

Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Coalition

October 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jeri King, Len Wetherbee, Mary Bidgood-Wilson, Scott Kinmond, Barbara Beede

We discussed the upcoming Fall Forum scheduled for Oct 24, 2012; noting that in an email dated 9/28 from Elaine where she congratulated us on having Steve Rowe meeting with our coalition however none of us present were familiar with him; will he be presenting at the Forum? We decided to ask Eve for an update as to what her plan for the Forum will be & if she can provide a synopsis of same to use for a newspaper release. The date for the Forum is fast approaching. It was decided to ask Jen Clifford to make small deserts for the evening, Jeri will make that contact. Jeri likely will not be available for the evening of the forum due to another commitment.

The tri-fold display board that Stephanie Pigott has been working on was presented to the Committee. It's almost finished except for the right side which is still blank as the plan was to place a photo of the members of the Coalition at the top; we still don't have a group photo yet. The blank space provided additional discussion as to options for use. It was decided that it may provide a more versatile tool if we have a photo sleeve in that area so that a variety of topics or photos could be showcased at different times, for example, a photo of Steve Rowe could be shown as the speaker for the Fall Forum. Also, it was decided to have a plastic multi-sectioned pamphlet holder attached to the trifold so that a variety of info pamphlets, blue cards, etc. could be displayed, as well as obtaining an easel for displaying the board.

We decided to explore using the designs that Stephanie had emailed the group when she was working on the layout & design for the display board to develop a trifold type pamphlet that could be offered as a carry away with The Coalition info. We could add additional info such as SxS to be aware of & provide emergency info as well.

Len offered to ask Jodi to take the trifold to the Annual State Suicide Prevention Conference on Nov 9 which led to discussion about having the trifold board available in various locations throughout town to continue to "spread the word" about the Coalition efforts. Suggestions for locales included: Town Hall, Library, Public Safety Building, the various banks in the area, as well as to use it for designated weeks or topic such as Domestic Violence, Suicide Awareness etc. No one present today plans to go to the Annual Conference.

Mary made the Coalition aware that there continues to be a problem between IT depts. for LRGH & NHS in terms of the security issues for transmitting confidential info, making it necessary for new clients to have to go to Wolfeboro to get signed up & started. This creates a barrier for many people who are seeking mental health services such as transportation issues, time & scheduling required for this start up process, among other problems. Mary will try to figure out who to talk to about getting these issues resolved.

Scott reports that bills for NHS June-August have been paid.

Next meeting Nov 14, 2012 4-6pm in the small meeting room at M'boro Library.