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MOAR 2008 Annual Holiday Recovery Action Planning Forum with Next Steps for 2009!

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“It’s a Wonderful World” sang Woody Giessmann, MOAR Board Member from Right Turn– a behavioral health clinic - *“creative treatment for creative people”* created good energy for a New Year with recovery action to move on despite a bad economy. We plan to create a *Wonderful World for Addiction Recovery*, as welcome a new USA President, Barack Obama!

And What was That Recovery Action!

- 30 Beverly, Boston, Springfield Recovery High School Students radiated with positive energy
- 2 Boston Recovery High School graduates with 2 years plus of recovery shared their stories of how a recovery based educational environment can spell out the possibility of recovery into reality!

Robert Lindsey, President of National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, which is fighting stigma with recovery projects such as partnering A&E Television for a

- Recovery Month Brooklyn Bridge to Recovery experience with delegates from across the country

Franci D – an 11 year old interested in supporting recovery, shared a recovery project on MOAR she developed for her school; a wonderful example of educating the public about the value of recovery!

MOAR Special Recovery Advocates in Action Awards went to:

Maureen Harvey, Paul Kusiak, Franci D, Jared Hamre (stories are in MOAR story book and newsletters)**

Recovery Voices Count Award* – Alex Butler, representing Leah Randolph for HRDI, Human

Resource Development International enlisted 1000 new recovery voters

Partnering for Recovery Recognition Award – Joanne Peterson, Learn to Cope Parent Support Group**

Our Featured Panelists – Michael Botticelli - MA BSAS Director, Will Luzier- Gov Interagency Council, Haner Hernandez, PhD, Connie Peters, MHSACM & MA Coalition for Addiction Services; Mass Bar Association's David White and Michael Cutler with Our Recovery Action Planning Committee; MOAR Board: Amos Marshall, Tom Delaney, Rocco Antonelli Jr, Joe Kelleher, Vicente Sanabria, Maureen Harvey, Paul Kusiak, Woody Giessmann; MOAR Staff: Maryanne Frangules, Tom Scott, Mellisa Herren, Rebecca Samara, Ron Budd, John Frazier; with Martin Miller, Frank Daly, Linda Mazak, Helen Connolly (ABSATF), Mary Amato (CPC), Fred Newton, Mary Beth Papcys & Julie Comeau (ADCARE) – Hope House, Granada House, Meridian House, Faith House, Spectrum, Highpoint TSS, Aurora Residents with support from MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, The Boston Foundation, The Boston Public Health Commission, Third Sector New England want you to spread these *Addiction Treatment Works; Recovery is an Investment*

A 1995 California Study Proved What We Know Today- Every 1\$ spent on Effective Treatment Saves \$7 to Society

- Prison costs approximately \$43,000 in one calendar year. Community based detox costs \$1000 for 5 days. Hospital based detox for same time frame is \$4-5,000. Outpatient Services is about \$4,970 per year. Residential services cost \$55 per day or \$6, 660 for 120 days
- 80 % incarcerated suffer from alcohol and other drug addiction. Addiction treatment reduces criminal activity by 80%

MOAR Invites You to Mobilize for Recovery Action Planning

Monday, February 2, 6:30 PM- Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain – “Planning Feb 9 MOAR Boston Public Policy Forum”

Mondays, Every Monday - 7 PM, Family Focused - Ventress Library, Marshfield

Monday, January 26, 6:30 PM, N Suffolk Mental Health Assoc., 14 Porter St, E Boston, “CORI Reform” Aaron Tanaka, Boston Workers Alliance & ‘Families in Recovery Day” Maddie Ribble, Boston Public Health Commission

Wednesday, February 18, 11:30 AM, PAACA, 360 Coggeshall St., New Bedford

Thursday, February 12, 5:30 PM, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave, Springfield

Tuesday, February 10, 6:15 PM, Thayer Auditorium, Community Health Link, 68 Jaques Ave, Worcester

Current New Year Recovery Take Action Policymaker Education Opportunities

MOAR joins MA Public Health Assoc for United We Stand for Public Health Coalition to support all of public health services and MA Coalition for Addiction Services to support addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery! So **Call the Governor’s Office** at 1- 888-870-7770 or 617-725-4005 and your elected state legislators at 617-722-2000. Message: “Please support substance abuse services and all of public health with new revenues – not cuts” Now Flip The Page for BPHC Families in Recovery Day Action!

*Recovery Voices Count is a Faces and Voices of Recovery Voters for Recovery National Campaign... Go to www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org

