

# **University of Wisconsin Colleges Threat Assessment Group (TAG) Protocol**

## **MEMBERS:**

Assistant Campus Dean for Student Services  
Assistant Campus Dean for Administrative Services  
Campus Dean/CEO or  
Associate Campus Dean  
Student Mental Health Counselor  
Local Police may serve on the team on a case-by-case basis.

## **PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of the TAG is to address situations involving individuals who are perceived to pose a threat to the safety of themselves and/or our students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the neighboring community.

A secondary purpose of the TAG is to arrange for education and training of our students, faculty, and staff to recognize and report potential threats to the TAG.

## **APPROACH USED BY THE TAG:**

Our task is to receive information from our students, faculty, staff, visitors and community about observed behavior that is of concern or may pose a threat. Upon receipt of this information, the TAG Team will:

- **Verify:** Investigate behaviors and actions, including the spoken and written words through interviews and observation.
- **Document:** Write findings and include relevant photos and physical evidence.
- **Assess:** Use UWS Chapter 17, Student Nonacademic Misconduct Policy and UWS Chapter 18, Conduct on University Lands Policy, applicable laws, knowledge of types of threats, patterns of observable behavior, etc. and judgment to analyze the nature of potential threat and to develop and appropriate intervention strategy, and document the assessment.
- **Intervene:** Implement strategy determined during assessment, and document intervention.
- **Evaluate:** Observe and document the effects of the intervention.
- **Follow-up:** Continue to monitor situation; document findings; repeat steps as necessary.

## **RELATIONSHIP OF FERPA TO TAG ACTIVITIES:**

Observed behaviors are NOT educational records. Reporting and documenting observed behaviors do not violate FERPA requirements.

## **RECORD KEEPING:**

Incident Matrix