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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

February 19, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

a. Roll Call

Brian Ahmedani, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

b. Virtual Decorum

c. Bylaws Amendments (see attached)

Ryan Schroerlucke motioned to approve the amendments to the Suicide Prevention bylaws. Cathy Frank seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

II. Public Comment

Public Comment was provided by Neal Elkin, Andrew Brisbo (LARA), Catherine Galdes, and James Gallant.

III. Review and Adopt January 2021 Meeting and January 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Cathrine Frank motioned to approve the January 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting and January 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Special Meeting minutes. Sarah Derwin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

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

There are many crisis services activities taking place within the department. Michigan is launching the Michigan Crisis Access Line (MiCAL) and it will be piloted in Oakland County and the upper peninsula.

A grant was received to look at 988 capacity.

The Michigan data on the Household Pulse Survey has been received and looking at impacts of COVID-19. The rates for anxiety and depression is high in Michigan 30-40%.

There have been over 20,000 calls to the peer warmline. This warmline will be absorbed by the MiCAL and sustained through that initiative.

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
The Department is looking to fill two of the three positions for the PRISM project.

There have been many questions regarding suicide deaths during COVID-19. There is a delay in data collection. For the first half of 2020, there was no increase in suicide deaths in Michigan.

- c. Funding Opportunity – James Bell III
Local Public Health Services has allotted \$20,000 that can be used for Suicide Prevention Commission activities. The Executive Committee will be responsible for determining an activity to use these funds.
- d. Subcommittee Support – James Bell III
Rachel Zaguskin will be supporting the subcommittees beginning in March.

V. Initial Report Discussion – Nancy Buyle

- a. Draft Feedback
There should be a split in the section related to protective factors and risk factors. There is more research on risk factors and less evidence on protective factors.

There should be an additional section added to the document for survivors of suicide loss.

The group needs to reconcile the difference between Zero Suicide and zero suicide.

The Commission need to be clear in the medical examiner toxicology draw recommendation.

The Commission will need determine if the group will use behavioral health or mental health.

Corbin Standley motioned to accept the Suicide Prevention Commission Initial Report as drafted and to allow DHHS to make any final edits before submission. Barb Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. Dissemination Strategy – Nancy Buyle

Commission members will need to be intentional about sharing the finalized Initial Report. There is additional discussion on hosting ongoing listening sessions to identify different ways the recommendations can/will be implemented in community.

VII. Other Updates

Final edits for the report should be submitted by Monday, February 22, 2021.

VIII. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell
 - i. The Executive Committee will be responsible for identifying ways to spend the \$20,000 grant and the communication strategy for the Initial Report.

IX. Public Comment (time permitting)

Public Comment was provided by James Gallant, Robert Goble, Catherine Galdes

X. Adjourn

Zaneta Adams motioned to adjourn the February 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting. Barb Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.

The meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Workforce Subcommittee Meeting

March 9, 2021

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Suicide Prevention Commission Policy Subcommittee Meeting

March 9, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Data Subcommittee Meeting

March 10, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Special Populations Subcommittee Meeting

March 12, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

March 19, 2021

10:30 – 12:30 PM

Please contact James Bell for Subcommittee Chair contact information.

February 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	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	Richard Copen	X	
9	Jessica DeJohn	X	
10	Sarah Derwin	X	
11	Amber Desgranges	X	
12	Corey Doan	X	
13	Kevin Frank Fischer		X
14	Cathrine Frank	X	
15	John Greden		X
16	Danny Hagen		X
17	Cary Johnson		X
18	John Joseph	X	
19	Laurin Jozlin	X	
20	Jennifer Morgan		X
21	Thomas Reich		
22	Ryan Schroerlucke	X	
23	Barbara Smith	X	
24	Corbin Standley	X	
25	Kiran Taylor	X	
26	Kenneth Wolf	X	
	James Bell	X	
	Jennifer DeLaCruz	X	
	Debra Pinals	X	
	Linda Scarpetta	X	
	Patricia Smith	X	
	Orlando Todd		
	Jeff Spitzley	X	
	Rachel Zaguskin	X	