

MINUTES

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

January 31, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunity
826 Municipal Way
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Dr. Daveda J. Colbert Dr. Jennifer Taiariol
Mr. Patrick R. Green Mr. Jason Russell
Dr. Alyse L. Ley Ms. Aimee Alaniz (@ 10:37 a.m.)

Attending Virtually:
Ms. Beth Nagel

Excused Absence:
Dr. Nasuh Malas
Ms. Rosa Thomas
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske

Staff Present: Tiesha Hakim

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Five voting members were present; therefore, there was no quorum, and no action could be taken. The meeting proceeded without any action.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

No quorum, no action.

III. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Colbert asked that the Commission members introduce themselves and the sector they were nominated to represent. Each Commissioner present introduced themselves and stated which sector they were representing.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Prevent 2 Protect Presentation

Dr. Alyse Ley and Dr. Frank Straub, Co-Directors of Prevent 2 Protect, a partnership between Michigan State University Department of Psychiatry and Safe

and Sound Schools, shared information about the adolescent targeted violence prevention project.

Questions from Commissioners were addressed. Discussion took place.

Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

Dr. James Bell III, Chief of Staff for the Public Health Administration within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services who is responsible for coordinating the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission spoke to the potential sunset of the commission in December 2024 and how they are looking for opportunities for a warm transfer of the recommendations and activities that the commission has yet to fulfill.

School Safety and Mental Health Commission Chair, Dr. Daveda Colbert asked that the group provide upcoming meeting dates, times and virtual links if available for members of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission to attend. Dr. Bell was also asked to provide the date of their summit for attendance and/or collaboration and a list of items that they do not want to leave on the table if the commission is not extended.

School Safety Academy

Kimberly Root, Section Manager, Michigan State Police Grant and Community Services Division, Office of School Safety shared information regarding the School Safety Academy which consists of six, two-day sessions throughout Michigan. Ms. Root presented the academy's learning objectives, target audience and the notable and nationally recognized presenters.

Questions from Commissioners were addressed. Discussion took place.

Commission Discussion

Follow up on School Safety Academy – no additional information was discussed after presentation from Kimberly Root.

School psychologist letters forwarded – copies of letters sent to Senator Camilleri and Members of the Senate Appropriations Pre-K-12 Subcommittee; and Representative Weiss and Members of the House Appropriations School Aid and Education Subcommittee were provided to Commissioners.

Website RFP process – Representatives from Wayne RESA, Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services and Kurt Rheaume, Senior Executive Director of Information Technology Solution, presented website RFP comparisons, including the RFP process and timeline, summary of bids received, pricing comparisons and references. Presentation slides will be shared with Commissioners for further review.

School Safety and Mental Health Summit collaboration – Dr. Sarena Shivers, Deputy Executive Director of Professional Learning and Member Services at Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators (MASA), shared information about the School Safety and Mental Health Summit being held on

April 30, 2024 in Lansing. Part one of the session will lean into the social emotion part of when a school tragedy occurs and part two will consists of breakout sessions led by Michigan school districts. This year there will be a preconference offering (April 29) from University of Michigan’s National Center for School Safety to provide support in developing comprehensive school safety plans.

Registration information will be shared with Commissioners once it becomes available.

V. ACTION ITEMS

No quorum, no action taken.

Approval of Commission minutes from the September 27, 2023 and October 25, 2023 meetings will be included on the next meeting agenda.

Commissioners agreed to add a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for the purposes of handling commission business and a quorum will be needed. The meeting location was confirmed as 826 Municipal Way, Lansing, Michigan.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Green expressed his appreciation for the School Safety Academy presentation as it showed how the academy is moving forward with funding from the School Safety and Mental Health Commission.

Mr. Green also shared his frustration to hear that the Suicide Prevention Commission is not continuing beyond December 2024, stating that funding was given because these commissions are needed. Dr. Alyse Ley agreed with Mr. Green.

Dr. Jennifer Taiariol acknowledged the great work of Prevent 2 Protect and offered her assistance and support as the project grows to the east side of the state.

Dr. Colbert noted that April presentations will include a website update and an update from Dr. Shivers regarding the School Safety and Mental Health Summit.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested the opportunity to provide public comment, but a communication that was received via email to the commissioners from Fred A. Cummins, President of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County was acknowledged. Commission Chair, Dr. Daveda Colbert shared that she did respond to Mr. Cummins via email.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Future meetings dates of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission were shared.

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION

Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunities
826 Municipal Way
Lansing, Michigan 48917

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wayne RESA