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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jessie Dufner  
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RE: MCC Implementation of Suicide Prevention Task Force Recommendations for the  
September 13-14 Board of Regents Meeting

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1. Miles Community College maintains contracts with multiple counselors in Miles City as well as the surrounding region which allows access to counseling services for the College's on-campus and distance students. (Recommendation 1)
2. During the October 2016 MCC Board of Trustee meeting, VP Dufner provided an overview of the draft Suicide Prevention Task Force Report that was presented at the September 2016 Board of Regents meeting. This began a more intentional dialogue on MCC's campus regarding suicide prevention. As the FY18 and FY19 budget priorities were being developed, the need to develop a Student Health and Wellness Fee was proposed with support from the student body, the Associate Students of Miles Community College, faculty, and staff. Ultimately, this new fee was approved by the MCC Board of Trustees in May 2017. The revenue generated by this fee will be used to hire a ¾ time counselor that will be housed on MCC's campus. This will increase access to counseling services for MCC students. (Recommendation 1, 10)
3. Multiple evidence-based suicide prevention trainings have been facilitated on MCC's campus in the past three years. This has included mental health first aid courses, QPR training, and suicide prevention training. Groups participating in these trainings have included residence life staff, nursing students, and MCC faculty and staff. Additionally, for the past two years, MCC's residence life staff have been welcomed by MSU Billings to participate in resident assistant (RA) training led on MSU Billings's campus in August. This training includes information regarding identification of depression and anxiety. (Recommendation 2)
4. A Behavioral Intervention Team has been created at MCC in the past year and a half. This team consists of five members on campus who meet at least every other week to review cases reported to the team. Campus-wide training for faculty and staff regarding the purpose of the team is done at the beginning of each academic year. A reporting form for concerning student behavior is easily accessible on MCC's campus safety website. New students and their parents/guardians learn about this team and the reporting form during new student orientation. (Recommendation 9)
5. Means restriction awareness has been elevated between multiple departments at MCC. Housing and Student Life staff are reviewing policies about gun storage for students residing in the residence halls. (Recommendation 7)

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