



MOAR Laughs
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A MOAR Recovery Take Action Opportunities!

Thank You to Woody Giessman, Jack Lynch, Bob Seibel, George MacDonald, Mike Prior, Carolyn Plummer, Jim Lauletta, Tom Clark, EJ Murphy, John David, and Joey Carroll – the ones who make you Laugh MOAR!

What MOAR about MOAR!

Our Statewide Alcohol Awareness Month Forum left everyone in awe—as we learned about the Problems and Solutions regarding the Alcohol Industry practices so we

Support SAFE MA— Move for An Act to Remove Alcohol Beverage Advertising from State Property- H851 Stacy Carruth (Metrowest Center for Healthy Communities,) and Liz Parsons Allston Brighton SA Task Force)

Affirmed Research shows that the more alcohol advertisements young people see, the more they drink and drink to excess. A2009 study published in the *American Journal of Public Health* concluded that alcohol ads were viewed an estimated 18,270 times by Boston Public School student transit passengers (grades 5 to 12) during an average weekday.

What Can We Do to Support Overdose Prevention?

MOAR with AIDS Action Committee co-chairs Good Samaritan Campaign—moving closer for public policy change to offer limited protection from drug possession charges against people who call 911 to seek emergency medical attention during an overdose. Your voice is helping to save lives from opiate overdoses. Thank you to Gary Langis and Adam Butler for presenting!

MOAR thanks Deborah Millbauer, Strategy Coordinator for Roxbury/Jamaica Plain Substance Use Coalition, for her great work. MOAR is overseeing one of the coalition's 3 overdose prevention strategies: 'The Linking Incarcerates' project which provides incarcerated inmates with - overdose prevention information! Welcome coalition coordinator Chioma Nnaji!

What about Rights for Recovery and Communities Supporting Recovery

MOAR AREAS, Addiction Recovery Education Access Services, facilitators are now helping others know and experience their housing, education, career, insurance, rights across the system. We are planning for these groups to grow and glow!

MOAR is pleased to partner with Institute for Health & Recovery & Gavin Foundation in a federal funded "ROSC- Recovery Oriented Systems of Care" project called "YARD—Young Adult Recovery Destination. Come to April 26 Open House.

MOAR is spreading the word about Knowing Your Rights Regarding Insurance Parity and Health Care Reform. Insurance Denies You Treatment - Call Health Law Advocates—617-338-5241

National Recovery Month is coming and we are planning many events—such as a Motorcycle Ride for Recovery and Our 21st Annual Recovery Month Celebration at The State House— Join The Voices for Recovery—Recovery Benefits Everyone!



My name is Marty, a person in long term recovery. I have been alcohol and other drug free for 8 years. My story begins at age 12 when alcohol and marijuana entered my life. I had just moved to a new city, which meant starting a new school and making new friends. I wanted to fit in – so I used more alcohol and by age 16 became a heroin addicted high school drop out. A year later, I was incarcerated for heroin possession. Lost and lonely on the inside, I was mean and tough on the outside. I lived a cycle of drug addiction and incarceration.

I was introduced to long term treatment, which supported me with the foundation for living in recovery. I had to learn to get through my fears, and that meant learning how to identify fear. I am in my senior year of a University of Massachusetts Bachelors Degree program. I am LADC and CADAC credentialed, and employed as an AdCare Hospital Counselor. I became involved with MOAR 5 years ago. I am a Visible and Vocal advocate moving to improve addiction services, public policy, and awareness. Today, thanks to my recovery, I am a Valuable member of society who is an employed, tax paying voter, a father to my daughter, and involved in my community. Today, I am a man with honor, dignity, integrity and respect. I am living proof that treatment works and recovery is possible.

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MOAR Mission

is to organize recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions.

MOAR Vision

a society where addiction is treated as a significant public health issue and recovery is recognized as valuable to our communities.

Join MOAR or Contribute MOAR By Mail or Online: www.moar-recovery.org for Take Action Regional Activities, Events, and MOAR!

- **MOAR membership financial support helps pay for mailings, scholarships and activities.**
- **MOAR has a Student/ Volunteer Category because we understand students or anyone can have financial issues.**
- **MOAR volunteers help plan and support projects.**
- **MOAR membership drives the MOAR Mission and Vision.**

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