

MINUTES

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

March 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Lake Superior Room
Library of Michigan, Ground Floor
702 West Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Mr. Patrick R. Green Dr. Jennifer Taiariol
Dr. Alyse F. Ley Ms. Rosa M. Thomas
Mr. Jason Russell Ms. Beth Nagel
Dr. Nasuh Malas Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske
Ms. Aimee Alaniz

Staff Present: Dr. Diane Golzynski Ms. Janice Dixon

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Patrick Green, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Green 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.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

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

A roll call vote was taken.

**Green – Aye
Ley – Aye
Russell – Aye
Thomas – Aye
Malas – Aye
Taiariol – Aye
Nagel – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation on Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Training by Kimberly Root and Nancy Becker Bennett, Michigan State Police. BTAM is the process of investigating and assessing concerning behaviors. BTAM training evaluates the difference between making a threat and posing a threat to a school and then planning to keep the school safe. BTAM training is supported by federal grants and has three levels of training – basic, advanced, and train the trainer. Trainings are well received and nearly all have a wait list. Trainings have impacted nearly 3,000 registrants in 182 schools, districts, and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs). Presenters took questions and discussion took place.

Presentation of bhworks from Mr. Aaditya Goswami, Chief Executive Officer from mdlogix and Scott Hutchins, School Mental Health and Medicaid Consultant, Michigan Department of Education. Mdlogix has been working with the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for two years. Their software platform, bhworks, is in use in Michigan and several other states. This software coordinates referrals, screenings, assessments, care planning, billing, and reporting of student mental health issues all in one easy to use platform that is Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant. Referrals can range from bullying to self-harm to low self-esteem to anger or feeling anxious. Providers have consistent processes to follow, allowing them more time to provide services. Bhworks is currently being used in 37 Michigan ISDs. Mdlogix is also working with states to integrate bhworks into health systems, pharmacies, and other health care facilities. Presenters took questions and discussion took place.

Talent Pipeline discussion took place among the Commissioners. Commissioner Nagel offered a future presentation from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on a program being implemented regarding loan repayment for providers in the school mental health field. Commissioners discussed whether Michigan should have some type of incentives to retain students in Michigan once they are trained in the school mental health field. There is some form of this for medical students. Also discussed mental health careers be included in career tech centers to gain the interest of students while still in high school. It was reported that Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) has a grant called the MiCOACH Project to increase the number of Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Health Support Workers (HSWs) by training 240 students in 10 districts over a three-year period. These students will leave high school with a CHW or HSW designation.

Update on Commission business by Dr. Diane Golzynski, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations at the Michigan Department of Education. Dr. Golzynski discussed various upcoming presentations to the Commission and asked for input from Commissioners on any topics Commissioners would like to see.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Taiariol moved, seconded by Dr. Malas, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the December 21, 2022, meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Dr. Taiariol, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the January 25, 2023, meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Russell moved, seconded by Dr. Ley, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission approve the draft minutes from the February 22, 2023, meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske stated that he and Commissioner Aimee Alaniz had recently met with Wayne County regarding collection of incident data.

No other Commissioners provided comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following residents of Michigan offered public comment.

Physically present at the meeting:

1. James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, from Marquette, MI, provided comment on the definition of Comprehensive Mental Health Services and the desire to have this definition include needs for legal services for students.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the School Safety and Mental Health Commission is Wednesday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Taiariol moved, seconded by Dr. Ley, that the School Safety and Mental Health Commission adjourn the March 22, 2023, meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Green – Aye
Ley – Aye
Russell – Aye
Thomas – Aye
Malas – Aye
Taiariol – Aye
Nagel – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dixon
Executive Secretary
Office of Health and Nutrition Services