

MOAR Alcohol Awareness Month Town Hall Forum Speakers



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Let's welcome his expertise to walk away with a community response to alcohol advertising for the public good!



Representative James O'Day represents the Fourteenth District of Worcester. His education includes Worcester Academy, Worcester State College B.S. Urban Studies, and Management. He is a social worker by profession, and understands addiction. He is a leader in the fight for Treatment, Prevention and Recovery.

Let's hear from him about how best to educate policymakers.



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 cares about the continuation of a strategic plan highlighting quality services, challenged by a turbulent economy. *Let's help by messaging the value of prevention, treatment and recovery.*



Elizabeth "Liz" Parsons is The Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force Community Coordinator, helping to fulfill the coalition's mission to mobilize youth, families, community members and leaders to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth and adults. Much of her focus is engaging youth in underage drinking prevention efforts. Thus, she represents **ABSATF** in **SAFE- MA. Supporting an Alcohol Ad Free Environment in Massachusetts**, is a coalition working towards eliminating alcohol advertising on state property. *The concern - Over 25,000 see alcohol ads on their way to school every day. Let's Support SAFE-MA efforts!*



Jim Ryan is the Director for the **Northeast Center for Healthy Communities**, which specializes in community prevention. He has been working in the field of substance abuse prevention for the past 20 years. Prior to that he was a clinical therapist working with adolescents. Jim also teaches for the Graduate School of Social Work at Salem State University. He will moderate our panel discussion towards building a community response from alcohol advertising to overdose prevention **to improving public policy for the public good!**



Connie Peters is the Vice President of Substance Abuse Services at Association of Behavioral Healthcare of Massachusetts (ABH). 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 will engage us to speak up effectively!*



Gary Langis is a strong supporter of saving lives from addiction from life to professional experience. Thus, he has worked in a variety of settings to reduce the spread of HIV and Hepatitis C infection and to prevent fatal and nonfatal overdose. He is a strong leader in **The Good Samaritan Campaign** to give witness protection from arrest for persons (without intent to sell), who call 911 to save a life. Why? From 2002- 2008, 3859 lives were lost to opiate overdoses. People did not call 911 because of fear of arrest. *Let's make public policy change for the public good!*



Adam Butler is Project Manager of the **AHOPE** Program (**Addicts Health Opportunity Prevention Education**). It provides education, training, and safety supplies to active users to reduce the spread of HIV and Hepatitis C infection and to prevent fatal and nonfatal overdose. AHOPE's innovative work and success with pilot programs, such as the Needle Exchange Van and a pilot Opioid Overdose Prevention Program using Narcan in Boston have provided models and impetus for statewide interventions. *Join Adam as a Good Samaritan supporter!*

Ostiguy Recovery High School, (1 of 3 in MA) student as well as a Faith House resident, (Community Healthlink women's recovery home) will share their stories. **We will walk away action inspired with prevention, treatment, recovery community action to improve public policy for the public good.**

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MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, MA Department of Public Health, contracts MOAR via a grant, through its fiscal sponsor, Third Sector New England, as a statewide recovery community education and membership organization to build public awareness about the value of addiction recovery. It is the agency within the MA Department of Public Health, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, which is in charge of implementing and overseeing certain state funded addiction services. We especially thank Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Director, **Michael Botticelli and Project Officer; James Hiatt** for their strong support of the recovery community.

Spectrum Health Systems - Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit charitable nationally known organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals impacted by addiction and/or mental illness. MOAR is very pleased to be able to meet at Spectrum's **Every Day Miracles Peer Recovery Center every month**. Spectrum's **Recovery Connections** Peer Recovery Center in Marlborough is beautiful, too. Thank you to **Athena Haddon** and **Angela Dalessio**, the respective center directors. We, especially, thank **Chuck Faris, Spectrum CEO**, who has been extremely supportive.

AdCare Hospital, is a New England name for helping individuals and their families overcome the disease of addiction, "AdCare" stands for Alcohol and Drug Care. For over 30 years, AdCare has committed itself to helping individuals and their families cope with addiction one life at a time. AdCare Hospital has been supportive of MOAR since our beginning. We especially thank President David Hillis, Dr. Patrice Muchowski, - Vice President of Substance Abuse Services, **James McKenna** – Vice President Marketing and Development, **Jack Maroney & Mary Beth Papcys** of Community Relations.....and **Marty Miller!**

Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership- The **Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP)** manages mental health and substance abuse services for more than 350,000 MassHealth members across the Commonwealth. MBHP is committed to ensuring that Members receive clinically appropriate, high quality, accessible health care. To achieve this goal, **MBHP** has stressed the involvement of consumers and their families to ensure that their needs guide the development of MBHP's programs. Thank you especially to **Nancy Lane ~ CEO, Clara Carr, and Amy Considine**.

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Rob Pezzella is a **MOAR** Board member, who made a generous contribution to our forum. Rob is a noted community advocate supportive to many prevention, treatment, and recovery organizations.

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