Role of IUN Counseling Office Staff

As member of the BCT

We Can:

- Identify potential mental health factors in behaviors reported
- Provide opinion regarding risk factors for harm to self/others
- If a risk is imminent, confidential information may be disclosed to ensure safety
- Provide opinion regarding potential for a rapid and significant decline in functioning
- Provide guidance for interacting with person of concern, especially if potential mental health issues present
- Encourage a person of concern that has/is interacting with the Counseling Office to sign a “Consent to Release Confidential Information” form in order to allow consultation with the BCT

We Can Not:

- Make a diagnosis from behaviors reported/description
- Make a decision/recommendation regarding disciplinary or police action
- Perform psychological assessments
- Disclose if a student is or is not a current or past client at IUN Counseling Office
- Disclose any “inside information” regarding a student that may be a counseling office client
- Contact the person of concern directly

As a clinician/administrator of IUN Counseling Office

We Can:

- Assess potential for harm to self/other
- Take action to ensure safety in cases of imminent harm to self/other
- Facilitate hospitalization
- Contact police for involuntary situations
- Follow-up on Counseling Office clients when concerns have been raised about safety and well-being

We Can Not:

- Provide information to the BCT without the written consent of the client