

GMSS REPORTER

GREEN MOUNTAIN SUPPORT SERVICES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April 2026 (2nd Quarter Newsletter)



ELIZABETH WALTERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Spring is... almost here!

We are now six months into the DS payment reform and conflict-free case management initiatives and management of the system changes has been a dominant focus and will remain so for the foreseeable future. GMSS has worked hard to welcome the

independent case managers to our teams and to build positive working relationships with them. This is essential as we now rely on each other to ensure that the people we support receive high quality services. We will continue this vital work.

In May, we celebrate Older Americans' Month and, as we've done in recent years, we will host a musical celebration at the office. This event is open to all – bring the person you support, bring a friend or neighbor, or come alone. There is singing, there is laughter, and sometimes there is some dancing! Perhaps most important, there is community – which is so important for all of us, especially now.

We rely on everyone who is part of Team GMSS – the people we support, their families and advocates, our employees, and our shared living providers – to help us identify new opportunities and ways we can improve. While I was on a home visit recently, one of our shared living providers talked passionately about how important it is for people to think about their end-of-life care wishes. That resonated with conversations we'd been having with employees, and we are exploring ways of making people more aware of their options. On another team, some of our employees asked if we could provide supplies so that they could grow vegetables for the people they support. Wonderful ideas like these come from every corner. If you've had an

idea for something you think the agency should consider, please reach out to let us know. We are stronger together, and our goal is to make GMSS as strong as we possibly can.

With thanks,
Elizabeth

Elizabeth



Board Meetings

Our GMSS Board meets most months on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. The next meeting date and link can be found on our website:

gmssvt.org



BINGO

Come join in the fun!
9:30-10:45am

May 6th	June 17th	July 29th
May 20th	July 1st	August 12th
June 3rd	July 15th	August 26th

Painting with Andrea

Tue, June 2nd, 12 – 2pm



All
supplies
provided.

Welcome!

Cheryl Atwood

Direct Support Professional



Tamielee Sutherland

Service Coordinator



Music Celebration

in Honor of Older Americans Month
May 20th from 1–3 PM

Featured musicians:

- Sergio Torres
- Heart & Soul Chorus
- Joe Ciccolo
- Edna Lafountain
- Rebecca Pitre
- Any musicians welcome to join!



Light refreshments served. Everyone welcome!



Upcoming Trainings

Visit our website to sign up: gmssvt.org/slp-resources

Therapeutic Options Full Course

- **July 10** (8:30am-3:30pm, in-person)
- **October 7** (8:30am-3:30pm, in-person)

Therapeutic Options Re-Certifications

- **May 11** (9:00am-1:00pm, in-person)
- **August 19** (9:00am-1:00pm, in-person)
- **Sept 9** (9:00am-1:00pm, in-person)

First Aid/CPR/AED

- **May 19** (9:30am-1:30pm, in-person)
- **June 23** (9:30am-1:30pm, in-person)

HAPPY Anniversary

GMSS Employees

April

Barbara	Briggs	04/10/2025	1yr
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May

Kristine	Plante	05/09/2022	4yrs
Naw Ruth	Doe	05/15/2023	3yrs
Tammy	Chase	05/06/2024	2yrs
Heather	Tatro	05/20/2024	2yrs

June

Andrea	Mayo	06/18/2018	8yrs
Chelsea	Tuttle	06/21/2018	8yrs
Sonya	Hazen	06/17/2020	6yrs
Hallie	Ward	06/15/2021	5yrs
Andrea	Adams	06/23/2025	1yr

Shared Living Providers

April

Kevin Bryant	4/1/2017	9yrs
Brandon Baptiste	4/1/2018	8yrs
Sonja Crowe	4/1/2021	5yrs
Dylan Archbold	4/2/2021	5yrs
Donna Peake	4/5/2023	3yrs
Trevor Bidwell	4/30/2024	2yrs

May

Gabe Mello	5/11/2018	8yrs
Sandy Garand	5/15/2019	7yrs
Sally Carpenter	5/15/2023	3yrs
Brandy Farrar	5/16/2023	3yrs
Kareen Luangrath	5/13/2025	1yr
Brittney Holbrook	5/27/2025	1yr

June

Hubert Bent	6/1/2004	22yrs
Linda Demar	6/1/2013	13yrs
Christiane Eid	6/1/2015	11yrs
Candy Griswold	6/1/2017	9yrs
Angela Lee	6/17/2021	5yrs
Dave Daly	6/29/2024	2yrs
Ashley Brown	6/30/2024	2yrs