

## Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery

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### MOAR News at a Glance

- h MOAR Website <http://www.neaar.org/moar/>- Pictures Wanted!
- h MOAR's Diane Kurtz, Tanyss Martula, present at CSAT RCSP Forum –Great!
- h MOAR co-sponsors W MA SA Counselor Forum on Youth – October 12
- h CSAT National Recovery Month Planning – [www.health.org/recoverymonth/2001](http://www.health.org/recoverymonth/2001)
- h NEAAR Recovery Celebration- Jiminy Peak- Hancock, MA – November 2-4
- h Recovery Movement - Organizing for a National Voice- October 5 –7, Minneapolis

### MOAR Meetings and Events at a Glance \_

**State and Regional Recovery Month Planning –SAVE These Dates!**

**State House Date : September 26, 2001**

**First Annual Statewide Membership Meeting – Worcester - September 10**

Theme: “We Recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community”

- i Springfield – *Help Plan Public forums Forum-* August 2, 5:30 to 7:15 PM, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave
- i Lowell ~ *Housing, Coalition Building,-* July 20, 10:30 AM, Tewksbury Hospital  
*Lowell Day Festivities, -July 27- All day, Merrimack St.!!*
- i Boston ~ *Recovery Month Planning -* August 1, 3:30 PM, Atrium II, Faulkner
- i New Bedford ~*Recovery Month Planning,* July 25, 5:30 PM, Reflections, Bellville Ave.
- i Worcester ~ Speaker: Joe Cannon, *Rural Housing Services Improvement,*  
July 24, 6:45 PM to 8:10 PM, AdCare Hospital cafeteria, 107 Lincoln St.

### MOAR Members become NEAAR Recovery Cosmopolitans

Janice Archer, Pierre Descoteaux, Tom Dunham, John Bove, Dana Moulton attended The NEAAR Recovery Community Leadership Track at The New England Institute For Addiction Studies Summer School, Bowdoin College, New Brunswick, Maine. They learned from the masters----Tom Hill, New York's Speak Out Group ~*Recovery Advocacy*; Jeffrey Blodgett, The

Alliance Project~*Recovery Message*; William White, *Slaying of The Dragon* author~Recovery History; James Gorske, AdCare Educational Institute,~*Recovery Conference Planning*---all with enthusiasm!

Women in Recovery were celebrated, aside from The Recovery Track, Judah Abdul Dorrington and LaVerne Saunders facilitated an inspiring *Harvest of Recovery*.

Diane Kurtz and Tanyss Martula presented a very impressive *Parent Support Group* presentation at the last Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Recovery Community Support Project Grantee Workshop, *Voices Creating Choices, Communities Creating Change*, Washington DC. This was a great opportunity for our MOAR members to experience the three years, NEAAR, has participated in the CSAT project---with the empowerment of the many voices of recovery. A national recovery summit will be held October 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by the Johnson Institute.

## **MOAR Members Develop Regional Activity for Recovery Advocacy**

**MOAR Worcester June 26<sup>th</sup> attendees:** Rich Harris, Daniel Concepcion, Dave Canning, Harry Cally, Steve Bilodeau, Leona Toedt, Brian Muse, Mike Faunce, Linda Lavallo, Kevin S, Ronald Luce, Pete McCourville, Bob Chileo, Sheila Brousseau, S. Horanson, Robert McGrath, Theresa Mendes, Rodan Latino, Christine Hill, Robin Barrett, Rodney Andrews, George Kelley, Pamela Moore, Joe Morin, Rahim Al-Kaheem, Joanne Keenan, Dana Moulton, Ray Kosinski. Members looked at ways to advocate for recovery-and positive recovery environment, as in safe, affordable housing. Issues: CORI checks ruling out for many loans and subsidized housing, besides jobs. People agreed about need to develop strategy from voter registration, recovery wellness, housing education, and advocacy skills. There was a consensus that a smaller group should meet to help draw up strategy—and to keep our goals doable. Attendees thanked Rich Harris for scheduling Joe Cannon for the next meeting: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM, AdCare Hospital.

