

Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Initiative

Short Term:

- Inventory what campuses provide for suicide prevention training, to whom, when and how
- Connect DPHHS with any campus that does not have current suicide prevention training with resident life staff
- Find a clearinghouse for data about suicides and suicide attempts, suicide ideation
- Consistent training program for suicide awareness for faculty, staff and students in place for fall semester 2015.

Long Term:

Host Annual Suicide Awareness Summit

- Fall 2015 – First Summit at MSU-Bozeman

Develop work group made up of:

- Directors of Health Centers and Appropriate counseling staff
- Deans of Students or resident life staff
- OCHE staff

Determine the scope of the issue:

- Is there an increase in the number students with mental health problems?
- What has the increase in use of counseling and other mental health services been on our campuses?
- What services are available on the campuses of the MUS? (conduct an inventory and analysis)
- What resources are available compared to the demand for services?
- Identify the variety of factors that seem to be leading to increases in mental health problems among students.

GOALS:

- GOAL: Raise awareness of warning signs for suicide
- GOAL: A consistent approach to suicide awareness training for faculty, staff and students