

UWM Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health

Charge

The charge of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health is to:

I. Support the establishment of comprehensive mental health prevention and intervention efforts on the UW-Milwaukee campus.

This would initially involve developing strategies to implement the 6 recommendations of the Campus Mental Health Task Force (Final Report: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Campus Mental Health Task Force, 2010), and an additional goal related to programming for faculty and staff, as follows:

1. Identify and intervene with students at risk
2. Provide training to a diverse group of campus groups on how to deal with suicidal or violent behaviors
3. Develop and provide resources to increase help-seeking behavior
4. Promote social networks to create a sense of caring and belonging
5. Expand the amount and the accessibility of high quality mental health resources
6. Develop mental health crisis management procedures and train the campus in their use
7. Develop programming to address stress management and other mental health topics for faculty and staff

We envision that the Advisory Committee would identify strategies to address these recommendations and implement these strategies when feasible utilizing currently available resources. When existing resources are not sufficient to implement one or more recommendations, the committee will devise strategies to obtain resources which may include partnering with community organizations and agencies, seeking external funding and making recommendations to the Chancellor and others in the UWM administration. This process will likely involve multiple years of committee work.

When substantial progress has been made towards addressing the above recommendations, the committee will examine other recommendations contained in the report and examine other campus behavioral health issues which could include the mental health/substance abuse interaction and employee emotional wellness.

II. Develop and recommend within the campus governance and administrative functions, policies for addressing mental health issues including mental health crises.

III. Serve in an advisory capacity for the Chancellor and campus administrators and governance bodies in need of input regarding mental health issues on campus.