**MOAR New Bedford Meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>**— The issue of CORI took precedence for many attendees. Claudia Jones, Joe Sims, Manny Martinez, Robert Morercy, Robert Faria, Skip Jason, Mark Harmon, Jose Martinez, Charles Smith, Ulysse Lapointe, David Duschene, Bruce Espey, Gene Skidmore, Kelly Sousa, and Joe Sousa regarding impact on careers and housing, despite the fact they are in recovery. Enhancing their own voice, celebrating recovery, educating policymakers about addiction recovery appeared paramount. Thus, a decision was made to look at the possibility of scheduling at Reflections, an open house for Recovery Month, with opportunity for discussion

Note: Same day meeting got MOAR an invitation to participate in local access television program to publicize Recovery Month, Annual Recovery Month Luncheon, and adolescent recovery support network. Thank you!

**MOAR Springfield Meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>** Attendees, Pete Crumb, Diane Teta, Tanyss Martula, Mike Donahoe, Diane Kurtz, Melanie Loval-Dielson, Bill Scituro, Bob Pisani, Maryanne

Frangules reviewed participation of its members at The recent RCSP Conference- Diane Kurtz, Tanyss Martula, Bob Pisani as wonderful demonstration of membership empowerment – of the work they have done to build the parent Support Group. They got many questions of how to---- and how The Parent Support Group serves to teach parents signs, symptoms of use, self care--- and then some will ready themselves for public education to do MOAR. Members reviewed Recovery Month Planning for The State House. An afternoon public forum with focus on The National Treatment Plan drew a very positive response. Discussion moved to A W MA Recovery Month activity, such as a Phoenix Academy Celebration, Recovery Walk, and a local hospital grand rounds. Peter Crumb thanked MOAR supporting The October 12 Adolescent Focused Western MA Substance Abuse School Counselor's Association Conference

### ***July 11 Boston Attendees Kick Off Recovery Month Planning--- September 26!***

Joe Kelleher, John Frazier, Susan Decolaines, Dana Moulton, Tom Delaney, Amos Marshall, Linda Carter, Jim Carroll, Lisa Clark, Greg Arsenault, John MacIsaac, Marc Bell, Yvette Benton Hill, Karen Pressman and Maryanne Frangules reviewed date – September 26- for State House Recovery Day Celebration. CSAT Director Westley Clark to keynote one MOAR time! The Improbable Players will perform again! A Public Dialogue inviting communities to utilize the CSAT Sponsored: *Changing The Conversation: The National Treatment for Addiction Treatment Recovery*. Our Recovery Month Brochure design brainstormed. Matt Green of Sameem Associates leads this effort. Members reviewed revised mission/vision statement by Joe, Susan, Dana, and Greg with suggestions---to be reviewed by you!

### **MOAR Takes on Adolescent Recovery Support Issues as a Major Focus**

MOAR has been attending three regional – Boston, Worcester, and Florence youth focused human service interagency meetings across the state. The focus is to derive an interagency approach towards addressing the gaps in services with a working continuum of care. Parent support group and school counselor participation in The Florence meetings have brought a real hands on approach to the issue. In fact, Diane Kurtz , W MA Parent Support Group volunteer facilitator and Bob Pisani, Phoenix Academy Director will come to the Worcester meeting. Maryanne Frangules is working with DYS Coordinator Tricia Woods to start a Lowell meeting. You are invited.

### **Tanyss Martula attends National Co-Occurring Disorders Meeting**

Tanyss Martula, West.MA MOAR member, attended a Washington, D.C, June 5th SAMHSA meeting of about 25 consumer advocates from all over the U.S. The session was called "Consumer, Survivors, Persons in Recovery and Family Members Discussion Groups" (from the areas of both addiction and mental health). The first part of the five hour meeting focused on the use of the Internet as a tool for recovery/advocacy organizations as well as for helping recovering people seek information and resources. An energetic discussion ensued around the table. Approximately 5 "best" Internet sites were also critiqued by the participants and it was noted that

links to information on addiction should be added to the depression web sites. Consensus: it is human beings in relationship that create healing and recovery and technology is limited. The facilitated meeting allowed participants to share responses re: consumer involvement in managed care and state health care reforms. Barriers to consumer involvement were discussed and activities, as MOAR's Recovery Day, that build consumer participation/reduce stigma.

**On that note**, MOAR thanks Tanyss, Joe Kelleher, and John Frazier for representing MOAR at conferences and activities sponsored by MBHP-The Partnership, EAPA, CASA, and New England Problems on Compulsive Gambling Conference. A MOAR significant issue: Movement to change the current CORI regulations is positive.

So You are MOAR wanted,

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