

People & Possibilities

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FAREWELL TO DR. MOONEY

Dr. David Mooney, our Medical Director, will be leaving LCMHS on June 30 after three years with the agency. He has brightened our agency with his dry sense of humor and his fabulous bow tie collection. He will be sorely missed by employees and clients alike.

PRIMARY CARE COMES TO LCMHS

LCMHS and Community Health Services of the Lamoille Valley (CHSLV) have partnered to bring primary care to LCMHS offices. A CHSLV family practice nurse practitioner, Kimberly Dacek, will begin seeing LCMHS/CHSLV patients at LCMHS' main office in the upcoming weeks. We are working out the final details with CHSLV, but we anticipate a start date of late July.

NURSE PRACTITIONER

LCMHS is adding a second nurse practitioner to our staff! Julie Sullivan, a very experienced psychiatric nurse practitioner at Washington County Mental Health Services, will be joining Rebecca Brooklyn as a second prescriber. (For those of you wondering, we are looking for a replacement medical director/psychiatrist, but that search is on-going.) Julie will begin working with LCMHS on August 17.

ADVOCACY AWARD

Jennifer Stratton, the Developmental Services Director for LCMHS, was one of several directors to be honored at the Green Mountain Self Advocates "Voices and Choices" conference. Ms. Stratton received the Ally Award for her commitment to creating a meaningful place in the community for people with disabilities.



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MEG BICKERSTAFF

Meg has been promoted to CYFS Outpatient Manager; she will oversee the IFS, CIS, and outpatient programs.

JESSICA STRONG

Jessica has been promoted to Billing Manager. She was the AP/ Payroll Specialist for more than a year before her promotion.

JOHNSON GROUP HOME & COPLEY HOUSE

Thanks to the staff and managers at the Johnson Group Home & Copley House, both facilities received high regard for how they are operating from the Division of Licensing & Protection on recent unannounced visits. Findings were minor, and L&P found the strengths of the facilities were most prevalent.



Copley House, Morrisville



Johnson Group Home, Johnson

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, LCMHS held a session of Mental Health First Aid for our community partners and the public. A number of Lamoille County organizations were represented, including Copley Hospital, the Vermont State Police, and the LCMHS Board of Directors.

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour training that teaches the signs of mental illness and additions; provides a 5-step action plan to assess a situation and help a person in need; explains the impact of mental and substance abuse disorders; and provides a list of local resources and where to turn for help.



OASIS HOUSE ADDING NEW CRISIS BED

Oasis House is adding a third bed so that we can serve more consumers in crisis at that facility. Work on the physical space is progressing and the agency is working hard to get procedures and systems in place for licensing.