

**ENDORSEMENT OF COLLEGE POLICY REGARDING SUICIDE
PREVENTION FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES**

RESOLUTION 2017-56

WHEREAS, Ivy Tech Community College is committed to ensuring a safe campus and work environment for all students and employees, and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly recently passed HEA 1430 requiring the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Planning of the FSSA to develop a statewide program of suicide prevention, and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires the State Board of Trustees to adopt a policy to increase awareness of suicide prevention resources available to students and staff, and

WHEREAS, President Ellspermann formed a working group to develop a suicide prevention policy for the College to support the state's program, and

WHEREAS, the College's working group was made up of the following:

- Renee Rockers, Mental Health Counselor, Bloomington
- Sam DeWeese, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Evansville
- Todd Roswarski, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Lafayette
- Jeff Scott, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Muncie
- Carey Treager Huber, Assistant Vice President of Student & Career Development
- Jonathon Barefoot, Executive Director of Statewide Security/Safety
- Mary Jane Michalak, Vice President of Government Relations
- Jennifer Bowersock, Director of Risk Management, and

WHEREAS, the working group met to determine what the policy should be, how to align it with the recently passed legislation, and how to best serve students at all of our community campuses, and

WHEREAS, the working group has drafted a policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and requests the State Trustees to endorse the policy for use and implementation by the College.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College do hereby endorse the new suicide prevention policy as prepared by the working group and reinforce support of the College's commitment to a safe campus and workplace that supports the health and wellbeing of all students, faculty and staff of the College.

**STATE TRUSTEES
IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



Michael Dora, Chairman



Darrel Zeck, Secretary

October 5, 2017



Ivy Tech is committed to student success, which includes academic support and career readiness. At times, despite our best efforts, students can experience obstacles in their lives that challenge even those most committed to succeeding. Likewise, the College is committed to the health and wellbeing of our faculty and staff. They too can experience similar obstacles and challenges that may impact their ability to perform their best work in support of the College's mission. Because suicide is a leading cause of death among college students, Ivy Tech is committed to providing students and staff with information to increase awareness of suicide prevention. As such, each campus will provide a list of resources available to students and staff through a website that will be updated periodically, but at least annually, by representatives in Student Life. This resource will provide national, state, and community crisis intervention information including suicide prevention hotlines, available mental health programs, programs or resources offering information on crisis hotlines and suicide warning signs; educational and outreach activities related to suicide prevention; post-intervention plans, including information on effective communication with students, staff, and parents after the loss of a student or faculty member due to suicide; and mental health services and other support services, including student organizations.