



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: January 19, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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## MINUTES

Agenda Items:

### 1. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle

#### a. Roll Call

Brian Ahmedani called the January 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

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

#### b. New Member Introduction

Brian Galdes introduced himself as the newest member of Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission.

#### c. Member Transition

Jessica DeJohn has resigned from the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission. There is now a vacancy on the commission with the MDHHS Director appointee designation.

#### d. Recognition

The Commission held time to recognize the life of Kelly Mays, a domestic violence survivor and advocate.

### 2. Public Comment

Celeste Kanpurwala provided comment.

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

Previous meeting minutes could not be reviewed nor approved due to not having a quorum.

### 4. MDHHS Updates

#### a. Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs – Debra Pinals

Debra Pinals (MDHHS) reported in December, there were 7592 calls with 6781 of those answered with a answer rate of 89%. The goal is 90%. One of the centers was having technical difficulties and this may have accounted for some fo the decrease in the answer rate.

The group is also working toward the 988 State and Territory Improvement grant. Since receiving the award, this will help with chat and text features. The design process has started and there will be additional efforts around stakeholder engagement and education.

The department is also planning and developing for their listening session for 988, this time focusing on the aging population within Michigan. These will begin at the end of this month and go into February.

b. Injury Violence Prevention Section

- i. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith  
Kristen Smith (MDHHS) reported the PRiSMM Program is in its 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 years. All projects are up and running. Kristen highlighted the group is still targeting underserved communities for gatekeeper trainings. If you are interested in having the training portal link, it can be requested online.

The group is also still offering assessing and managing suicide risk trainings for groups that can benefit a well. There is a coalition community of practice and a local health department workgroup has recently been launched. There are early discussions about a Community Mental Health Association community of practice also.

- ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp  
Lindsay DeCamp (MDHHS) reported there are 3 new Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) teams – Wayne County, St. Joseph County, and Lapeer County. There are now 8 teams, covering 16 of the 83 counties.

The Community Technical Assistance Conference registration should open in the next few weeks. The event will take place May 1-3, in Gaylord, MI.

MDHHS will be presenting at Kevin’s Song next week.

**5. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – James Bell**

a. Statewide Summit

James Bell (MDHHS) reported the statewide Suicide Prevention Commission Summit will take place August 6 and 7 at the Lansing Center. Registration will be made available at some point in late April/early May. A list of speakers has been created with emphasis on those in Michigan.

An application process is being developed for vendor space to highlight our suicide prevention community. Additionally, we will showcase educational posters and continuing education will be offered.

b. Succession

There has not yet been any discussion about an extension for this group and the Commission is looking at how to continue advocacy activities.

After this workgroup met the following action items were identified:

- Follow up with Dr. Pinals regarding Mental Health Code limitations.
- Identify communities to assist with the Death Scene Investigation Form implementation.
- Follow up with the School Safety Mental Health Commission
- Identify potential groups for licensing requirements.

**6. Old Business**

a. 2024 Annual Report

Commissioners have a copy of the 2024 Annual Report for review. All edits are due back to James Bell before the next Commission meeting.

**7. New Business**

There is no new business at this time.

**8. Other Updates**

a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

In 2023, there were 6 bills that were enacted related to suicide prevention, most of those were related to firearms including the extremist protection orders and sales and use tax exemptions for firearm safety devices.

b. Other

**9. Next Steps**

a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin

- i. The Commission will continue all efforts to establish an office for Suicide Prevention.
- ii. The Succession committee will look at all linkages for licensure requirements.
- iii. Submit feedback to James Bell for the 2024 Annual Report.

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

Jonathan Garvey (DMVA) and Karolyn McEntee provided public comment.

**11. Adjourn**

The January 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission adjourned at 11:27 AM.

## January 2024 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		D	
5	Nancy Buyle			X
6	Adelle Cadieux	X		
7	Sarah Derwin	X		
8	Amber Desgranges		X	
9	Kevin Frank Fischer		X	
10	Cathrine Frank			X
11	Brian Galdes	X		
12	Gregory Ginebaugh			X
13	Cary Johnson			X
14	John Joseph	X		
15	Brian Love		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 – MDHHS Director Appointment			
24	Vacancy – Faith Based Organization			
25	Vacancy – Suicide Prevention Expertise with SAMHSA grant			
26	Vacancy – MSP Nominee			
27	Vacancy – Veteran’s Facility Ombudsman			