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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

March 18, 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: 565-105-576#

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Dr. Ahmedani called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Celeste Kanpurwala.

III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – All

The July 2021, September 2021, November 2021, January 2022, February 2022 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

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

No updates from Dr. Pinals

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith

Jennifer DeLaCruz reported no significant updates.

The Suicide Prevention Team put out a concept paper for the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Their focus this spring is on behavioral health. The team put out a proposal to reduce access to lethal means, specifically when someone is

experiencing a crisis. The concept paper stated that the mission of the paper aligns with the commission's recommendations.

The team remains hopeful that the concept paper will be reviewed, and the Suicide Prevention Team will be invited to submit a full proposal. The fund would be for over two years and \$500,000 part of this funding would be for staffing and the other part would be for the intervention.

Lindsay DeCamp reported that the Community Technical Assistance Meeting (CTAM) registration were open and noted that if anyone was interested in attending the meeting registration is currently filled up to half of its capacity (50 spots left). Lindsay requested James Bell or Rachel Zaguskin to share the CTAM registration information with the Commission members.

There are 4 preliminary sessions scheduled focusing on African American, LGBT, Indigenous and military communities. Keynote speakers include Dr. Patrick Carter from the University of Michigan who will be talking about firearm safety, Travis Atkinson who will be talking about crisis services, care givers and first responders. There will be 9 breakout speakers, a postvention session where Barb Smith is going to be presenting. And Laurin Jozlin will be on a panel for Zero Suicide implementation.

Kristen Smith reported that there will be more updates about Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training for Trainers in May and June and there will be a Michigan Men Ad Campaign for September for Suicide Prevention Week.

Rachel Zaguskin updated the Commission on the status of the Media Campaign. The campaign currently has two volunteers. The campaign will be running from May 23rd to June 30th and September 4th-September 10th for Suicide Prevention Week.

V. Subcommittee Workgroup Updates – Rachel Zaguskin

a. Death Scene Investigation Form

Rachel Zaguskin reported the Death Scene Investigation Form is not yet finalized. This workgroup's meeting time will be rescheduled to increase engagement.

VI. 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Report – Dr. James Bell III

Rachel Zaguskin reported that the report was with the communications department and will be submitted by the end of the month.

VII. Discussion: 2022 Commission Goals and Activities - Dr. Brian Ahmedani

Nancy Buyle reviewed s summary of last week's commission meeting goals and activities.

There is additional interest in:

- Creating a new subgroup to build off of the work previously done by the Universal Screening Tool Workgroup and refocus towards examining suicide prevention assessment.
- Creating a care pathway subcommittee that will provide recommendations.
- Creating a workgroup that focuses on dealing with lethal means access, availability, and means reduction recommendations.
- Educating schools about how to deal with the topics related to suicide and teach resilience.
- Coordinating with the state about creating a crisis stabilization unit workgroup and coordinating with providers who may not have a co-care or collaborative care model to identify issues and have a resource available to them immediately.
- Maximizing Community Health and Medicaid dollars and start a conversation with the state about bringing in different trainings and expediting dollars to bring in more specialist.
- Focusing on connecting schools, colleges, and youth to services.
- Focusing on upstream approaches regarding educating and training all providers about suicide and suicide prevention and incorporating how to properly deal with suicide and suicide prevention in all school curriculums.
- Opening a conversation about a payment piece to address additional capacity.
- Incorporating listening sessions where the public can vote on priority areas that are important to them.
- The commission monitoring MiCAL and 988 as well as its roll out across the state.
- Examining technology/digital based tools to supplement therapy.
- Invite Michael Pine from With One Voice to come and guest speak at a commission meeting.

VIII. Other Updates

- a. Policy Update – Corbin Standley

There has not been much traction on new state legislation since the last meeting.

- Nationally Congress did pass a 1.5 trillion-dollar budget on March 9th to fund the federal government for the fiscal year.
- Key pieces:
 - 2.1 billion dollars to the National Institutes of Mental Health.
 - 12.5 million dollars to continue firearm injury and mortality prevention research.
 - 3.9 million dollars towards substance use treatment
 - Increase in 50 million dollars for health disparities research
 - Significant investments in public health infrastructure which includes 5 million dollars for the National Center of Health Statistics and 61 million dollars for public health force initiatives, some of which is earmarked for mental health specifically.
 - 100 million dollars for public health surveillance at the CDC and state and local health departments.
 - SAMSHA is funded at 6.5 billion dollars.
 - 101.6-million-dollar funding for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
 - 5 million dollars to create a behavioral health crisis and 988 coordinating office at the federal level.
 - 38.8 million dollars for the Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grants.
 - 10 million dollars to help communities build mobile behavioral health crisis response.
- Budget did include significant increases to mental health and suicide prevention.

Commissioner Standley will continue to monitor.

Other Updates

IX. Next Steps

a. Action Item Recap – Dr. James Bell III

- Share information with the commission about CTAM.
- Send more information about the media campaign to certain commissioners.
- Discuss reinstating the Universal Screening Tool workgroup to focus on assessment.
- Discuss creating a workgroup to focus on means and access reduction.

- Set up a listening session where we discuss/create a prioritized list of things that the commission would like to discuss and or focus their attention on moving forward.
- Create a list of priorities that the commission would like to focus on.
- Invite Michael Pine and With One Voice to come to a commission meeting and present updates on the work currently being done.

X. Public Comment (time permitting)

Kevin Fischer, Bob Goble, and Celeste Kanpurwala provided public comment.

XI. Adjourn

The March 2022 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

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Upcoming Meetings

Death Scene Investigation Form Workgroup Meeting

April 20, 2022

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

May 20, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact James Bell for additional meeting information.

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March 2022 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

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