



**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Massachusetts Addiction Focused Policy Forum**  
*“Overdoses, The Tragedy, Hope, and the Strategy”*

Topics include Overdose Prevention Centers, Opioid Abatement Funds, and **MOAR.**

**June 24, 2024 ~ 9 AM to 11:30 AM**

9:00 AM	Breakfast, Milling, Registration
9:20 AM	<b>MOAR</b> Executive Director, Maryanne Frangules, Welcome and Overview
9:25 AM	<b>MOAR</b> President Kevin McCarthy introduces W MA Regional Coordinator, Nico Alicea
9:30 AM	Nico Introduces Person with lived experience
9:35 AM	Hear from Orlando Rivera and Manny Gonzalez
9:45 AM	Debra Flynn Gonzalez, BSAS/DPH Peer Recovery Support Services Coordinator introduces Deirdre Calvert, BSAS/DPH Director – Sharing Overdose Prevention plan
9:55 AM	Municipal Overdose Abatement Support with Kate Lena, JSI & Carly Bridden, BMC
10:10 AM	Senator John Velis, Legislative Mental Health Substance Use Recovery Chair
10:35AM	RIZE Grants to Support Local Lived Experience Approach for Overdose Prevention with Daisy Hernandez, C4 and woman in recovery, Sara Colby
10:50 AM	<p align="center"><i>“Overdose Abatement Panel and Dialogue”</i></p> Springfield – GSOCC with Dr. Frank Robinson and Magda Colon; Westfield- Kim Slade, Greenfield - Sarah Ahearn; Berkshires/South County - Gary Pratt, & Northampton -Taylor McAndrew; MOAR Lived Experience Voices, Maurice Taylor, Antonio Rosado, & Garry Porter! Panel and Dialogue Facilitated by David Lewis with attendee participation
11:25 AM	Summing it Up with Action Steps
11:30 AM	Thank You and We Will all Follow Up with Action

**The Walk Away for Action – You can use Your Voice – For Your Thoughts!**

- Learn what You can do to support Recovery Coach with Licensing and MOAR than that!
- What about 51 A Reform for Parents in Recovery
- Overdose Prevention Centers, once called Safe Injection Sites
- Low Threshold Housing for the Drug Using Community Overdose Abatement lived experience involvement and support and with a cultural sensitivity lens
- Plus – How to Use The Abatement Funds
  - Opioid use disorder treatment access
  - Support for people in treatment and recovery
  - Connections to care
  - Harm Reduction
  - Meeting the needs of justice-involved individuals
  - Support for Pregnant and Parenting Women
  - Prevention