

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Mental Health Subcommittee
January 24, 2008**

SUBJECT: The Mental Health Continuum of Care and Related Legal Issues in the State University System of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Board Information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.705

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the June 14, 2007, meeting of the Board of Governors, members were informed that the Report from the Gubernatorial Task Force for University Campus Safety (<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/campusSecurity/>) had been forwarded to U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt, and that, on June 13, 2007, the final Report to the President on Issues Raised by the Virginia Tech Tragedy (<http://www.hhs.gov/vtreport.html>) had been submitted. A Student Affairs Subcommittee on Mental Health Issues was established under the leadership of Governor Stanley Marshall. Dr. Marshall asked Board staff to work with university representatives to draft a written report that would include not only a delineation of any outstanding issues, but a summary of promising models developed and actions taken already within the System and recommendations for further action by the Board and/or at the institutional level.

In subsequent months, Board staff convened interinstitutional work groups on mental health issues and related legal issues. Additional research was done on promising practices from other states and institutions. At this meeting, Board members will present draft findings from these efforts. The expectation is that Board Subcommittee members will review these findings, provide staff with guidance regarding any additional information needed, and work toward providing a final report and recommendations to the full Student Affairs Committee at the March 2008 meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft of Mental Health Report to be Provided

Facilitators / Presenters: Academic and Student Affairs Staff
Board of Governors General Counsel