

SUICIDE PREVENTION SUMMIT RECAP

- ❖ First ever system-wide Suicide Prevention Summit held February 1-2, 2016
- ❖ Hosted by MSU-Bozeman
- ❖ Cornerstone to our Suicide Prevention and Student Mental Health Initiative
- ❖ Over 300 attendees from the MUS, community colleges, tribal colleges, private colleges, community
- ❖ Four different tracks available to attendees:
 - Clinicians
 - Students
 - Faculty
 - Administrators/Student Affairs
- ❖ National expert keynote speakers
 - Utilization of campus mental health services by students is increasing
 - Campuses from throughout the country are feeling the strain on resources, including Montana
 - Montana has the highest suicide rate in the nation and has been in the top five for 40 years
- ❖ Currently compiling a system-wide report on utilization of mental health resources
- ❖ Members of MUS staff and Suicide Prevention and Student Mental Health Task Force held breakouts which were specific to the charge of the task force and their work group
 - Solicited input from a broader scope of experts and others

Work Group Objectives and Next Steps:

- ❖ Develop and host a statewide summit on suicide prevention – DONE
- ❖ Conduct assessments of current practices and policies and recommend changes – in progress
- ❖ Develop best practices and common training approaches – in progress
 - Refine the recommendations from the workgroups and present to Student Affairs Officers and Board of Regents
 - Analyze our student mental health resource survey and provide data to the Board of Regents