

MINUTES

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

July 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building, Fourth Floor
608 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Dr. Daveda J. Colbert
Mr. Patrick R. Green
Mr. Nasuh Malas
Ms. Beth Nagel (virtual)

Dr. Jennifer Taiariol
Mr. Jason Russell
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske
Ms. Aimee Alaniz

Staff Present: Dr. Diane Golzynski
Ms. Janice Dixon

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Colbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Malas, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the agenda and order of priority.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye
Green - Aye
Malas – Aye
Russell - Aye
Taiariol – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on future of School Safety and Mental Health Commission.

Open discussion among Commissioners. Commission meetings will end with the Michigan Department of Education as of October 1. Dr. Diane Golzynski and Ms. Janice Dixon will no longer be supporting the Commission as of October 1. Commission will continue within the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA). No longer required to meet monthly; can move to quarterly meetings. Discussion about continuing with the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am

in the months of October, January, April, and July. Meetings would continue to be held in the greater Lansing area. Options include the Ingham Intermediate School District, the offices of local educational agencies, or Michigan State Police headquarters. Meetings must be in person and open to the public. The Commission still has some vacant positions that were previously approved to be filled. Those Commission vacancies will need to be hired or contracted through Wayne RESA. The Commission has \$2 million in funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission has requested an extension for spending the current \$2 million in Commission funding.

Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission proceed with planning and scheduling quarterly meetings in the Lansing area on the fourth Wednesday of October 2023, January 2024, April 2024, and July 2024, at 10:00 am, with the location to be determined no later than August 23, 2023.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye
Green - Aye
Malas – Aye
Russell - Aye
Taiariol – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on future of School Safety and Mental Health Commission website.

Open discussion among Commissioners. Should the Commission pay for the creation of a website for the Commission, or should it be housed by another organization, such as the Office of School Safety? Discussion about using Commission resources for a website when those resources could be used to help hire professionals in the field. Commission bylaws state that the Commission must create and maintain a website. By hiring a professional website design company, the Commission can keep control of the content and the timeliness of content postings. Commissioners will contact potential vendors to submit presentations for the August 23, 2023, meeting of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission.

Discussion and review of submitted proposals for School Safety and Mental Health Commission funding.

Commission reviewed proposals submitted by the Michigan State Police, Office of School Safety, for Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) consultation hours and the School Safety Academy.

The BTAM consultation hours would provide for 31 workshops throughout the 2022-2023 school year for school personnel, law enforcement professions, and community partner organizations designed to teach the principal of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management. Discuss took place.

The School Safety Academy funding would provide for eight, three-day sessions scheduled throughout the State and would be modeled after a successful operation in Missouri. These courses would be provided at no cost. Discussion took place. Commission asked for a more detailed proposal to be presented at the August 23, 2023, meeting to be voted on.

Commission reviewed proposals submitted by the Michigan Association of School Psychologists. Proposals included:

- Provide funding for higher education institutions to hire the faculty needed to a) create new school psychology training programs with in-person and online options b) add online school psychology training options to current in-person training programs in Michigan to increase the number of students trained in the field of school psychology.
- Continue allocating funds for The Student Mental Health Apprenticeship Program for Retention and Training (SMART)
- Award bonuses for credentialing and retention
- Provide tuition reimbursement in exchange for years of service as a school psychologist in Michigan

Discussion and review of draft letter to the Michigan Legislators to be sent from the School Safety and Mental Health Commission funding.

Copies were provided to all Commission members present. Commissioners Russell, Malas, Taiariol, Colbert, and Green all agreed to have their signature line added to the letter. Letter to be updated with those signatures prior to the August 23, 2023, meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Dr. Malas, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the May 24, 2023, meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye
Green - Aye
Malas – Aye
Russell - Aye
Taiariol – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the notes from the June 28, 2023, virtual meeting as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Colbert – Aye
Green - Aye
Malas – Aye
Russell - Aye
Taiariol – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioners provided comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested the opportunity to provide public comment.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission is Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dixon
Executive Secretary
Office of Health and Nutrition Services