



MOAR Boston Public Policy Forum Highlights

Thank You to MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Dept of Public Health, Boston Public Health Commission No Drug Coalitions, Legislators, & You!

Legislators Champion Addiction Prevention, Treatment, Recovery

- “Did You know Liquor Bought in Stores has always been sales tax exempted? Lifting that exemption could bring in \$92mil for substance abuse services” Senator Marian Walsh
- “We have to save lives. Opiate fatal overdoses are rising— we need diversion with long term treatment, and witnesses call 911 without fear of arrest” Senator Steven Tolman
- “We have to support Criminal Offender Record Information, (CORI Reform) to reduce employment and housing barriers for people with favorably ending cases, and are demonstrating positive changed lives Rep Fox, Malia, Michael Cutler,



(Above) Panel: Michael Cutler—MA Bar Assoc, Sen. Steven Tolman, Rep. Gloria Fox, Michael Botticelli, and Sen. Marian Walsh. (Bottom L) Rep. Liz Malia, (Middle) Sen. Marian Walsh (Bottom R) Rep Ruth Balsler (championed passage of insurance parity for mental health and addiction)

(Below Left) Kate MacIvain and Helen Connolly-Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force, (Middle) Our Crowd (Below Right) Shannon Lundin, Beth Rosenshein-Charlestown Substance Abuse Coalition and Deborah Millbauer, Frankie Hicks- JP/Roxbury — All BPHC No Drugs Coalition & BSAS Mass Call 2 Grantees

Speaking Up for Addiction, Prevention, Treatment, Recovery

“I am in my 2nd year at Ostiguy Recovery High; it saves lives” Paul—parent- echoed the reality
“I am a S Boston teenager speaking up to take alcohol advertising away from our public transit systems’
‘Allston Brighton is activating a community developed strategy preventing underage drinking’
“Charlestown, Jamaica Plain/Roxbury Coalitions are building Call 911, prison society re-entry community strategies to prevent opiate overdoses”
“Treatment and Recovery Support helped me get through 18 months of job search, challenged by my CORI. Today I am in a supervisory position, a caring mother, voting constituent. I am speaking for more quality treatment and recovery support, as well as CORI, Criminal Offender Record Information Reform.”
 Michael Botticelli, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services demonstrated the growth of our continuum of care with future plans challenged by an economic crisis’



(Above Left) Connie Peters, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Corp of MA, & MA Coalition for Addiction Services and Sen. Steve Tolman (Left) Caroletta Boyd Shaw (Above Middle), (Right) MOAR Policymaker Panel

Boston Public Health Commission Families in Recovery Day Celebration Feb. 19, 2009

500 Recovery Advocates Share Their Stories with elected policymakers about the need to

- * Repeal Sales Tax Exemption on Alcohol— Use Revenue for Prevention, Treatment, Recovery
- * CORI Reform—To improve job, school, and housing opportunities
- * Diversion to addiction treatment for people who have a low level first offense

