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## Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

*June 17, 2022*

*10:30 AM – 12:30 PM*

South Grand Building – Grand Conference Room

333 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI

[Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 763 616 087#

### AGENDA

#### **I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani**

Dr. Ahmedani called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were not present.

#### **II. Public Comment**

Public comment was provided by Alyssa Knoll and Julie Cortright.

#### **III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – All**

April 2022 and May 2022 meeting minutes were not reviewed due to lack of quorum.

#### **IV. MDHHS Updates**

##### **a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Debra Pinals**

Dr. Pinals provided an update about 988's rollout. 988 is going live on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Pinals gave a brief overview and history of MiCAL and 988 and discussed how MiCAL is currently being actively rolled out.

Questions around 988 were asked and answered.

##### **b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith**

Lindsay DeCamp provided an update on starting a community of practice for suicide prevention coalitions in the state. A date in August was selected and more information will be sent out after the meeting to all coalition leaders.

Megan Scott provided an update on the PRiSMM and Commission partnered media campaign for adult men. The campaign has officially launched last week and focuses on stories of hope and resilience in attempt to reduce stigma and increase help seeking behavior in adult men. The tag line is "speak up, the life you save can be your own." Videos can be found on the Michigan.gov website (Michigan.gov/lifeyousafe). Last years Lethal Means campaign can also be found on the same website.

## **V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin**

### **a. Death Scene Investigation Form**

Rachel did not have any significant updates to share. The work is still in progress and the workgroup plans on meeting in July.

## **VI. Old Business – Dr. Brian Ahmedani**

### **a. Partnership with WOV/DPTV**

With One Voice & Detroit PBS discussed a desire for a collaboration effort with the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission in the future.

Leo and Michael presented their partnership proposal and how the two visions can align and benefit each other.

Discussion was had about the Commission forming subcommittees to interface with DPTV and With One Voice on an ongoing basis.

Comments from Commissioners were as follows: Concern arose about limiting the goal of reducing suicide by a numeric number instead of an aspirational goal of zero. Another common concern was thinking about what a central hub would look like and entails. A comment about the proposal was made that there was a desire to have more concrete goals and or outcomes that we would hope to get out of this partnership and wondering how DPTV goals would line up with the Commission's goals specifically. Another comment that had arisen was that the Commission needs to be careful and selective of the partnerships and endorsement they choose to promote. A proposal of creating a communications sub-workgroup, which would include subject matter experts, within the Commissioners to further detail the partnership was brought up as an idea to move forward and flesh out ideas for the future message and goals we are putting forth.

For the future meeting, forming a subgroup to flesh out the details of a potential future partnership with DPTV/With One Voice was decided on.

### **b. Statewide Summit**

Nancy was not present at the meeting so this agenda item would be moved to the following Commission meeting.

### **c. Other action items from the last meeting**

## **VII. Discussion: Postvention – Barb Smith**

Barb discussed wanting to vote on if the post suicide prevention recommendation committee from the state could be chosen as experts to guide postvention goals that we have for the state of Michigan.

Due to lack of quorum this agenda item will be moved to next months agenda item.

## **VIII. Discussion: 2022 Commission Goals and Activities - Dr. Brian Ahmedani**

Goals, priorities, and activities that were brought up during the meeting was as follows: postvention resources/subcommittee, creating a communication workgroup, a focus on lethal means relation with

suicide and violence, partnering with different organizations that are focused on lethal means and safe storage, getting suicide prevention training, or providing CE credits into medical schools and for clinicians.

## **IX. Other Updates**

### **a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley**

Corbin provided updates on healthcare professional training – 11 states that require training, four states encourage training, Michigan is not on the list at the moment.

State policy update: no significant updates but Corbin will continue to monitor policies.

At a national level: the house and commerce committee restored the advancing hope and wellbeing act. SAMHSA initiated 988 workforce push.

- Effective suicide screening and emergency department act: support hospitals ability to screen for suicide risk in emergency departments.
- Behavioral health crisis expansion act
- 988 Implementation act
- LGBTQ+ suicide prevention – banning conversation therapy and expands data collection, expands access to gender affirming care, and promotes LGBTQ+ youth mental health and suicide prevention.

Corbin will continue monitoring federal bills.

### **b. Discussion: July’s Commission Meeting - Rachel Zaguskin**

A conversation was had about having a July and August meeting. The possibility of cancelling Augusts’ meeting was discussed. No final decision was made.

### **c. Other Updates**

## **X. Next Steps**

### **a. Action Item Recap – Rachel Zaguskin**

- Include link to media campaign in weekly update email
- Include attachment of With One Voice Proposal in weekly update email
- Forward Firearm Safety Document
- Email Corbin’s policy update
- Email doodle poll for Commissioner participation for July and August

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

Public comment was provided by Erika Espinoza

## **XII. Adjourn**

The June 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission meeting was adjourned at 12:16.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting**

July 15, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Please contact Rachel Zaguskin for additional meeting information.*

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# June 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present (Phone)	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey			X
2	Zaneta Adams	X		
3	Brian Ahmedani	X		
4	William Beecroft	X		
5	Debra Brinson			X
6	Nancy Buyle			X
7	Adelle Cadieux	X		
8	Jessica DeJohn	X		
9	Sarah Derwin	X		
10	Amber Desgranges			X
11	Kevin Frank Fischer	X		
12	Cathrine Frank	X		
13	John Greden			X
14	Cary Johnson			X
15	John Joseph	X		
16	Laurin Jozlin	X		
17	Jennifer Morgan			X
18	Thomas Reich			X
19	Ryan Schroerlucke		X	
20	Barbara Smith	X		
21	Corbin Standley		X	
22	Kiran Taylor			X
23	Kenneth Wolf			X
	James Bell			X
	Jennifer DeLaCruz	X		
	Debra Pinals		X	
	Linda Scarpetta			X
	Patricia Smith	X		
	Rachel Zaguskin	X		