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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

May 15, 2020

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 608381796#

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Welcome & Introductions – Director Robert Gordon

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. COVID-19 and Mental Health – Dr. Debra Pinals

Dr. Pinals provided an update on the MDHHS Behavioral Health Administration response to COVID-19:

- a. The COVID-19 hotline was stood up for information sharing related to behavioral health response and has received over 36,000 calls and 20,000 e-mails.
- b. Michigan has received a Crisis Counseling Program Grant from SAMHSA and FEMA to connect COVID-19 hotline to crisis counselors.
- c. Michigan.gov/Coronavirus can be used to get more information on the “Stay Well Campaign”.
- d. Michigan has established a Peer Warmline staffed to create a peer to peer interface for individuals with lived experience. There have been 2600 interactions that line.

III. Legislative Charge of the Commission – James Bell III

a. Preliminary Report

The purpose of the Suicide Prevention Commission is to work with state agencies and nonprofits to research possible underlying factors of suicide within the state. By September 2020, the Commission will prepare and present a preliminary report of its research and findings to the legislature. This research will focus on demographics showing the highest suicide rates in Michigan in this decade and should consider urban and rural areas, sex, occupation, age and socioeconomic status.

b. Updated Report with Recommendations

In March 2021 and every year after, the Suicide Prevention Commission will provide an updated version of the preliminary report with recommendations for reducing risk factors. This will also include creating and providing a process for ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations. The

Commission will also be instrumental in providing recommendations for a process of continued state coordination on suicide data collection, prevention programs and a coordinated approach to the prevention of suicide to continue after the act no longer applies.

IV. Commission Structure – James Bell III

a. Subcommittees

The legislation has granted us flexibility to establish subcommittees that may consist of members of the commission for us to meet our goals. Until the Preliminary Report is submitted the Data Subcommittee and the Policy subcommittee will be integral in capturing the necessary elements to complete the Preliminary Report. After the Preliminary Report, the Commission should add a Special Populations and Workforce Subcommittee to oversee the development of recommendations based on the Initial Report findings.

Suicide Prevention Commission members are to email James Bell with their preferred committee no later May 22, 2020.

b. Workplan

A workplan has been drafted to complete the first year of the Suicide Prevention Commission and was attached to the initial email. It is up to the Executive Committee to finalize the workplan and implement.

V. Commission Resources

- a. Microsoft Teams Site – Patricia Smith
- b. Clerking – Jennifer DeLaCruz

VI. Executive Committee Elections – James Bell III

The Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the compilation of data and available resources in coordination with the universities in the state and to set the timeline (workplan) of the commission’s work by December 30, 2024.

The following members have expressed interest in serving in the remaining two seats of the Executive Committee: Nancy Buyle, Corbin Standley, Adelle Cadieux, Zaneta Adams, Catherine Frank, John Greden

The following members have expressed interest in serving as the Chairperson of the Commission: Brian Ahmedani, Jessica DeJohn

A survey link has been provided to members to complete the Executive Committee elections no later than Monday, May 18, 2020.

VII. National Strategy Overview – Patricia Smith

VIII. Michigan Suicide Prevention Plan Update – Patricia Smith

IX. Next Steps

a. Meeting Frequency – Monthly

The Suicide Prevention Commission has the flexibility to meet as needed as determined by the Commission and Executive Committee. At this time it is being proposed the group meets on a monthly basis to ensure completion of the Preliminary Report.

b. Action Item Recap

Commission members will identify which subcommittee they would like to participate in.

Commission members will complete the elections online.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

**Next Meeting
June 19, 2020
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

May 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		X	
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		X	
	Joneigh Khaldun		X	
	Debra Pinals		X	
	Linda Scarpetta		X	
	Patricia Smith		X	
	Orlando Todd			