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June 16, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 898255245#

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – Brian Ahmedani

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Public Comment

There was no public present to comment.

III. Review and adopt May 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion and a second were made to approve the May 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

a. Legislative – Emily Schwarzkopf

Emily Schwarzkopf (DHHS) introduced herself to the Commission. The Legislature has been working on the different Oversight Committees in response to COVID-19. There was a bill that passed last week in the House Education committee, is up in the House Ways and Means Committee – [HB 5482](#) will require the suicide hotline number be placed on student IDs. The bill will be for K-12 students.

b. Behavioral Health – Debra Pinals

The Behavioral Health and Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) is issuing an RFP to have establish the MI-CAL (Crisis Access Line). Creating activities to support the emotional health and wellbeing for MDHHS staff and communities to discuss issue related to structural racism, racism as a public health issue and seeking strategies and solutions.

BHDDA is reviewing data from other states for increases in domestic violence calls, suicide related to COVID and what responses need to look like. Standing up expanded crisis services from FEMA and SAMHSA.

BHDDA continues to update the [Michigan.gov/staywell](https://www.michigan.gov/staywell) website with guidance and resources related to COVID and mental/emotional health.

BHDDA has had listening sessions working with the psychiatric hospitals and there is a desire for conversation and training related to COVID-19 and suicide prevention. BHDDA is working with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) to introduce a webinar series.

The Public Health Administration is initiating strategic planning around substance use and mental health which will have impacts for this Commission.

- c. Injury Prevention and Control – Patricia Smith
MDHHS applied for three new grants between March and May 2020:
 - Zero Suicide Grant (SAMHSA)
 - Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program (CDC) with focus on adult men.
 - COVID-19 Emergency Suicide Prevention Response (SAMHSA)MDHHS received notification the Youth Suicide Prevention continuation will be funded for next year, and a capacity building grant for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline with supports for the Suicide Prevention Commission included.

V. Commission Updates – James Bell

- a. [Microsoft Teams Site](#)
James Bell provided an overview of the Microsoft Teams Site and how to navigate to the various folders. All meeting agendas, minutes and meeting resources will be maintained there. Each subcommittee has a folder that can be used to store documents.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Data – Zaneta Adams
James Bell gave an update for the Data Subcommittee. The group is working on drafting the Preliminary Report. The subcommittee has been scheduled to meet biweekly until the report is completed.
- b. Policy – Jessica DeJohn
Jessica DeJohn gave an update for the Policy Subcommittee. The group will be meeting monthly to review policies at the local, state, and national level. The group is also working on creating a tracking tool to use for updates during the Commission Meeting.

VII. Initial Report Planning

- a. Draft Michigan Strategy
Patricia Smith gave an overview of the draft Michigan Suicide Prevention Strategy. Brian Ahmedani and James Bell facilitated a discussion on the Initial Report to share with the legislature. The Data Subcommittee will be responsible

for drafting the initial outline, highlighting the data sources and special populations. During the July meeting, the Suicide Prevention Commission will be reviewing the first draft of the Initial Report. Revisions will take place between July and August with MDHHS review beginning in early August for a September submission.

VIII. Other Updates

The Executive Committee needs to meet to assess their involvement with coordinating data collection efforts with universities and MDHHS.

IX. Next Steps

a. Action Item Recap

Determine the date the Suicide Prevention Commission Initial Report must be submitted.

James will schedule an Executive Committee Meeting to review purpose of the group.

James will schedule a discussion with the Data Subcommittee and invite the full Commission to discuss vision.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

**Next Meeting
July 14, 2020
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

June 2020 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Present by Phone	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey		X	
2	Zaneta Adams			X
3	Brian Ahmedani		X	
4	William Beecroft		X	
5	Lily Bothe			X
6	Debra Brinson			X
7	Nancy Buyle		X	
8	Adelle Cadieux		X	
9	Kellie Cody		X	
10	Richard Copen		X	
11	Jessica DeJohn		X	
12	Sarah Derwin		X	
13	Amber Desgranges		X	
14	Kevin Frank Fischer		X	
15	Catherine Frank		X	
16	John Greden		X	
17	Danny Hagen			X
18	Cary Johnson			X
19	John Joseph		X	
20	Laurin Jozlin		X	
21	Jennifer Morgan			
22	Thomas Reich		X	
23	Ryan Schroerlucke			X
24	Barbara Smith		X	
26	Corbin Standley		X	
26	Kiran Taylor		X	
27	Kenneth Wolf		X	
	James Bell		X	
	Jennifer DeLaCruz		X	
	Robert Gordon			
	Joneigh Khaldun			
	Debra Pinals			
	Linda Scarpetta		X	
	Emily Schwarzkopf		X	
	Patricia Smith		X	
	Orlando Todd		X	