Town of Effingham

The Mental Health Center

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Board of Selectmen Selectmen's Office Town of Effingham 68 School Street Effingham, NH 03882-8104

Dear Selectboard,

First, I want to thank you for your long history of support to our organization. As mental health issues become even more frequent and prominent in our communities, the support of our towns is increasingly important.

For the 2020 budget year, in spite of rising costs, we are requesting level funding in the amount of \$716.00. I believe our request is very modest in view of the full cost of services.

In calendar year 2018, **29 uninsured or under-insured people from the town of Effingham were seen by The Mental Health Center for a total of 76.38 hours.** Our cost for these services was \$ 12,068.00.

We ask our towns for support to help us to continue to offer discounted services on a sliding fee scale to people who are either uninsured or underinsured. Town contributions also help defray the cost of our 24-hour emergency services system which is not fully State funded and is very expensive but very important.

Singerely,

Eve Klotz, LICSW

Behavioral Health Director

Carroll County