



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: June 21, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

111 W. Edgewood Blvd Suite 11

Lansing, MI 48911

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Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Conference ID: 197928483

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle**
 - 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
 - b. Injury Violence Prevention Section - Lindsay DeCamp
 - c. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Legislative Engagement: State Prevention Office Funding
 - b. Suicide Prevention Commission Summit – James Bell
- 6. Other Updates**
- 7. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – James Bell
- 8. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- 9. Adjourn**

June 2024 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey			
2	Brian Ahmedani			
3	William Beecroft			
4	Nancy Buyle			
5	Adelle Cadieux			
6	Sarah Derwin			
7	Amber Desgranges			
8	Kevin Frank Fischer			
9	Cathrine Frank			
10	Brian Galdes			
11	Gregory Ginebaugh			
12	Cary Johnson			
13	John Joseph			
14	Natalie Kasiborski			
15	Brian Love			
16	Ryan Schroerlucke			
17	Barbara Smith			
18	Kiran Taylor			
19	Kenneth Wolf			
20	Wilbur Yancer			
21	Carol Zuniga			
22	Vacancy – MDHHS Director Appointment			
23	Vacancy – Faith Based Organization			
24	Vacancy – Suicide Prevention Expertise with SAMHSA grant			
25	Vacancy – MSP Nominee			
26	Vacancy – Veteran’s Facility Ombudsman			
27	Vacancy – Graduate student who is working in the area of suicide prevention			



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: May 17, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

Brian Ahmedani called the May 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order at 10:33 AM.

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

2. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Celeste Kanpurwala.

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
Rachel Zaguskin (MDHHS) reported Common Ground has hired for the position of tribal nations outreach specialist, a position intended to coordinate and collaborate with the tribal nations of Michigan. The MDHHS 988 team attended the 988 Conference in Chicago to learn more about best practices in the field. Michigan is observing Mental Health Month in May, and press releases will be shared.

Michigan continues to perform well with the answer rate and call volume compared to other states. Michigan reached its goal of answering 90% for the answer rate for the third month in the row. In March 2024, the call volume was 8,845.

- b. Injury Violence Prevention Section - Lindsay DeCamp
Lindsay DeCamp (MDHHS) reported the Section is closer to the end of the funding for the Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention Program. The

initiative ends in June, and they have applied for a no cost extension. The section is also writing a new grant with the University of Michigan team.

The Community Technical Assistance Conference went very well. There was some great feedback from people who attended and there is anticipation for the evaluation results from the survey.

There will be two virtual assessing and managing suicide risk trainings in June, and a flyer will be shared later.

- c. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith
Kristen Smith (MDHHS) reported PRiSMM submitted their annual progress report to the CDC in March and have already received the technical review with very few comments. There will be three virtual AMSR trainings held in June. The program is also promoting safe talk trainings in communities across Michigan who may be in need.

There is an opening for a epidemiologist position open on the PRiSMM team.

Central Michigan University is offering a CME course for individuals who want to be trained in their telehealth toolkit. The first 100 learners will be able to access the course for free.

5. Old Business

- a. Legislative Engagement: State Prevention Office Funding
Commissioner Brian Galdes reported contact has been made with Rep. Pohutsky and Sen. Cavanagh's office. It is too late at this time to advance the suicide prevention office in the current budget cycle, but the conversations can be started for the following years.
- b. 2024 Annual Report – James Bell
James Bell (MDHHS) reported the 2024 Annual Report was submitted last month and a copy was delivered to all commissioners.

6. New Business

- a. Suicide Prevention Commission Summit
A Save the Date was included with the May 2024 meeting materials. This save the date will be sent out via listserves next week. Registration will be made available next month. The Summit will reflect the groups that have been highlighted as special populations over the last few years. This will include LGBTQ+, tribal nations, and veterans. The agenda has been finalized as of this time.

The event will take place August 6-7, 2024 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, MI.

Commissioners who served on the planning committee are expected to complete the Committee Relevant Financial Relationship Form.

7. Other Updates

a. Licensure Requirements

Commissioner Frank inquired about the status of the suicide prevention training licensing requirements for various professionals. After confirming with LARA, many of the requirements are pushed by stakeholder organizations before reaching Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and LARA is responsible for enforcement. James Bell (MDHHS) will follow up with the National Association of Social Workers to determine the process for social workers.

b. Death Scene Investigation Form

Commissioner Smith inquired about the status of the Death Scene Investigation Form. James Bell (MDHHS) reported an additional conversation can be had with Michigan State Police on the form, to determine what is too excessive as far as number of pages and data elements to collect.

c. Suicide Prevention Commission Status – James Bell

James Bell (MDHHS) reported the commission is still expected to sunset in December 2024. Commissioner terms have ended as of April 2024. Commissioners need to follow up with their nominating entity to confirm they will be reappointed.

8. Next Steps

a. Action Item Recap – James Bell

MDHHS will make the connection with the NASW to follow up on the licensing requirements.

MDHHS will schedule a follow up conversation with Michigan State Police to discuss the death scene investigation forms.

Commissioners will continue their efforts for legislative engagement.

9. Public Comment (time permitting)

Public Comment was provided by Commissioner Fischer.

