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MOAR News for You, January 2006

MOAR is Building Recovery Informed Communities across The State
Our Mission is to organize people in recovery, families, and friends
into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery.

MOAR Provides Peer Recovery Education Support, We Learn to Navigate The System, and Change
Policies

See Enclosed MOAR Brochure; An Opportunity to get MOAR or invite others to get MOAR involved.

Public Policy Forum – Dialogue with Direction for 2006 – Your Voice Counts!

We will make our Communities #1 for Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery!

Monday, February 6, 6:00 to 8:30 PM, Huevos Auditorium, The Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain

Public Policy Luncheon with Policymakers –

W MA Substance Abuse Providers with MOAR/MAADAC/WMSASCA Parent Support Group of WMA

Friday, February 3rd, 12 Noon to 2 PM, Deliso Conference Room, Mercy Hospital, Springfield

What MOAR Have We Done – We Learned to Tell Our Stories for a point with LaVerne Saunders, Housing Resources with Gary Comeau, Community Healthlink's Housing Project, Work Opportunities with Worcester's Workforce Central Kevin Crowley, joined Right Turn, a clinic supporting performers to recovery for a

Rhythm 'n Recovery Benefit, educated policymakers about the CORI and Healthcare Reform, and went to DC – to engage in a CSAT dialogue about building recovery informed communities! And There is even MOAR!

You Can do MOAR and become A Recovery Informant to Your Community:

Worcester, February 14, Tuesday, 6:15, Thayer Auditorium, Community Healthlink, 72 Jacques Ave

New Bedford, February 7, Tuesday, 11:00 AM, Reflections, 497 Belleville Ave

Springfield, January 26. Thursday, 5:30 PM. Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave

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Pittsfield, February 2, Thursday, 6:30 PM –9:00 PM, United Cerebral Palsy, 208 West St.

Boston, March 6, Monday, 6:30 PM, Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital, (Jamaica Plain)

Marshfield-Tuesday, February 21, 7:00PM, First Congregational Church, 1981 Ocean St.

East Boston – February 16, 6:30 PM, Thursday, BPHC NO Drug Harborside Coalition,

Harborside Community School, 312 Border St.

MOAR Participates in The Boston Public Health Commission NO Drug Coalitions Action Plans

The Boston Public Health Commission NO (Neighborhood Organizing Against) Drug Coalitions now number 14: Phoenix Rising, Roxbury; Bethel Baptist Church, Roxbury; Bromley Heath TMC, Jamaica Plain; Healthy Roslindale Coalition; North End Community Health Center; West Roxbury Public Safety Coalition; Whittier Street Health Center, Roxbury; Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force; Charlestown Coalition; South Boston Hope and Recovery; East Boston Harborside Coalition; CASA Esperanza Roxbury Neighborhood; El Centro Cardinale South End Coalition; and Project Right of Roxbury. All are launching healthy community discussions and projects centered at prevention of alcohol and other drug addiction; promoting the value of addiction recovery.

MOAR Speaks Out for Recovery, Up for the Value, Down on Discrimination MOAR Collaborates in Coalitions to Enhance Services from Detox to Full Continuum

- **Improve Youth and Family Services** – Parents are welcome and are giving input to MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services New Youth Initiatives. We support the Recovery High School goal designated from the MA Strategic Plan. We see a need for a full continuum for youth and families.
- **Enhance Continuum of Care** with no wait lists from detox throughout the system! Addiction is a disease that calls for the right service at the right time. We will do what it takes to get the services.
- **Insurance Coverage**- We want parity! We want Health Care Reform to cover alcohol and other drug treatment in private insurance and MassHealth *benefits* – which are rights to recovery. (see fact sheet)
- **Criminal Justice Focus** – increase treatment initiatives for people involved in the criminal justice system and improve the process for re-entry into society
- **Quality Services for Hearing Impaired** – MOAR meetings have representation from individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and now involved in a federal grant for Technical Assistance improvements.
- **Opiate Addiction Treatment** – We are having dialogues calling for the respect for the different pathways of recovery. In fact, this is true for any drug addiction, inclusive of alcohol.
- **Prevention** - from schools to media to social service – and support for the coalitions promoting prevention, treatment, and recovery.....
- **Recovery Support Services - AREAS, Addiction Recovery Education Access Services**; people in recovery and their families educating and supporting each other to navigate the system. MOAR is on The TRANSCOM committee, funded by MBHP, DMH and federal grant, directed by MPOWER's Deb Delman with a goal to do peer recovery support services for people with mental health and dual diagnosis.

