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