



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: March 15, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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## MINUTES

Agenda Items:

### 1. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

#### a. Roll Call

Brian Ahmedani called the March 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

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

### 2. Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

### 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 (DHHS) reported the program is working towards having a tribal nations outreach specialist posted through Common Ground. This position will coordinate and collaborate with the tribal nations in Michigan and enhance care coordination around crisis services for tribal nations.

February data shows a consistent 90% answer rate, which was consistent with March. The number of calls were slightly slower. The received calls were 7159 compared to 7755 in January.

#### b. Injury Violence Prevention Section

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

Kristen Smith (DHHS) reported there are no major updates at this time. The group is working on submitting the annual progress report to the CDC and entering the last year of funding in September.

There will be 75 slots available this summer for Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk trainings this summer.

- ii. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention (TYSP) - Lindsay DeCamp  
Lindsay DeCamp (DHHS) reported the group is looking for the notice of funding opportunities for their next application. The Community Technical Assistance Conference is May 1-3, 2027.

## **5. Old Business**

- a. Death Scene Investigation Form  
Rachel Zaguskin (DHHS) reported John Joseph heard back from his law enforcement partners the form is too long and there is a duplication of data collected. Commissioner Barb Smith recommended Michigan Sheriff's Association could spend time reviewing the document and giving recommendations to reduce the length of the document.
- b. Legislative Engagement: State Prevention Office Funding  
Commissioner Brian Galdes reported there have been discussions with Speaker Pro Temp. Laurie Pohutsky and Senator Cavanaugh who are both interested in supporting a Michigan Suicide Prevention Office.
- c. 2024 Annual Report  
James Bell (DHHS) reported the 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Annual Report has gone through internal review within the Public Health Administration and will now be sent on to MDHHS Communications. Once Communications has approved the document, it will be sent out.
- d. Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Summit  
James Bell (DHHS) reported all three keynote speakers have been confirmed for the Summit. The Planning Committee is now looking to finalize speakers for the breakout sessions.

## **6. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

## **7. Other Updates**

- a. Other  
Jennifer De La Cruz has recently accepted an offer to lead the Office for Community Violence Intervention within the department. Her old position is now posted on the state website.

## **8. Next Steps**

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell

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

Leo Nouhan provided public comment.

**10. Adjourn**

The March 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.

### March 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		D	
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			