People in Recovery, Families and Friends

You are MOAR invited to Our Virtual
Statewide Alcohol and
Other Drug
Awareness Month
Town Hall Meeting

Statewide and Community Action
From Prevention to Recovery

Building a Continuum of Care and Policies
Addressing COVID 19 and The Future
Thank You to Funders

Helping MOAR to Build Statewide Capacity for Addiction Recovery and Cultural Humility
Our Mission
To organize recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions.

Our Vision
MOAR envisions a society where addiction is treated as a significant public health issue and recovery is recognized as valuable to all our communities.
A Year Ago!

- PPE - Personal Protective Equipment – Mask/Gloves
- Social Distancing
- Segregated Treatment for Congregated Modalities
- Curfews
- Closures
- Live on Social Media – ZOOM and ZOOM
- Rep Deckers Behavioral Health Committee
- MOUD Regulation Ease
- Telehealth –
- State Budget – Stimulus – The Wait – The Reward
- Homelessness and Addiction
- George Floyd Murder and Interrupting Racism
Organizational Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- **MOAR** cannot help eliminate inequities outside the organization without first turning an eye inwards. During our period of expansion, we have prioritized the hiring of people of color to full-time positions. **MOAR** contracted with Human In Common to perform an assessment and make recommendations on improving our organizational diversity, equity, and inclusion. We formed committees in a 4 pronged approach to fight racism:

1. **Our Language and Curriculum Committee** is focusing on translating and updating our resources to reflect our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. We are editing our educational materials to include the voices and direction from communities of color.

2. **The Allyship & Partnership** Committee outreaches to organizations now guide a cultural humility lens with new direction.

3. **The Book Club** is challenging our minds and heart as we dig deep into selections like *White Fragility*

4. **We will be hiring a Diversity Lead** to help us organize and stay focused on truly reflecting diversity, equity, and inclusion.
COVID 19 - 2021

- Homelessness, Telehealth, Hybrid

- MA Coalition for Addiction Services Budget
  - Mass Rehab $1 million
  - Technical Assistance for Medication Assistance and co-occurring $2 million
  - Access to Recovery $1.5 million
  - 9 family sober living homes $10 million
Increased for Recovery Supports!

- $3.5 Million to create 8 new recovery support centers!
  - Funding through DPH-BSAS Competitive Application
  - And there will be another 5
  - Increase the number of state funded facilities from 10 to 18 to 26 –maybe 31 someday
Peer Recovery Support Centers (PRSCs) AND Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) by County – BSAS-funded and other-funded (updated 1/28/21)

- Berkshire County
  - Living in Recovery PRSC
  - Beacon Recovery Community Center

- Hampshire County
  - Northampton PRSC

- Franklin County
  - RECOVER Project PRSC

- Middlesex County
  - Recovery Café Lowell Resource & Reclamation Center
  - Recovery Connection PRSC
  - Framingham PRSC
  - The Bridge/Maiden PRSC

- Essex County
  - New Beginnings PRSC
  - Lynn PRSC

- Suffolk County
  - Devine PRSC
  - The Phoenix
  - STEP/Rox PRSC
  - Lean on Me PRSC
  - Recovery on the Harbor PRSC
  - The Transformation Center

- Plymouth County
  - South Shore Peer Recovery
  - Plymouth PRSC
  - Stairway to Recovery PRSC

- Hampden County
  - Hope for Holyoke PRSC
  - Springfield PRSC

- Worcester County
  - Everyday Miracles PRSC
  - North Quabbin Recovery Center
  - Restoration Recovery Center
  - Opening the Word Recovery Center
  - No One Walks Alone PRSC
  - Alyssa’s Place PRSC

- Norfolk County
  - A New Way PRSC
  - Turning Point PRSC

- Bristol County
  - RIS: PRSC
  - Peer2Peer PRSC
  - River to Recovery Center

- Barnstable County
  - FIER PRSC

- Dukes County
  - Martha’s Vineyard PRSC

BSAS-funded peer recovery support centers (PRSCs)
Other-funded peer recovery community organizations (RCOS)
What **MOAR?**

- MOAR/RIZE survey delivered to BSAS on
- What to Do With COVID Relief Funds

- 1. Substance use disorder (SUD) services for vulnerable populations
- 2. Tie between a) workforce development for counselors, treatment providers, and peer workers and b) lack of integrated treatment and continuity of care across the SUD treatment continuum
- 3. Health plan barriers, including lack of insurance coverage for SUD
- 4. Tied between a) a racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse behavioral health workforce and b) telehealth access
- 5. Treatment, including medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), accessibility at all levels

- RIZE Know Your Rights Toolkit – was unveiled
- April 8th with support from HRIA and **MOAR**
MOAR 2021 Policy Priorities

• The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 1,744 people die each year in Massachusetts because of alcohol use

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.
Do **MOAR on ZOOM** throughout the year!

**MOAR Education**
- Recovery Messaging
- Advocacy 101
- AREAS Education

**MOAR Events**

**April**
- Alcohol Awareness Town Hall
  - April 29

**May**
- WMA Policy Forum
  - June 2
- MOAR Laughs Comedy Fund Raiser in Arlington
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- Year Round Meetings, Summits and Educational events with SOAR and MOAR

**September**
- MOAR and Friends Recovery Day and Recovery Month Events Across MA

**December**
- Annual MOAR Holiday Celebration in Worcester

www.moar-recovery.org/join

Join to get MOAR News, event invites, policy updates, trainings, and opportunities to use your Recovery Voice!
Get **MOAR** involved!

- [www.moar-recovery.org/join](http://www.moar-recovery.org/join)

- Check out a MOAR Regional Action for Recovery Meeting in your area! Zoom in!

- Take advantage of opportunities to **speak out** at **MOAR** Events, Statehouse Rallies, and in local coalitions.

- Participate in upcoming MOAR Policy Survey to let us know **YOUR priorities!**
Supportive Resources

BSAS Helpline

CONCERNED ABOUT YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE?
We can help you find the right substance abuse services, with or without insurance.

Make a confidential phone call:
800-327-5050
MassRelay: 711

Search for services online:
HELPLINE-ONLINE.COM

MOAR Resource Guide

Resources for Recovery
A Mini Guide with MOAR to Come!

Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery

http://www.moar-recovery.org/resources
Resources for You!

● “Language Guide for Addiction and Recovery”

● “People in Recovery, Families and Friends – Your Voice is a Capital Investment!” – Public Policymaker Resource Guide

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