MOAR Joins MARC- MA Alliance to Reform CORI

Horace Small, Director of Union of Minority Neighborhoods, is the MARC Coordinator. Some of the requested reform changes include providing tax credits to employers of recently released inmates, changing timeframe for sealing records, providing workforce and education training funds for troubled youth, and permitting housing authorities to admit former offenders on a probationary basis. MOAR members are Mobilizing with MARC!

Denise Devlin, NEAAR Project Director elected FAVOR Northeast Representative

MOAR is an affiliate of New England Alliance for Addiction Recovery (NEAAR), a six state recovery consortium.. Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR) is organized to mobilize, organize, and rally individuals in recovery, their families, friends, and allies in a campaign to end discrimination, broaden social understanding, and achieve a just response to addiction as a public health crisis. To Learn MOAR about FAVOR – go to <http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org>

Lt Governor Kerry Healey Announces New Section 35 to be located at Highpoint Treatment Center – New Bedford. The facility, which will start welcoming civilly committed female patients in April, will house 25 detox beds and 35 step-down beds. Due to lack of services, women needing treatment have been referred to Framingham prison in growing numbers. The move comes out of the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Strategic Plan, which targeted the need for appropriate treatment versus prison for women, who are civil versus criminal mandated by the court system for treatment. Please note: Section 35 (law) permits district courts to involuntarily commit an individual for up to 30 days to an inpatient facility approved by the Department of Public Health when there is a likelihood of serious harm as a result of alcoholism or other substance abuse.

And there is MOAR ! Your Voice is MOAR Important!

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MOAR Thanks You!

For Making Recovery Month – September 2005 The Best Ever

The **Recovery Month-2005** theme “**Join the Voices for Recovery: Healing Lives, Families and Communities**” strongly demonstrated the passion of MOAR membership, friends, and supporters, for events including the MA Motorcycle Ride, Family Picnic, Walk, and Rally. Thank you to the faces and voices of all the people who are setting an example for a unified recovery community, particularly the policy makers who are supportive of a strong alcohol and drug addiction continuum of care. Thank You, Kitty Dukakis, Laura Goode, Dolores Rabuffetti, James -Phoenix Academy graduate, and others for sharing the hope of recovery, from all ages; for families and communities. All will see the recovery stories and pictures in our “special recovery newsletter” edition.

Thank You to USDept/ HHS/SAMHSA/CSAT National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Partners

MA Lieutenant Governor: Kerry Healey

MA Public Health Commissioner: Paul Cote

MA Department of Public Health - Assistant Commissioner,
Substance Abuse Services: Michael Botticelli

MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services via Karen Pressman

The City of Boston - Mayor Thomas Menino

The Boston Public Health Commission John Auerbach

Boston Substance Abuse Policy Advisor: Kattie Portis,

Boston Public Health Commission NO Drugs Community Coalitions

A Special Thanks to Our Friends and Supporters:

The Office of Senator Therese Murray: Carla and Rick

Lynn Bratley of The Improbable Players; Judah Abijah Dorrington of People to People
AdCare Educational Institute – James Gorske and Denise Henry

The Boston Foundation

The Clippership Foundation

Metro Boston Alive

Somerville Cares about Prevention

South Boston Family Resource Center, Parent Group of W MA, Learn to Cope Parent Group

Pete Hackel Productions and his Many musical contacts

Meeting Space: Provided by The Faulkner Hospital, Phoenix House,

Metro Boston Alive and the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital

MOAR Extraordinary and MOAR Wonderful Breakfast, Luncheon, Brochure Sponsors
AdCare Hospital, Phoenix House, Modern Assistance Program, Reckett-Benckiser
Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, and CASA Esperanza
USD/HHS/ CSAT Grant for The MA Motorcycle Ride, Family Picnic, Walk, Rally

