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Notes from a Meeting with Chrissy Civiletto from UHCS

ABOUT: Chrissy Civiletto is the Interim Executive Director of UHCS. We talked to her about campus resources, the DRC accommodation process, mental health days, and asked about who else I can talk to.

About medical leave from classes:

- Short-term accommodation assistance: mental health partners with WeCare
- Long-term medical leave for whole semester
 - Believe students and what they say and “go with it”, but still ask what is going on, how they're doing
 - Does having the accommodation make sense?
 - Medical leave for mental health students requires participating in treatment and submission of it for reentry

Who advocates for scholarships or housing when on leave?

- Refer to Student Financial Services to learn about scholarship and loan implications
 - Most scholarships are protected with medical leave, but not all.
- We Care would help with advocacy if you can't do it all yourself.
- When on leave, student status changes, can't live in res halls, can't get help from UHCS, but can use Find and NU insurance

WeCare

- Liaison between students and faculty/offices/profs
- WeCare can be used for many different reasons
- NOTE: they are mandatory reporters
 - Need to work on disclosing that they are mandatory reporters

What is UHCS's connection with DRC and the accommodation process?

- Refer documentation if needed for accommodations
- UHCS can fill out an accommodation form if they are not a new patient

Are accommodations available?

- Short-term is less available than long term
- Get short term through We Care or UHCS then the DRC will hopefully approve.

Note: Very little disclosure is needed for accommodations, so a lot of information obtained in UHCS isn't disclosed to the DRC since UHCS is a “trustworthy source”.

What is LDP (Learning Disabilities Program)?

- 3 specialists, fee based. Learning disabilities, only about 25/year enrolled
- Twice a week specialist meetings, accountability
- *Why is it fee based?*
 - No definitive answer, ask below contacts
- Offer scholarships

Talk to:

- Mary Barrows
- Jen Newton
- Kyle Droz

What's next?

- Bigger picture: Find ways to make the process more accessible and determine what is available.
- Specifically: email Mary, Jen, and Kyle about meeting with them to discuss the accommodations process and what they may need to improve the process.

Things Chrissy said she'd do:

- Contact DRC about step by step flowchart to get accommodations on their website
- Ask about how the DRC says, "No diagnosis" but forms need it
- She will find a Care Day point of contact; she is very interested in this idea
- Get more wellness check information from NUPD