

**MINUTES**

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

April 24, 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 Ms. Rosa Thomas (10:11 a.m.)  
Dr. Alyse L. Ley Ms. Beth Nagel  
Mr. Jason Russell Ms. Aimee Alaniz

Attending Virtually:  
N/A

Excused Absence:  
Dr. Nasuh Malas

Staff Present: Tiesha Hakim

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**MOTION:** Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Ley, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the agenda and order of priority as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Nagel – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

### III. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

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

Due to a reorganization at the Michigan State Police, Lt. Col. Kelenske will no longer be able to serve on the School Safety and Mental Health Commission. Dr. Colbert shared her appreciation for Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske, adding that he served in a mighty way on the commission. Commissioners are thankful for Lt. Col. Kelenske's service and all that he has done and will continue to do in his role.

### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. *MC3 Program*

Dr. Sheila Marcus, Pediatric Medical Director, and Anne Kramer, Program Director of Michigan Clinical Consultation and Care (MC3) presented on Behavioral Health Consultation for Michigan's Providers. The presentation included MC3 programs and services, sub specialists and emergency services settings, expansion to schools, group case consultations and strengths and successes of the program.

#### 2. *School Safety Academy Update*

Kimberly Root, Section Manager, Michigan State Police Grant and Community Services Division, Office of School Safety, and Beth Beattie, Department Analyst provided an update to the Commission on the Michigan School Safety Academy sessions that have taken place to date. The update included a breakdown of academy attendees and session topics. The Academy has had more than 300 registrants to date and waiting lists have been created for all events.

A summary of the session and speaker ratings was also provided to the Commission along with a sample of the resources provided to Michigan School Safety Academy attendees.

Future academies include Grayling (May 14-15), Gladstone (June 25-26), Pontiac (August 20-21), Lansing (September 17-18).

Commissioners asked about the budget and requested a breakdown of the \$400,000 funding provided by the Commission. Ms. Root shared how funding from the Commission has helped the efforts of providing School Safety Academies at no cost to attendees. She also recommended implementing a registration fee in the future to assist with no-shows. The Commission asked if funding continued over the next 2-3 years, what would ongoing planning look like. Ms. Root welcomed the opportunity to continue the work and shared requests from attendees for an advanced academy, 2.0 version, that they would like to see added in the future.

### *Website Preview*

Paula Whisman, Foxbright Project Manager, shared a draft of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission website. The temporary web address link was provided to Commissioners for further review.

After review and discussion, Dr. Colbert asked if the Commissioners would be on board with the website going live on May 15, pending review from the commission. Commissioners were in support of the May 15 date.

Commissioner Alaniz added that a disclaimer needs to be added to the website before it goes live. The disclaimer should inform users that the resources provided are not endorsed or vetted by the commission, and that resources are recommended by ISDs and RESAs across the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Green inquired about a social media presence for the Commission. This will be tabled for future discussion.

### *3. Commissioner Discussion*

Commissioners had discussion regarding the commission logo and proposed 2024-25 commission meeting dates (October 23, 2024; January 29, 2025; April 23, 2025; and July 23, 2025). There were no objections to the logo or meeting dates.

A discussion item with action was added to the agenda: Commission Funds

### *4. Commission Business Update*

Commissioner Green asked that future meeting discussions include staffing and goals for next year. The items will be added to the July agenda.

### *5. Communications*

Dr. Colbert shared information regarding communications received by the commission.

- A communication was received from Kyle Lanterman regarding Voyeurism, Cyberbullying, and referrals to law enforcement, and a request for support with a school board proposal. Dr. Colbert provided a response on behalf of the commission.
- State Representative Jaime Green reached out to Dr. Colbert regarding the work of the commission after being asked to implement a similar commission. Dr. Colbert met with Rep. Green to discuss the commission's work and statutes for the commission to remain permanently. The ask that expiring members be reappointed to continue the work was also lifted.

V. ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2024**

**MOTION:** Mr. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Russell, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Nagel – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Thomas – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission Logo**

**MOTION:** Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the commission logo presented.

Dr. Colbert thanked the subcommittee for their preview of the commission logo.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Nagel – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Thomas – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission 2024-2024 Meeting Dates**

**MOTION:** Dr. Ley moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the 2024-2025 meeting schedule as presented. (October 23, 2024; January 29, 2025; April 23, 2025; July 23, 2025)

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Nagel – Aye**

**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol - Aye**  
**Thomas - Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

**Commission Funds – Discussion and Approval**

Dr. Colbert shared that there is \$1.6 million of School Safety and Mental Health Commission dollars left at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), that were not transferred to Wayne RESA. After discussion, it was recommended that the \$1.6 million be allocated to the Michigan State Police specifically for future Michigan School Safety Academies, including a 2.0 version, over the next 3-4 years.

A financial update on the \$2 million in funds at Wayne RESA will be provided to the commission.

Dr. Ley added that she would like to review plans for the 2.0 version of the Michigan School Safety Academy before it is rolled out. She hopes that funds will remain in state by selecting Michigan speakers and utilizing Michigan colleges, universities and Michigan K-12 schools as host sites.

**MOTION:** Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission allocate the \$1.6 million dollars remaining at MDE, with an intergovernmental agreement, to the Michigan State Police Office of School Safety to continue the Michigan School Safety Academies, 1.0 and 2.0 versions, for at least 3 years.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye**  
**Green – Aye**  
**Ley – Aye**  
**Nagel – Aye**  
**Russell - Aye**  
**Taiariol – Aye**  
**Thomas – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked Commissioner Jason Russell for testifying during the House Education Standing Committee Meeting held March 19, 2024.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Cummins of West Bloomfield, Michigan, representing the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County was present for public comment and spoke to the commission regarding schools in collaboration with the mental health system.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 23, 2025 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 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiesha Hakim  
Executive Assistant  
Wayne RESA