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Congratulations to the many Cities, Towns, and Groups across the state who celebrated:  
Allston, Brighton, Everett, New Bedford, Fall River, Worcester, Springfield, Pittsfield

**Thank You to all our Recovery Month Committee Members**

**Chairs:** Rocco Antonelli, Stephanie Almeida, Greg Arsemault, Greg Davis, Bill Scituro

**Committee members:** Amos Marshall- MOAR President, Joe Kelleher, Tom Delaney, Maureen Harvey, Karen Macdonald, Donna White, John Frazier, Linda Mazak, Diane Kurtz, Diane Teta, Sana Fadel, Pete Hackel, Woody Giessman, Charlie Yetman, Maureen McGlame, Dana Moulton, Susan Schneider and many others.

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Planning for Recovery Month 2006 starts soon – Get Involved – We need YOU.

**MOAR and FRIENDS UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**January 25 – Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM • Somerville Cares about Prevention Annual Forum**

**January 26 -Thursday 7:30 PM: Jimmy Tingle/RIGHT TURN, Inc. An evening of Comedy and Music** - portions of proceeds goes to Right Turn, a clinic supporting performers on their way to recovery, Jimmy Tingle's OFF BROADWAY, 255 Elm Street, Davis Square, Somerville MA Call for tickets: 617-591-1616

Woody Giessman, Right Turn Founder, will host a WRKO Radio Show on Recovery!

**February 11 – Friday - 7:00 PM Edwina Martin House and Maria Droste Fundraiser, Florian Hall,** 55 Hallett St, Dorchester. This special fundraiser is in Memory of Darlene Sheehan, whose kindness will be treasured forever in her spirit. The Edwina Martin House (a women's recovery home in Brockton and Good Shepherd Maria Droste Counseling Services (Quincy) were very special to Darlene. You Can Help!  
Call Marie Downey- 617- 312-8271

**February 14 – Tuesday 9:30 to Noon: Families in Recovery Day** - Great Hall, The State House. Boston Public Health Commission Sponsored. Info: call Ellen Walker, Event Coordinator: 617- 361-1718. You will be inspired to educate your elected legislators about recovery and supportive services. Want support with your legislative visit?  
Call Maryanne Frangules, 617-423-6627.

**March 5- 26, Bill W and Dr. Bob by Stephen Bergman and Janet Surrey** , a touching, humorous story of the relationship between the two men who founded Alcoholics Anonymous. The New Repertory Theater.

Tickets: Group Sales- 617 923 7060 x 205, Box Office-617 923 8487, TTY-617 923 2067

**March 11- Diane Kurtz, Parent Support Group of W MA** and MOAR member, will do a *How to do a Parent Support Group* Presentation for The Laconia Chapter of FOR-NH. Please let MOAR know if you are interested in having a presentation in your area!

**March 14– Tuesday 9:30 to Noon: Addiction Treatment Policymaker Education Day** Sponsored by Coalition to Increase Access to Treatment. Call Sana Fadel, Rosie's Place, 617-318-0201 (direct line)

**April 11 – MOAR Celebrates Alcohol Awareness Month – Stay Posted and Get Involved**

**FYI! April 6<sup>th</sup> is National Alcohol Screening Day!**

Pre- Alcohol Screening Day! The MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (with support from US Dept Health and Human Services/SAMHSA) will be holding Town Meetings on Under Age Drinking.

**April 25 - Tuesday 9:00 AM: Partnering for Recovery Conference**

Sponsored by MA Behavioral Health Partnership, DCU, Worcester.. Call Amy Considine at 617-790-5602.

**MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Consumer Advisory Board Invitation**

Are you in recovery or a family member and want to participate in The MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Consumer Advisory Board? Call Jim Hiatt, new BSAS Constituent Liaison: 617-624-5102. We welcome Jim!

**MOAR would like to thank BSAS for supporting MOAR** with the means to have a strategic plan to enhance our outreach to individuals in recovery, families, and friends. .... to spread the value of recovery! We further thank The Boston Foundation, Boston Public Health Commission, and Clippership Foundation.  
**Your Voice is MOAR Wanted and Welcome!**

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