PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF TAX-DEPENDENT STUDENTS IN INSTANCES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

Policy Title: Parental Notification of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency

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Responsible Executive: Vice President for Student Affairs

Applies to: NSU faculty, staff, parents and students

POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Section 23-9.2:3.C., Norfolk State University has developed a policy and implementing procedures for notification of parents of dependent students who receive mental health treatment at the University’s student health or counseling centers and when there is a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental illness, the student will in the near future (1) cause serious physical harm to himself/herself or others as evidenced by recent behavior or any other relevant information or (2) suffer serious harm due to his/her lack of capacity to protect himself/herself from harm or to provide for his/her basic human needs. Notification to parents may be withheld in these instances if the student's treating physician or treating clinical clinician has made a part of the student's record a written statement that, in the exercise of his/her professional judgment, the notification would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the student or another person.

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DEFINITIONS

**Dependent Student:** Any student enrolled full-time or part-time in any program of Norfolk State University

**Parent:** “Parent” means a parent of a student and includes a natural, adoptive or legal guardian

**Substantial likelihood that the student will, in the near future cause serious harm to himself/herself or others:**
Includes but not limited to:

- suicidal ideation with intent to harm self
- suicide attempt
- specific oral or written threats to people, including the use of any electronic means, with apparent intent and means to execute threat
- any physical assault, with or without weapons
- specific threats to inflict harm (e.g., a threat to shoot or otherwise harm a named individual)
- acute alcohol or drug intoxication or poisoning
- restrictive eating causing significant medical concern

**Suffer serious harm due to lack of capacity to protect self from harm or provide for basic human needs:**
The student evidences substantial impairment of judgment, cognition or behavioral control that interferes with his/her ability to protect or care for self and can lead to serious harm. This is associated, most commonly, with a recent change in functioning and an associated decline in relevant capacities for self-protection.

CONTACT(S)
The Counseling Center officially interprets this policy. The Counseling Center is responsible for obtaining approval for any revisions as required by BOV Policy # 01 (2014) *Creating and Maintaining Policies* through the appropriate governance structures. Please direct policy questions to the Counseling Center.

STAKEHOLDER(S)

Students, faculty, administrators, staff, and contracted employees serve as key stakeholders as the University is a community of varying individuals.
PUBLICATION

This policy will be widely published or distributed to the University community. To ensure timely publication and distribution thereof, the Responsible Office will make every effort to:

- Communicate the policy in writing, electronic or otherwise, to the University Community within 14 days of approval;
- Submit the policy for inclusion in the Online Policy Library within 14 days of approval;
- Post the policy on the appropriate SharePoint Site and/or website; and
- Educate and train all stakeholders and appropriate audiences on the policy’s content, as necessary. Failure to meet publication requirements does not invalidate this policy.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

Next Scheduled Review date: 06/25/2016

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RELATED DOCUMENTS


FORMS

There are no forms associated with this policy.