Moultonborough Coalition for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health

10/12/11

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Update on Northern Human Services:

Reduction in Force in July for all of Carroll County with respect to the mental health services has been quite severe. Northern will continue with the same constellation of services for Moultonborough residents.

Opportunity:

Shirley Marcroft, Bereavement Coordinator for the Lakes Region, and a member of the Suicide Prevention Council, she is also a chaplain for the State Police. She is offering to host a seminar in Moultonborough at the end of October on Bearing the Grief of Suicide. She came on Wednesday to seek our input on whether this would be a worthwhile offering.

<u>Grief During the Holidays</u> will be the topic of an upcoming support/interaction. This will take place at various places around the Lakes Region. (<u>Click here to see the attached flyer</u> and please publicize)

Shirley will let us know if a follow up with specific grief/burdens of surviving suicide would be helpful.

<u>Financials</u>

We continue to have funds available to meet our goals/commitments as we head into the fall and holiday season.

Plan for and budget for 2012

We will review the invoices of the year and prepare a budget request for Town Meeting in March, within the next month.

Other

1) There was a discussion about reaching out with our 'grief' packet to those in neighboring communities. We thought that reaching out was quite positive and whenever possible the person reaching out might be best to have a relationship with the family/person.

2) We decided to invest 1000 dollars on current publications and they will be available in our 'grief packets' as well as at the Town Library and the Schools and Town Office.

Visiting our Neighbors Select Boards?

At the present time we stand willing to assist other towns in organization of coalitions should they ask, but we will not reach out at the present.

Future Meeting Dates:

November9th4-6:00pmDecember14th4-6:00pmJanuary11th4-6:00pm