Workgroup Objectives:

- Develop and host a statewide summit on suicide prevention
- Conduct assessments of current practices and policies and recommend changes as identified
- Develop best practices and common training approaches

Early Intervention Efforts, Primary Care, Screenings and Assessment Tools
Develop expectations for primary care providers in the Montana University System to identify, intervene and/or refer patients who may be suicidal. The work group will identify and disseminate a toolkit that can used to meet the expectations.

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Common Training, Awareness, Education and Collaboration
Develop recommendations on standards for the campuses in the MUS, to look at both short-term and long-term goals for implementation, and enhancing collaboration across the MUS.

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Suicide Prevention Summit Planning
Host a statewide summit on suicide prevention during academic year 2015-16. (Planning, logistics, develop various tracks and themes)

Members:
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Means Restrictions
Review our current policies to ensure safe storage and monitoring of items that could be used for suicide. (Weapons, prescription drugs, etc.)

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Data
Review and analyze national survey data related to suicide prevention and student mental health programs, utilization and funding. Survey and analyze Montana University System and community college data and develop comparisons to peer groups.

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