

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
January 30, 2020**

**SUBJECT:** Mental Health Enhancement Plan Final Update

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In March 2015, Board staff presented an information brief to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on the critical issues related to campus safety and security in response to increasing concerns about student behavior and campus safety. That information brief reported that the State University System (SUS) presidents recognized a need to increase the number of well-trained, professional counselors in order to adequately address the growing demand from students with mental and behavioral health issues.

During the 2016 and 2017 Legislative sessions, the Board of Governors requested funding to increase campus counseling services and expand student mental and behavioral health coverage in the System, but the requests were not funded. In June 2017, Board Chairman Kuntz requested the university presidents develop and submit a plan that would outline how they were going to meet the mental health needs of the students.

Every institution developed a Mental Health Enhancement Plan, which delineated goals for services, staff, and training opportunities for best meeting the mental health needs of students on their respective campuses. The plans were submitted to the Board in November 2017. An update on the progress of the plans was provided in the Drugs, Alcohol, and Mental Health Task Force meeting in November 2018. The Final Report of the Drugs, Alcohol, and Mental Health recommended that institutions provide a final update of the Mental Health Enhancement Plans to the Board in January 2020.

Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide a brief history of the Mental Health Enhancement Plans, and Dr. William Hudson Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Chair of the Council for Student Affairs, will provide the update.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Mental Health Enhancement Plan 2019 Update

Executive Summary of Mental Health Enhancement Plans

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