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MEMORANDUM

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December 18, 2020

2021 Student Safety Forum Workshop Series

In January 2020, the former USHE Board of Regents held its inaugural Student Safety Forum comprised of a series of forums and panel discussions that touched on a variety of student safety issues. A top focus of the current Utah Board of Higher Education is to apply a lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all of its priority efforts; the upcoming Student Safety Forum provides an opportunity to consider student safety and health issues in a more equitable context. It is essential that higher education governing boards put a strong focus on student safety for all public higher education institutions and their student populations.

Due to the likely limitations of meeting in person in January 2021, the attached agenda includes a kickoff meeting with a subsequent series of workshops throughout the year that have two objectives:

1. Create more ongoing dialog on primary prevention in student safety at the state level.
2. Tie student violence prevention and education issues more explicitly with EDI-related conversations.

The proposed agenda and workshops are intended to help higher education and state policy leaders think outside the box to focus on shifting narratives, center equity, and address perpetration. Agenda topics center on power and identity as well as primary prevention of relationship and sexual violence among college students. *Primary prevention* means stopping violence before it starts, which includes focusing on perpetration and peer culture. For this reason, there are intentionally no sessions on effective response, Title IX, or other after-the-fact processes. While those processes are integral to student safety, higher education leaders already spend a lot of time on them, and the focus of this year's Student Safety Forum aims to examine topics that are discussed much less.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.

Attachment:

**Utah Board of Higher Education
Student Safety Forum
Friday, January 15, 2020**

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Agenda

1:00 PM - 1:10 PM

Welcome

*Vice Chair Nina Barnes
Lisa Michele Church*

1:10 PM – 1:55 PM

The Intersection of EDI and Public Safety

*Mary Ann Villarreal, Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Marlon Lynch, Chief Safety Officer
University of Utah*

1:55 PM - 2:30 PM

Historical and Power-Conscious Approaches to Addressing Sexual Violence Among College Students

Dr. Chris Linder, Special Assistant to President Watkins for Violence Prevention & Education, Director of the McCluskey Center for Violence Prevention

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

A Framework for Equity in Student Mental Health

TBD (The Jed Foundation)

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

The Role of State Higher Education Governing Boards in Student Safety

Kerry Soller, Project Manager, Campus Safety and Sexual Violence Prevention at Ohio Department of Higher Education

Monthly Workshop Series – Potential topics:

- What's my role? Examining power and identity to address relationship & sexual violence on campus
- Patterns of perpetration: What do we know about perpetration of relationship and sexual violence among college students?
- Addressing peer culture: Shifting the narrative about relationship and sexual violence among college students (Ayana Amaechi — ASUU)
- Building statewide initiatives: Ohio Department of Higher Education's Changing Campus Cultures Initiative (Kerry Soller, Ohio Department of Higher Education)
- Overview of the McCluskey Center for Violence Prevention's strategic plan, with focus on primary prevention
- Clery alerts — What's the purpose and how can they be inclusive? (Annalisa Purser & Aerin Washington)
- Response, awareness, and prevention — What's the difference and why does it matter?