



Meeting: Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Date: September 20, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

Co-Chair Brian Ahmedani called the September 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

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

2. Public Comment

Co-Chairs Brian Ahmedani and Nancy Buyle provide public comment.

3. Review and Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes – All

Previous meeting minutes could not be approved due to not having a quorum.

4. MDHHS Updates

a. Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs – Debra Pinals
No update was provided at this time.

b. Injury Violence Prevention Section - Lindsay DeCamp
Lindsay DeCamp (DHHS) reported the Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention in Michigan Program is in its last few weeks, but it has been funded for another five years. The next round of funding is to begin on September 30, 2024.

The Michigan Suicide Prevention Plan webinar is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 1:00 PM. Today is the last day to register.

As for the Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PRiSMM) program, Megan Scott is in Atlanta, GA for a CDC Meeting with all grantees. PRiSMM is working on a media campaign right now that should be put out soon. An epidemiologist has been hired to fill Paula's previous role. A Program Coordinator has been hired to fill Kristen Smiths' previous role.

5. Old Business

a. Suicide Prevention Commission Summit Reflections

Co-Chair Ahmedani reported he felt the Suicide Prevention Summit was incredible and thanked everyone for contributing. He reported hearing positive feedback from most the attendants there. He thanked everyone who everyone he attended, assisting to plan, and those who were working at the Summit.

Commissioner John Joseph reported as an outsider to this work, he thought it was fantastic. He reported many attendees wanting to meet him and get involved with what law enforcement was doing. He reported receiving 988 vinyl stickers that he has placed on all his police cruisers. He believes Lansing Township Police Department may be the first in the state to have them.

Commissioner Beecroft reported Kiran Taylor received a letter from the Governor's Office indicating she is no longer on the commission. Quorum numbers must be reflected to show filled positions.

At 10:47, Commissioner Wilbur Yancer arrived, bringing the Commission meeting to quorum.

With a quorum present, the previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Adelle Cadieux motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Bill Beecroft seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Barbara Smith requested an update on the evaluation from the Summit for both speakers and the summit. James Bell (MDHHS) will follow up with MPHI to determine status of the summit evaluation.

There was ongoing discussion on how to sustain the Summit even if the Commission is no longer active. The Commission would like to continue this discussion in the October meeting.

There was ongoing discussion on how to sustain the Commission or fund a Suicide Prevention Office as well. Commissioners would like to continue this discussion at the October meeting.

6. New Business

a. Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention 2025-29 – Lindsay DeCamp

Lindsay DeCamp (MDHHS) provided an overview of the future of Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention in Michigan.

The 2025-2029 goals are:

- Goal 1: Expand Michigan's clinical safety net by leveraging TYSP's Youth Suicide Prevention Emergency Department (ED) Network to promote improvements in clinical care and to scale-up innovative supports for youth and families in crisis.
- Goal 2: Advance the decade-long partnership between TYSP and Michigan's Child Welfare (CW) Administration which promotes suicide prevention competency development and the implementation of trauma-informed, evidence-based screening, risk assessment, and brief interventions in child protective services, foster care, and CW residential facilities.
- Goal 3: Increase the capacity of Michigan's clinical providers to screen, assess, and treat youth and young adults with suicide risk via pre-service training and continuing education.
- Goal 4: Support youth-serving agencies and local communities to implement culturally tailored suicide prevention strategies aligned with community needs via technical assistance, training, educational, and funding opportunities.
- Goal 5: Build Michigan's postvention capacity by expanding a new network of Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) teams across the state with funding, training, and technical assistance.

Lindsay's presentation will be provided to Commissioners after the meeting.

7. Other Updates

- a. Commissioner Transition – James Bell
Commissioner Greg Ginebaugh has resigned from the Delta Township Fire Department. After confirming with the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Commissioner Ginebaugh will continue to represent this group on the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission.

There was discussion on membership of the commission and the difficulties maintaining a quorum for the monthly meetings. Co-Chair Nancy Buyle requested James Bell review the bylaws to determine membership engagement and chair responsibilities.

Co-Chair Nancy Buyle motioned to remove all inactive, either in-person or online, people who have never attended these meetings. Nancy amended her motion to request the Chair of the Commission remove Cary Johnson, Ryan Schroerlucke, and Kenneth Wolf from the commission due to inactivity. Commissioner Beecroft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bill Beecroft reported he has heard back from USPTF and they denied the petition. In the interim, he has connected with individuals around the country and will be attending the ACAP meeting to continue discussion.

There was discussion on the effectiveness of 988 and who is benefitting from the service. Co-Chair Natalie Kasiborski has requested an update on the data for where calls are coming from.

8. Next Steps

a. New Action Item Recap – James Bell

James Bell reported the Action Items identified in today's meeting:

- Follow up with MPHI re: the evaluation from the summit.
- Share Lindsay's slides from the TYSP presentation
- On the October meeting agenda include sustainability and advocacy strategy.
- Follow up with Krista Hausermann on demographic data tied to 988 calls.
- Draft a letter thanking Commissioners who are transitioning off the Commission.
- Follow up with Kiran Taylor and her status with the Commission.

9. Public Comment (time permitting)

No public comment was provided at this time.

10. Adjourn

Commissioner Bill Beecroft motioned to adjourn the September 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting. Commissioner Barbara Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The September 2024 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission adjourned at 12:21 PM.

September 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	Nancy Buyle	X		
5	Adelle Cadieux	X		
6	Sarah Derwin	X		
7	Amber Desgranges	X		
8	Kevin Frank Fischer			X
9	Cathrine Frank	X		
10	Brian Galdes	X		
11	Gregory Ginebaugh		X	
12	Cary Johnson			X
13	John Joseph	X		
14	Natalie Kasiborski		X	
15	Brian Love			X
16	Ryan Schroerlucke			X
17	Barbara Smith	X		
18	Kiran Taylor			X
19	Kenneth Wolf			X
20	Wilbur Yancer	X		
21	Carol Zuniga		X	
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			