

Enhancing Services to Address Student Health Needs

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Impact of the Pandemic on Student Health

1. Reduced attention to primary care needs, routine screening
2. Inactivity
3. Compromised transition to college
4. Social Isolation
5. Mental health issues predominate and are more complex
6. Usual modes of treatment interrupted



WSU Response

- Partnership with Student Senate & Mental Health Resources Working Group
- Two additional counsellors to Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- One Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse added to Campus Health Center



Moving Forward: Four Initiatives

Mental Health Triage Program

Enhancements to Behavioral Intervention Team

Strengthen Crisis Response for Continuity of Care

Sexual Violence Prevention & Education



Mental Health Triage

- Single point of initial contact
- Needs-based referral to appropriate level/scope of practice of provider/service
- Pilot Spring/Summer 2022



Enhancements to Behavioral Intervention Team

- Add two non-clinical caseworkers
- Provides continuity for student
- Differentiates clinical care for mental health needs from other behavioral issues
- Supports best practice



Strengthen Crisis Response for Continuity of Care

- Add on call CAPS support to Crisis Response
- Provides a WSU mental health professional as first point of contact; promotes continuity
- Supports existing team
- Pilot Spring/Summer 2022



Sexual Violence Prevention & Education

- Differentiate Title IX adjudication from counselling/support
- Provide campus-wide education
- Coordinated campus response consistent with best practice
- Important partnership with student senate



Desired Impact

- Use best practice models to respond to changing student needs post pandemic
- Augment existing services to enhance continuity of care
- Match individual needs with provider expertise
- Differentiate adjudication from clinical services





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