10. Adjourn

The May 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

May 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			X
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		D	
16	Ryan Schroerlucke			
17	Barbara Smith	X		
18	Corbin Standley			
19	Kiran Taylor			X
20	Kenneth Wolf			X
21	Wilbur Yancer		X	
22	Carol Zuniga		X	
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25	Vacancy – Suicide Prevention Expertise with SAMHSA grant			
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Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: March 15, 2024

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 - ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp
- 5. Old Business**
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 - b. Legislative Engagement: State Prevention Office Funding
 - c. 2024 Annual Report
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Other Updates**
 - a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley
 - b. Other
- 8. Next Steps**
 - a. Action Item Recap – James Bell
- 9. Public Comment (time permitting)**
- 10. Adjourn**

March 2024 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	Sarah Derwin			
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27	Vacancy – Veteran’s Facility Ombudsman			



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: February 16, 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 February 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment provided at this time.

3. Review and Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes – All

Cathrine Frank motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Kevin Fischer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. MDHHS Updates

a. Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs – Debra Pinals

Debra Pinals (MDHHS) reported her program is working on drafts and the planning process for 988 focus group listening sessions for elderly and aging populations.

In February 2024, the Michigan Behavioral Health Crisis System Update has come out. If you are interested in receiving the quarterly newsletter, you can sign up at mpcip-support@mphi.org

The Governor's Executive Recommendation included \$7.5M to continue the Mi-CAL service line. This should continue all the Mi-CAL lines except the first responder line. The additional funding from the SAMHSA grant will be fully funded for FY25.

The group continues to work with Vibrant to add talk and text. This will be added in the near future.

Dr. Pinals gave a January 2024 Metrics update:

- 90% answer rate
- 7755 calls

b. Injury Violence Prevention Section

- i. Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) – Kristen Smith
Kristen Smith (MDHHS) reported the PRiSMM program recently completed their year three community scan. The report highlights the gaps and barriers for suicide prevention in the state. It is available by request.

The group is currently working on year five, the final year of the award continuation application with the CDC. PRiSMM is providing SafeTalk trainings for faith based communities, communities of color, underserved communities, as well as Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk training for clinicians in communities that need AMSR trainings brought to them. If you are interested in participating please contact Kristen.

Man Therapy created Valentines Day eCards and is now preparing for March Madness. Resources and marketing materials are available.

- ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp
Lindsay DeCamp (MDHHS) reported the group is in the last four months of the Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention grant and waiting for the notice of funding opportunity from SAMHSA to start putting the next application together.

Registration is now open for the Community Technical Assistance Conference. It will take place May 1st – May 3rd and is already over 50% full.

Lindsay also reported all of the firearm legislation that went into effect on February 13th now has a revamped website, with infographics and resources.

5. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – James Bell

a. Statewide Summit

Rachel Zaguskin (MDHHS) reported the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission statewide summit will take place at the Lansing Center on August 6th and 7th. The theme for the event is **Community Collaboration: Michigan's Roadmap to Suicide Prevention**. Invitations to keynote

speakers will be going out in the next week, and the call for speakers will be submitted for individuals to lead breakout sessions. Corbin Standley will serve as the subject matter expert for the content calls.

b. Succession

James Bell (MDHHS) The Succession Committee met this month and continued discussions on suicide prevention trainings as part of licensing requirements. James reported to find the right avenue, LARA will need to be engaged and we should reach out to Amy Gumbrecht.

There was additional discussion on limitations with the mental health code and not being able to get relevant information from previous hospitals. A meeting was scheduled with Krista Hausermann and it was determined the biggest barrier may be guidance and not the Mental Health Code. A follow up meeting will be scheduled to dive deeper into this issue.

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6. Old Business

a. 2024 Annual Report

Today is the last day to provide edits to the 2024 Annual Report. Once all feedback has been received, it will be submitted to the Public Health Administration Director for review and approval, then to MDHHS Communications for approval. Once all has been incorporated, it will be sent on to the Legislature.

7. New Business

a. Legislative Engagement: State Prevention Office Funding – Brian Ahmedani

Brian Ahmedani provided an update on the effort to get funding for a sustaining suicide prevention office for the state. A letter is in draft to express the need to shift to hard funding and funding is appropriated on an annual basis. The legislation would also include a number of FTEs to staff the office. This letter would also include the duties and responsibilities of the office. There is a long term strategy for legislative engagement, educating them on different programs from other states.

Kevin Fischer motioned to have the ad-hoc committee working on this letter to provide a draft to the Legislature. Nancy Buyle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. School Safety and Mental Health Commission Next Steps

James Bell (MDHHS) attended the School Safety and Mental Health Commission meeting and provided an overview of the Suicide Prevention Commission. The group requested dates for the Suicide Prevention Commission meetings, the date for the upcoming summit and Commission priorities requiring follow up. A follow up meeting will be made with both Commissions to discuss priorities in more detail.

8. Other Updates

a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

Corbin Standley reported many of the bills are in the same place they were in terms of committee last month.

b. Other

Students from Active Minds Club had an opportunity to dialogue with the Commission.

9. Next Steps

a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin

MDHHS will provide an updated agenda for Commissioners and schedule a follow up with the School Safety and Mental Health Commission.

Corbin Standley/Kevin Fischer, and Carol Zuniga are going to be working on bullets and talking points for legislators.

10. Public Comment (time permitting)

No public comment was provided at this time.

11. Adjourn

Kevin Fischer motioned to adjourn the February 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting. Nancy Buyle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The February 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

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