The LCMHS Annual Meeting is a time to shine the spotlight on our consumers and their successes. The Annual Meeting will be held October 15, 2014, at 72 Harrel Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. All consumers, employees, and the public are invited to attend and share in the festivities.

The Shirley Hayden Award will also be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Please mark your calendars for this important event.

NEW MANAGER FOR ASAP

Leslie Chilton, who has long been the daily force behind our Alcohol and Substance Awareness Program (ASAP), has been promoted to ASAP Program Manager, a position she has certainly earned.

ASAP is the public inebriate program of LCMHS. It provides screening services and a temporary, safe, substance-free bed for individuals under the influence of drugs or alcohol. ASAP diverts many individuals from detention in a jail cell until they are no longer incapacitated. Then ASAP can provide supports and referrals to community resources that are available to help with issues of concern to the individual and/or his or her family related to alcohol and other drug use.
ROCKTOBERFEST DISPLAY

Morrisville’s Rocktoberfest will feature LCMHS consumer artwork. Christina Havemeyer, an artist from New York City, received a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to create an 8’ x 10’ flag featuring a mosaic of consumers’ artwork. That flag will hang on Portland Street in Morrisville for the Rocktoberfest celebration.

The featured work represents the work of several creative minds who call themselves the Collaborative Artists’ Group. They began when Ms. Havemeyer came to Morrisville to work with consumers in the LCMHS Wellness Center. “When I brought all the drawings that we made at our art sessions back to NYC, everybody was kind of floored by their energetic, spontaneous and tribal aesthetic.”

26 YEARS OF SERVICE

Roger Hamel, the CRT Support Staff Manager, retired on September 4, 2014, after 26 years of service to LCMHS. Roger’s dedication to caring for individuals with mental illnesses will be missed, and we wish him the very best.

NAMI WALK 2014

The Annual NAMI Walk was held on September 27, 2014, in Burlington. LCMHS was represented by 15 walkers—a larger team than any other designated agency. NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research.

JOHNSON GROUP HOME

The Johnson Group Home was inspected by the Real Estate Assessment Center as part of its HUD certification; it passed with flying colors! Shannon Perry, JGH manager, and Ernie Machia, Facilities Manager, worked hard to make this happen and deserve a round of applause.