

**School Safety Task Force  
Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
9:00 a.m.**

**Michigan State Police Headquarters  
1917 Conference Room  
7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821**

**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Task Force Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue (Chair)	Michigan State Police
Bishop Cory Chavis                      Absent	Parents
Mr. Nicholas Dent	Teachers
Mr. David Forystek                      Called In	Speaker of the House nominee
Mr. Brian Gard	Senate Majority Leader nominee
Mr. Larry Johnson	School administrators
Mr. Richard Joseph	House Majority Leader nominee
Chief Paul Lauria                      Absent	Law Enforcement
Ms. Elizabeth Newell                      Absent	Health Professionals
Mr. Nolan Wright	Students
Ms. Patricia Kovacs	Senate Minority Leader nominee
Mr. Kyle Guerrant	Designee of the State Superintendent
Ms. Lynda Zeller                      Called In	Designee of the Dept. of Health and Human Services
<b>Staff Support</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Ms. Chelsea Deckler	Michigan State Police
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske	Michigan State Police, Specialized Services Bureau
Mr. Timothy Bourgeois	Michigan State Police, MCOLES
Capt. Dave Kelly	Michigan State Police, Intelligence Operations Division
Ms. Julie Agueros	Michigan State Police, Executive Resources Section
Mr. Tyler Sawher	Governor's Office
Ms. Christine Nelson	Governor's Office
Ms. Elizabeth Gorz                      Called In	Governor's Office
Mr. Brent Klein	Michigan State University

**CALL TO ORDER**

The School Safety Task Force meeting was called to order by Colonel Kriste Etue at 9 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Colonel Etue welcomed everyone to today's meeting and introductions were provided by attendees.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Colonel Etue called for approval of the July 10 meeting minutes. Ms. Patricia Kovacs moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Larry Johnson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Chair Updates**

Colonel Etue reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule with the task force members. The members agreed to hold a conference call for the August 7 and August 28 meetings. The 1917 Conference Room at the MSP Headquarters will still be open and available for anyone interested in attending in person.

The September 12 meeting will be held at the MSP Training Academy in room C2. Governor Snyder has been invited to attend the October 17 meeting for a progress update. Subcommittee chairs were encouraged to bring their committee members to this meeting.

During the month of August, the task force needs to focus in on what the recommendations to the Governor need to be. The recommendations are due by November 30.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske provided an update on his subcommittee's work. Recommendations for the EOP guidance are due on August 6. The subcommittee will meet to review the comments and determine next steps. The materials are being reviewed to determine what is required to stay, what could be removed, and what needs to be added. So far the materials look pretty solid. A lot of discussion has centered on providing recommendations for facility safety and other building issues.

Ms. Lynda Zeller provided an update on the work completed by the two work groups that make up her subcommittee. The first work group is focused on pulling together the framework that will be used for their recommendations, which include a multi-tiered system. The group is looking at prevention-based recommendations as well as early intervention and identifying early indicators.

Ms. Zeller's second work group is reviewing the [Virginia Assessment Tool](#) from a mental health lens. This information will be discussed at the August 7 meeting. The group is also looking at providing recommendations for individual programs including [Pathways to Potential](#), [TRAILS](#), Peer to Peer, [Child and Adolescent Health Centers](#), and recommendations for a brand-new program.

Mr. Rick Joseph suggested the task force consider mental health first aid be included in the recommendations being made. Mr. Joseph offered to provide additional information on this program. Colonel Etue requested Mr. Tim Bourgeois examine the benefits of adding mental health first aid to the curriculum for School Resource Officers.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant provided an update on his subcommittee's work. The subcommittee is developing recommendations for a positive recognition program for schools who develop safety policies. Based on Mr. Guerrant's research, this would be a new concept for the country. The program would be similar to the [Healthy Schools Action Tools](#), which includes comprehensive tools designed to help Michigan schools and districts create a culture that supports learning by first measuring the health of school environments, and then planning and implementing improvements based on best practices. Mr. Guerrant's group is also working on recommendations for alternatives for school discipline.

Capt. Dave Kelly provided an update on his subcommittee's work. The subcommittee has been researching school violence reporting programs from around the country and comparing those programs to the OK2Say program here in Michigan to identify best practices. Captain Kelly would like to work with Mr. Nolan Wright to discuss the program currently in place at his high school.

Mr. Tim Bourgeois provided an update on the work of the School Resource Officer subcommittee. The subcommittee is currently reviewing the national SRO curriculum, which is recognized as a very comprehensive program.

Mr. Bourgeois mentioned a recent meeting with the mental health diversion council and a training they proposed, which is different from mental health first aid. There are starting to be several competing mental health trainings. The subcommittee will examine any of the programs brought forward for possible inclusion in the SRO curriculum. Colonel Etue requested Mr. Brent Klein do an assessment of the mental health program curriculum and do a cross walk between the two programs to determine which one may be best suited for SRO's.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at the Michigan State Police Headquarters and via the conference line.