

Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery

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MOAR Acknowledges The September 11th Tragic Attack on Our Country With Sadness for Countless Lives Lost and Support for Our Nation's Preservation ~ God Bless America ~

MOAR National Recovery Month News at a Glance:

- i National Recovery Month Events Energized with Gratitude to Live in the USA!
- i NEAAR Receives CSAT Recovery Community Support Grant- **YES !!!!!**
- h MOAR Website <http://www.neaar.org/moar/> Recovery Month Pictures Coming
- h NEAAR Recovery Celebration- Jiminy Peak- Hancock, MA – November 2-4
- h Recovery Movement - Organizing for a National Voice- October 5 –7, Minneapolis
- h MOAR co-sponsors W MA SA Counselor Forum on Youth – October 12
- i Emergency CORI DPH Council Meeting Scheduled October 10th!

RECOVERY DAY CELEBRATION AT THE STATE HOUSE

September 26, 2001

Festivities at the State House were preceded by an enthusiastic march of the faces and voices of recovery from Boston City Hall Plaza to the Boston Common. Kattie Portis, Boston's Substance Abuse Policy Advisor, introduced **Mayor Thomas Menino**, who enlivened the meaning of recovery. The festivities were enhanced by comedian Jimmy Tingle and Reverend Rodney Hart with the beautiful music of the Teen Challenge Choir. Faces and voices of recovery, joined by families and friends, then moved on to the State house to celebrate the 2001 theme,

“We Recover Together: Family, Friends and Communities.”

H. Westley Clark, MD, Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and Deborah Klein-Walker, Associate Public Health Commissioner and Interim Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, joined in a town meeting to discuss **The National Treatment Plan: Changing The Conversation.** This plan includes 5 major focal points. Invest for Results, No Wrong Door to Treatment, Commit to Quality, Change Attitudes and Build Partnerships. **The Faces and Voices of Recovery are needed to make this a reality.** The facilitation of **Judah Abijeh Dorrington and LaVerne Saunders** and the performance of **The Improbable Players** helped to make Recovery Day MOAR of a success! Senator Therese Murray, Representatives Kevin Fitzgerald, Liz Malia, Gloria Fox, Martin Walsh, and John Hart -----and

Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert Gittens truly validated the road to recovery.

MOAR was honored to present awards to several organizations and individuals:

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The WELL Project: Institute for Health and Recovery
The Boston Consortium for Families in Recovery
The Franklin County Women's Research Project
The St. Francis House Moving Ahead Program
The Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

MOAR Sponsorship Awards

AdCare Hospital

Phoenix House and Academy of Springfield

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts

Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership

Recovery Day 2001 Brochure Cover Contest

Janice Archer, Glenna Sheehan House of Lowell House, Inc.

“Thank You” always go to CSAT, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, AdCare Educational Institute, Boston ASAP, NEAAR, New England Institute for Addiction Studies, Faulkner Hospital, Sameem Associates and Lowell House for non stop support!

We thank all our contributors, members, and friends!

MOAR Regional Recovery Month Events

MOAR kicked off the month with its first Annual Statewide Meeting

on September 10th at the Community HealthLink in Worcester. Over 100 gathered representing every region in the state. Keynote speakers **Deborah Klein-Walker**, Associate Public Health Commissioner, and **David Mulligan**, Stonehill College Public Policy Professor and Chair of the Boston Public Health Commission were followed by an energetic town meeting forum which spoke to the issues, including stigma, advocacy vs. anonymity, insurance parity, housing, treatment gaps, criminal justice, opiate treatment and women in recovery. Margot Manning, Ray Kosinski, Rahim A., Dana Moulton, Planning Committee Members did a great job. Immediate Past President, Leroy Kelly turned the role over to Amos Marshall. MOAR thanks Community HealthLink for its service, AdCare Hospital for financing the dinner, Henry Lee Willis Center for press, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and AdCare Educational Institute for supporting the whole venture. We meet again in December for next steps!!!!

What MOAR Recovery Month Events:

Springfield – Department of Public Health Commissioner Howard Koh keynoted the The September 19th Phoenix Academy Celebration. Special recognition was given Patrick McEaney, Phoenix House of New England Executive Director, for his dedication to adolescent recovery. **Lowell**- MOAR helped to sponsor a September 21st Recovery Month Dance, Tewksbury State Hospital. **New Bedford**- MOAR and AdCARE Hospital celebrated with Reflections guests including Representative Tony Cabral. Many other events were held- all sparked with gratitude for the freedom to live in The United States of America. The recovery community, inclusive of family demonstrated the true meaning of citizenship contribution. We might add that MOAR was represented at The National Recovery Month kick Off ---- September 5th in Washington DC!

National Recovery Advocacy Summit in Minnesota ~ October 5 -7

Maryanne Frangules, Janice Archer and Dana Moulton joined NEAAR members and 200 other members of the recovery community at the summit sponsored by the Johnson Institute. William Cope Moyers, the Institute's President and Alliance Project's Jeff Blodgett were the hosts. It was an energetic recovery experience with William White, Representative James Ramstad, Senator Paul Wellstone. Project RAP – Recovery Association of Portland (Oregon) demonstrated how “relational theory” put into practice – builds communication and consensus and commitment into the community's ability to put case management in place and deter the heroin overdoses.

According to Janice Archer and Dana Moulton:

“This was such a wonderful opportunity to work together with people across the country, and to know that there is a much larger organization attempting to identify, educate and assist addiction issues. As the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery pulled together as a state on September 10, 2001, for its first ever statewide meeting, it was also a wonderful feeling to be a part of the national effort towards addressing a Nationwide Recovery Movement on October 5 - 7, 2001. We are truly grateful to MOAR, NEAAR, and CSAT for giving us this opportunity. We worked to address primary national targets. We came up with basically the same results: Addiction Recovery Education, Treating the Whole Family at any Entrance, and Reducing Treatment Barriers. We feel that if we are able to accomplish this, we reduce stigma and replace it with understanding. We open doors for addiction recovery to adolescents/ families and in housing, employment, and criminal justice systems.”

So - Help MOAR Continue to Change the Conversation:

Help build Statewide Committees with Regional Involvement

Membership Recruitment, Public Policy, Public Awareness, and Fundraising Committees! Everyone is invited to attend:

- i Springfield ~ October 29 5:30, Phoenix House
“Club Drugs Signs, Symptoms, Support”
with Tina Murphy, District Attorney's Office
- i Lowell ~ October 26, 10:30 AM, Conference Room, CM3,
Tewksbury Hospital
- i Boston ~ November 7, 3:30 PM, Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital
- i New Bedford ~ October 24, 5:30 PM, Reflections,
497 Bellville Ave.
- i Worcester ~ October 23, 6:45 PM, AdCare Hospital,
Room B, 107 Lincoln St.

Quarterly MOAR Statewide Meeting Coming Soon – Stay Posted!!!

Forget Staying Posted ~ Help Plan it!

Don't Forget

YOU are MOAR Wanted and Needed! Partial Scholarships Available for:

NEAAR Recovery Celebration,

Focus on the Family

Jiminy Peak- Hancock, MA

November 2-4

See enclosed Registration Form

You must call or email for confirmation

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