki) HB 4145 (Puri)	Would prohibit purchase of firearms by an individual who has an extreme risk protection order.	SB: Referred to Full Senate HB: Referred to Judiciary Committee

*Denotes bill is supported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

National Updates

- President Biden’s FY24 budget proposal includes important investments in critical suicide prevention efforts and mental health programs for the upcoming federal fiscal year beginning October 1. These include:
 - Continuing to invest in the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and behavioral health crisis services, including providing \$836 million for expanding and sustaining the country’s crisis care continuum.
 - of \$80 million to expand the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Comprehensive Suicide Prevention program. AFSP was instrumental in obtaining initial funding for the creation of this grant program in 2020, which currently funds suicide prevention programming in 17 states targeting specific populations within communities whose suicide risk are greater than the general population. These populations include Veterans, members of the LGBTQ community, individuals in rural areas, youth and young adults, and BIPOC communities. Recent increases in suicide rates amongst Native American, Black, and Hispanic people, as well as for youth ages 10-24.
 - \$1,653 million for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, an increase of \$645 million over FY23 levels.
 - \$35 million in the National Violent Death Reporting System – an increase of \$10.5 million over FY23.
 - \$553 million in funding for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics – an increase of \$168 million over FY23.
 - \$100 million in funding for the Mental Health Crisis Response Partnership Program, up \$80 million from FY23.
 - \$2.54 billion in funding for the National Institute of Mental Health, an increase of \$200 million from FY23.
 - \$25 million in new funding in support of the Dr. Lorna Breen Act, to establish a program to support the development of a culture of wellness in healthcare facilities including hospitals, rural health clinics, community health centers and medical professional associations.