DSL Response Update

Deans and Directors

April 28, 2015
Background

Recent Student Deaths

March 25th Dean’s and Director’s Facilitated Exercise

DSL Crisis Response Protocol Being Updated
Highlighted Themes

Learnings
• Staff want to be helpful
• Guidelines for all staff – even those not directly involved

DSL Education & Training
• Create an overview of MIT and DSL protocols for staff and house teams
• Ensure training is appropriate for level of staff and other relevant demographics

Staff Support
• Have counselors for staff and first responders available after community is taken care of
• Staff and our contractors also need space to talk and decompress
• Provide recognition and appreciation to staff directly involved in incidents
Highlighted Themes

Recommendations to MIT
• How do we to talk to parents/students about suicide?
• Allow certain populations (in DSL) to know about incidents sooner
• Work with faculty on their role in supporting student mental health
• Have an open and ongoing discussion about mental health and suicide

What do Students Need?
• Peer Support

DSL Protocol
• Ensure DSL Protocol dovetails with MIT Protocol
• Assist DSL understand who in DSL is responsible for responding
Steps taken

DSL Emergency Protocols Being Updated
CPW Information Sheet Distributed
Awareness Raised on Impact on Staff