

MINUTES

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

October 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Michigan Alliance for Student Opportunity
826 Municipal Way
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Dr. Daveda J. Colbert
Mr. Patrick R. Green
Dr. Alyse L. Ley
Dr. Jennifer Taiariol
Mr. Jason Russell
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske
Dr. Aimee Alaniz (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Tiesha Hakim

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Patrick Green moved, seconded by Mr. Jason Russell, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the agenda and order of priority, as submitted.

With only six voting members in attendance, there was no quorum, and no action could be taken. The meeting proceeded without any 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

Introduction to the GIGGL™ Mental Wellness Solution Presentation

Dr. Julie Bartholomew, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, and Kelli Braun, Chief Operating Officer of Life Raft Systems + Technologies shared information about the GIGGL™ Mental Wellness Solution, a daily emotional check-in and support for

students and educators. Data was shared based on a program pilot in Caseville Public Schools.

Questions from Commissioners were addressed. Discussion took place.

MI Student Voice and Perception Survey Presentation

Kirsten Myers, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Dr. Davie Store, Director of Research and Continuous Improvement at Kent ISD shared information regarding the MI Student Voice and Perception Survey which was created in 2019 as a way to measure student experience. The survey focuses on social-emotional learning, student engagement and belonging, and is customizable so school districts are able to decide which domains, gender identities, and grade levels they want to offer. Highlights from the 2023 survey and key data takeaways were shared with the Commission, including the connection to the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP), specifically in the Assess Needs area.

Questions from Commissioners were addressed. Discussion took place.

Commission Discussion

Next steps after supporting the School Safety Academy – Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske suggested that the School Safety Academy present updates, observations, and direction during the January 2024 Commission meeting. Ms. Kim Root is the lead contact.

School psychologist proposal language – Dr. Jennifer Taiariol shared a draft letter of support to legislators for the Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP) and their urgent request for funding for tuition reimbursement for review. Commissioners were asked to review the letter for follow up in November 2023.

Next steps for supported website and consultants – Dr. Diane Golzynski, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) met with representatives from Wayne RESA and the next steps include moving forward with drafting RFPs for the website and a website consultant. In the meantime, a School Safety and Mental Health Commission webpage was created on the Wayne RESA website that mirrors the page housed on MDE’s website to ensure no gaps in service. The Commission agreed to develop a website subcommittee to continue the work and Dr. Jennifer Taiariol and Patrick Green agreed to be part of the subcommittee.

School Safety and Mental Health Summit – There was discussion about being collaborative in planning school safety and mental health summits throughout the State. Three different summits were lifted in discussion, Midwest School Safety Summit - Safe and Sound Schools (January); MASA School Safety Summit; and the School Safety Track (as part of the Homeland Security Summit in May). The Commission agreed to develop a summit subcommittee to review summit content, titles, and descriptions in an effort to not duplicate initiatives. Dr. Jennifer Taiariol, Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske, Dr. Alyse Ley, Aimee Alaniz, and Jason Russell agreed to be part of the subcommittee.

V. ACTION ITEMS

No quorum, no action taken.

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

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske shared that the Joint Learning Session with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in Gaylord, Michigan had 73 attendees including 44 school personnel, 16 law enforcement (mostly SRO's) and 13 CMH members.

Dr. Alyse Ley suggested a Prevent to Protect project presentation during the January 2024 meeting. The presentation will be added to the agenda.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested the opportunity to provide public comment.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- Wednesday, January 31, 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

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X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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