Annex 5 - Psychological Crisis/ Recovery

Purpose

The purpose of Psychological Crisis/Recovery Annex is to ensure the safety and well-being of BHCC staff, faculty, student, contractors, and visitors. Psychological Crisis/Recovery Annex provides resources for promoting psychological and mental health support following disruptive or traumatic incidents on Campus. All BHCC staff and faculty share in the responsibility of being aware of the Psychological Crisis/Recovery procedure and should be able to provide resource and support to students and visitors.

Roles and Responsibilities

| EMT Members | • Assessing need for onsite mental health support  
| | • Determining need for outside agency assistance  
| | • Providing onsite intervention/counseling through Counseling & Health Services  
| | • Monitoring well-being of the EMT members, faculty, staff, students, and visitors  
| Operations and Logistics (Counseling & Health Services) | • Provide resources, support and coordination to the EMT |

Scope

The procedure applies to all BHCC staff, faculty, and contractors. It should be activated following traumatic incidents (active intruder, mass casualty, campus violence, etc) that may cause psychological and/or emotional trauma. BHCC has limited resources to meet these needs and will likely turn to external support following large scale events. External resources are identified below.

References/Resources

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management - (617) 624-6088
American Red Cross of Massachusetts/American Psychology Association – Disaster Response Network - (617) 274-5200