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Awards, Auction, Keynote and More Planned for Annual Meeting



Bruce Coffin, RN



Col. Andrew L. Gibson

Lewiston- Tri-County Mental Health Services is pleased announce the recipients of the 2012 Giving Voice and Inspiration Awards.

The Inspiration Award is given to a Tri-County Mental Health Services staff member who demonstrates excellence and exemplary commitment to serving clients and achieving the agency's mission. The 2012 Recipient is Bruce Coffin, RN, a longtime member of the agency's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team. Assertive Community Treatment is considered the highest level of care available in the community, and is often referred to as 'a hospital without walls'. Team members do intensive outreach and support for people with severe and persistent mental illness, helping them live as independently as possible.

The Giving Voice Award recognizes an individual or group of individuals for extraordinary efforts on behalf of our consumers. This year Chaplain (Colonel) Andrew Gibson, Maine Army National Guard. Chaplain Gibson has been a state leader in reaching out to families and service members and helping them return to their communities after deployment. He started the Maine Military and Community Network and has worked tirelessly to build a network of caring support for returning service people.

The awards will be presented at the TCMHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, at the Carriage House Plus Banquet Center on Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The evening will also feature

a silent auction to benefit Tri-County Mental Health Services and a Keynote speaker, Clifford Singer MD, Chief, Division of Mental Health and Neuropsychiatry Acadia Hospital and Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, Maine and Adjunct Professor, University of Maine. He will speak about “Dementia as a Psychiatric Disorder” and the implications of Maine’s aging population on the health and mental health system. Tickets are \$30 per person. Sponsorships are available, and donations to the silent auction are welcome. Please call 783-9141 x 105 for information or visit www.tcmhs.org.

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