



988 Planning Grant

Planning Coalition Meeting

March 8, 2022

Members Present:

Wendy Bailey, DMH Executive Director
Katie Storr, DMH Chief of Staff
Kelly Breland, DMH Chief Financial Officer
April McNair, DMH Special Projects Officer
Suzanne Rabideau, Health Management Associates
Veronica Vaughn, DMH Director of Branch of Coordinated Care
Falisha Stewart, DMH Office of Consumer Supports
Kristi Kindrex, DMH Special Projects Officer
Brenda Patterson, Executive Director of Contact Crisis Line
Nicole Bedsole, Mental Health Association of South Mississippi
Katrina Sunivelle, Executive Director of Contact Helpline
Andrew Day, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Jonathan Grantham, Region 6 Clinical Director of LifeHelp
Sitaniel Wimbley, Executive Director of NAMI of MS
Kristen Campanella, Director of Okibbeha County EMA/911
Mit Goza, Sheriff of Washington County
Hillary Nelms, PEER Support

I. Welcome

- Katie Storr, Chief of Staff with the Department of Mental Health, welcomed all team members to the 988 Planning Coalition meeting.
 1. First Responders Sub-Committee New Member Introductions:
 - Kristen Campanella, Director of Okibbeha County EMA/911

 - Mit Goza, Sheriff of Washington County

II. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2021

- The 988 Planning Coalition meeting minutes for December 14, 2021, were approved as submitted.

III. Department of Mental Health Updates

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff with the Department of Mental Health, discussed the Department of Mental Health updates.

1. Mississippi Legislation Pertinent to 988

Senate Bill 2865

- Funding for 988 that makes an appropriation from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Mental Health. The bill states that \$86,069,500 will be appropriated to DMH from the fund for the purpose of assisting with behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by COVID-19, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. If awarded, the majority of the funding will be used for behavioral health crisis services and diversion. As part of our ARPA funds proposal, DMH earmarked \$3,000,000 for first year 988 implementation costs and \$2,000,000 each subsequent year. This funding ends in December of Fiscal Year 2027.
- Additionally, the bill appropriates \$18,550,000 to be utilized at Community Mental health Centers or for the benefit of CMHCs to allow for investments in software, databases, telemedicine capabilities, and other information technology resources that support behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by COVID, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. DMH will obtain advice from the Office of the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility when determining the utilization of these funds.
- Requested Funding for the Community Mental Health Center's Mobile Crisis Response Team at \$100,000 per team, per year.
- Requested Funding for 16 additional CSU beds though out the state.

House Bill 732

- State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create. an act to provide legislative intent regarding compliance with the national suicide hotline designation act of 2020 to assure that all Mississippians receive a consistent level of 9-8-8 and crisis behavioral health services no matter where they live, work or travel in the state; to create the study commission on the 9-8-8 comprehensive behavioral health crisis response system; to provide for the members of the study commission; to provide that the study commission shall assess and develop recommendations for crisis response services and for adequately funding the crisis response services system statewide to support the sustainability of call centers and crisis services; and for related purposes.

2. National Legislation

- White House Fact Sheet on Strategies to Address National Mental Health Crisis, link is below:
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/03/09/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-sign-executive-order-on-ensuring-responsible-innovation-in-digital-assets/>
- Behavioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act to expand health insurance coverage and to direct the activities to support behavioral health

3. Funding Secured to Date

- Received almost \$800,000 for technology for the Community Mental Health Centers and MCeRT.
- Received almost \$378,000 from the Supplemental Mental Health Grant
- Received \$2,000,000 from the Mental Health Grant and from the Substance Abuse Block Grant to put toward the Public Awareness Campaign and to market the 988 number.

