MOAR Virtual Statewide Town Hall Meeting
Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Awareness Month
Thurs, April 29, 2021  4:45 PM to 8:00 PM

4:45 PM  **MOAR Milling and Music with Dan Kelly, Plymouth Peer Recovery Support Center**

4:55 PM  **Kevin McCarthy, MOAR Board President, Welcome & Commitment to Help End Racism**
Leah Randolph, MBAAC, MA Black Alcoholism & Addiction Council Chair, Racial Justice Advocate
Father Joe White: Pays Tribute to Lives Lost
Maryanne Frangules, MOAR Executive Director, MOAR Action for Recovery

5:15 PM  **News Use Can Use from The Legislative Mental Health Substance Use Recovery Committee Chair: Senator Julian Cyr and Vice Chair: Senator John Velis, Representative Jim O’Day**

5:30 PM  **Tim Jean, New England SAMHSA Regional Fellow with Highlights**

5:35 PM  **Karran Larson introduces Tabatha Patrican, Recovery Coach, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community**

5:45 PM  **Alcohol and Drug Addiction Prevention – Liz Parsons, Mystic Valley Coalition Wonder**

5:50 PM  **Ostiguy Recovery High School - Roger Oser and student, Thomas**

6:00 PM  **BSAS Recovery Support Services Coordinator – Julia Ojeda**

6:10 PM  **Alex Fidalgo, Recovery Coach, Speaking out for Recovery Coaches**

6:15 PM  **Let’s Hear from SOAR – Speaking Out for Addiction Recovery – with Kirsten Doherty with Gerard Touchette, Turning Point and Domenic Fermano, and Dan Kelly Plymouth Peer Recovery Support Center**

6:35 PM  **Roscoe Gorham - Recovery Advocate with Mass Rehab Gratitude**

6:40 PM  **Lisa Myers – Family Residential Services Advocate**

6:45 PM  **George Halfkenny – Kiva Centers Outreach Coordinator- Social Justice Advocate**

6:50 PM  **Larry Fisher, Chief Sachem- Mattakeeset Tribe - Speaking Out for the Urban Indian**

6:55 PM  **Discussion**

7:10 PM  **Connie Peters MCAS – MA Coalition for Addiction Services – Building a Better Budget for Services**

7:15 PM  **Joanne Peterson, Learn to Cope Founder with Magda Colon, W MA Latinx Family Group Facilitator**

7:25 PM  **Elizabeth Reardon and Dallas Clark Help and Hope from Mass Helpline –**

7:35 PM  **Richard Winant – MASH, Massachusetts Alliance for Sober Housing Advocate**

7:40 PM  **Lina Abdalla, Collegiate Recovery**

7:45 PM  **Summing it up with next steps**
MOAR 2021-2022 Policy Priorities

Visible, Vocal, Valuable, Viable

Moving from Overdose Tragedy to Destination Recovery
During COVID’s isolation there were 1141 Confirmed Opioid Overdose Related Deaths
Black non-Latinx and Latinx males experienced increased opioid-related overdose death rates from 2018 to 2019
- Increasing Quality and Quantity of Peer to Peer Recovery Support Services
  - Act Relative to Recovery Coaching – MA legislature H2382/S1452 to maintain recovery coaching fidelity
  - 5 more Peer Recovery Centers – Move from 26 to 31 centers to offer valued community support, involvement
- Filling the Continuum of Care Gaps with Ethical Standards of Care
  - Low Threshold Housing to reduce homelessness, overdose deaths, improve health outcomes, and health equity
  - Access to Recovery for comprehensive care coordination for post incarceration, pregnant women, and US Veterans.
  - Maintaining the 9 New Family Recovery Residential Services so parenting caregivers and children can all receive recovery support
  - Enhancing Necessary Workforce Opportunities by supporting Mass Rehab Interagency Agreement and Recruitment Strategy with educational and vocational institutions
  - Mobile and Outpatient Support for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community
  - Act for Full Spectrum of Treatment- MA legislature H2116/S1292 for 30 days of medically necessary insurance coverage deemed by treating provider
  - The Sackler Act, US Congress HR 2096, This would prevent non-debtors, like the Sackler family, from using bankruptcy proceedings to be released from lawsuits brought by government entities

Through DEI consultation, MOAR is moving to address social and racial inequities and the impact institutional racism has on the cycle of poverty, criminal injustices, and access to treatment and recovery.