

# 4th MOAR Annual Holiday Membership Forum



*Visible, Vocal, Valuable*  
**Recovery Community Action for a**

**Recovery Oriented System of Care with Overdose Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform**



**Richard Farrell** is an author, filmmaker, teacher, journalist, and adjunct professor of English at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. He produced and directed the 1995 documentary, *High on Crack Street*, which aired on HBO and received Columbia University's DuPont Award. A feature film based on that documentary, *The Fighter*, is currently in development by Leverage, the Mark Wahlberg/ Stephen Levinson Production and stars Mark Wahlberg. Farrell is a co-author of the *Boston Globe* bestseller *A Criminal and an Irishman: The Inside Story of the Mob IRA Connection* (Steerforth, 2007). *Let's talk with Richard about media to educate the public about the value of addiction recovery.*



**Michael Botticelli** is the Director of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA DPH). Michael oversees substance abuse, gambling, prevention, and treatment services. Michael shares openly about being in recovery. He is on the Oxycontin and Heroin Commission Planning Committee, which has put forth recommendations. He cares very much about the continuation of a strategic highlighting quality services, challenged by a turbulent economy. *Let's help by educating our communities about the value of prevention, treatment, and recovery!*



**William Luzier** is The Executive Director of the Governor's Interagency Council on Substance Abuse and Prevention. He is charged with maximizing coordination between the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and other state agencies, to fulfill standards for improving the quality of services set by the state's strategic plan. This includes: reducing the high cost of incarceration and recidivism in the criminal justice systems, by ensuring public safety, promoting recovery and returning people to productive lives. That includes Opiate Overdose Prevention, Gambling Recovery Support, and CORI Reform! *Will eagerly wants to hear from people in recovery, families, and friends.*



**Jim Wuelfing**, CPP-R, NRPP, is the Director of Prevention for the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling where he directs statewide problem gambling prevention. He founded the New England Center, a company dedicated to quality training and technical assistance services. *With the possibility of "Casinos Coming", he would like MOAR help to put a face on gambling recovery with supportive services.*



**Haner Hernández, Ph.D., CADAC II, LADC I**, has a Doctoral Degree in Community Health Education, from the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His vast experience includes developing, implementing, and evaluating youth/ adult services, peer education and leadership development programs especially for the Latino community. He recently joined the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, as Assistant Prevention Director. *All of this- in recovery. He gives back to make sure the voices off/for recovery, inclusive of gambling, are heard!*



**Monique Tula** is the Director of Strategic Planning and Public Policy for AIDS Action Committee (AAC). Ms. Tula has focused most of her career developing HIV prevention programs. She is currently cochair of the Good Samaritan Coalition, spearheading efforts to provide certain protections from drug possession charges and prosecution when a drug-related overdose victim or a witness *seeks medical attention*. Why? 15 Opiate overdose prevention coalitions found that a leading factor to fatal drug overdoses is fear of calling 911 and police involvement. *Your help is moving this public policy effort forward.... and learn what MOAR you can do.*



**Connie Peters** is the Vice President of Substance Abuse Services at Association of Behavioral Healthcare of Massachusetts (ABHMA). She is a strong leader in the Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services, which has successfully moved to educate legislators about building a continuum of care based on the Massachusetts Strategic Plan for Substance Abuse Services. She, representing Association of Behavioral Healthcare, joined with MOAR and other groups, in The Campaign for Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery to pass an alcohol sales tax which prevented severe cuts to substance abuse services.

*Connie asks for your help to dedicate the alcohol sales tax to cover addiction services, prepare for the possibility of casinos with a request for an inclusion of gambling and related addiction services, & prevent Mass Health cuts...*



**Representative James O'Day** (14th Worcester District) is a social worker by profession, and understands addiction. *Let's hear from him about how best to educate policymakers.*

## What MOAR?



Woody Giessmann, Right Turn, Founder, and MOAR Board Member Speaks Up for Recovery with Music

**CORI Reform on The Move**  
Hear from EPOCA  
Ex Prisoners Organizing for  
Community Advancement;  
Commonwealth CORI  
Coalition Leaders



Meet Jim Hiatt,  
BSAS Constituent Officer, Outreaches to  
Recovery Community