4. DMH Webpage for 988

- The Department of Mental Health webpage for 988 provides background information, 988 Implementation Plan and previous 988 Planning Coalition meeting minutes, see link below:
<http://www.dmh.ms.gov/service-options/crisis-services/988-2/>

5. SAMHSA Grant-Pending

- SAMHSA Grant will help build mobile capacity for the 988 Centers, funds will go to the two Lifeline Centers in Mississippi in the amount of \$693,227 and 85% of those funds will be utilized for technology and staffing needs.

6. Other Updates

- Wendy Bailey, Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health sent out letters to all the Sheriffs, Chief of Police, 911 Administrators/Operators and the Chancery Court Personnel that provided information about services that are available in Mississippi and the 988 Implementation Plan.
- The Mississippi Legislation session will end on April 3, 2022.
- The 988 Implementation Plan has been accepted and approved.

IV. Standing Agenda Items

- Suzanne Rabideau, Health Management Associates, discussed the National Crisis Jam Corner and encouraged members to attend the weekly National Crisis Jam sessions.
 1. National Crisis Jam Corner Web Link, see link below:
<https://talk.crisisnow.com/learningcommunity/>

V. Coalition Sub-Committee Updates

- Katie Storr, Chief of Staff with the Department of Mental Health, reviewed the Coalition Sub-Committee updates. She announced that there is still a continued need for volunteers.
 1. Crisis Care Coordination
 - Demo with Beacon Health Options and Behavioral Health Link on technology for services, solutions and supports. They offer GPS enabled real time traffic control systems that are needed in the state to link the 988 number with the Mobile Crisis teams.
 - Aligning the system with SAMHSA guidelines for best practices for crisis care.
 - Merging Technology to Crisis Care Coordination.
 - Ensure that the Mobile Crisis Teams have the right level of staffing.
 2. Lived Experience
 - Lived Experience focus group will meet in April to form the planning around 988.
 3. First Responders
 - First Responders focus group will meet in April to form the planning around 988.
 4. Technology
 - Technology will merge to the Crisis Care Coordination.
 5. Marketing Sub-Committee
 - New Sub-Committee
 6. Crisis Funding
 - Crisis Funding will meet after the Legislation Session ends to see what funds were approved, will provide more updates at that time.

VI. Upcoming Webinars and Resources

- Katie Storr, Chief of Staff with the Department of Mental Health, forwarded upcoming webinars and resources to the Coalition team members.
 1. State and National Initiatives for Transforming Crisis Care Through 988
 - In July 2022, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline will transition its toll-free phone number for suicide response and mental health crisis care to 988, a new, nationwide three-digit phone number. Join us Monday, March 14, 4-5 p.m. ET to review the opportunities and challenges 988 poses for crisis care and the growing body of state-level 988 legislation and related policy implications. The session will also detail new Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) initiatives to support states in the rollout of 988 and outcomes from 50 988 State Planning Grants.

2. Aligning the Field Around 988 Messaging Framework

- The webinar is unable to accommodate additional registrants, however, they will livestream the webinar to the Action Alliance's YouTube channel the day of the event.

3. Los Angeles County Develops 911 Matrix

- <https://talk.crisisnow.com/los-angeles-county-develops-911-call-matrix-and-procedures-to-divert-behavioral-health-calls/>

4. NAMI 988 State Bill Tracking Dashboard

- Sitaniel mentioned the monthly State 988 Crisis Response Advocates Workgroup. This is a cross-organizational monthly call, focused on bringing together advocates from around the country to discuss what efforts are happening in states, strategies that are working and common challenges and solutions to advance 988 implementation and related crisis services. You will need to fill out a form to be added to a Google Group for this call.
- *Host organizations:* NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, American Psychiatric Association, The Kennedy Forum, Mental Health America, National Council for Mental Wellbeing, NASMHPD, Steinberg Institute, The Trevor Project, Vibrant Emotional Health.

VII. Next Steps

- Katie Storr, Chief of Staff with the Department of Mental Health, discussed Staff, reviewed the next steps.
 1. Continue sub-committee meetings
 2. Outreach for additional members for all sub-committees

VIII. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.