



## MOAR –

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### MOAR Recovery Community Action Review, Preview, and Now!

### September Recovery Month '07

Recovery Day at State House, Motorcycle Ride Celebration with Middlesex Human Services, Allston Brighton Walk for Recovery, and such community forums Worcester, Springfield, Greenfield, NewBedford, .... really demonstrated the theme;

*“Join The Voices for Recovery- Saving Lives, Saving Dollars”.*

Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, Recovery Advocate Kitty Dukakis, Senate President Therese Murray, Assistant Senate Majority Leader Steven Tolman, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Chairs Senator Gale Candaras, Representative Ruth Balsler, with Michael Botticelli, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and 3000 or more of you provided leadership for improved public awareness. Sign up for Recovery Month '08 –

*“Join The Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Stories”*

### MOAR Annual Membership and Holiday Celebration – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Before 200 people, we were inspired by Ray's beautiful singing voice, enhanced by his recovery. Our members shared their recovery stories, lifted by Ian's youthful voice. Outstanding membership contribution awards were given to Maureen Harvey, Brenda Souza, and Paul Kusiak. We learned and were inspired by The Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services building of services and public awareness across the continuum of care. Go to: <http://www.talkaboutaddiction.org> Dr. Edward Bernstein and Dan Mahoney provided an *SBIRT – Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment* update with how over 2500 individuals have been screened in 6 hospital emergency rooms across the state. Tom Coderre, Faces and Voices of Recovery, applauded MOAR for hosting the FAVOR Media Training and encouraged recovery civic engagement. Connie Peters from Mental Health Substance Abuse Corporations and MA Coalitions shared how to make your voice count! And over 500 recovery advocates did at the February 20<sup>th</sup> Boston Public Health Commission's Families in Recovery Day!

### Make Your Recovery Voice Count Right Now! Educate Policymakers

The State House Joint Ways and Means Committee is developing the budget for '09 state funded services.

MOAR is a MA Coalition for Addiction Services member, which is prioritizing \$4 million more for MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services. This is how you can help! Educate Your State Legislators

**The Message:** *There is a need for \$4 million more to MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Line Item 4512- 0200. The total would be \$81.8 million. Please keep the \$5 million for line item 4512-0201 for step down services. Addiction services save lives and dollars. If revenues are needed, think about raising the alcohol tax. The alcohol tax has not been raised since 1975. Look at Senator Marian Walsh's bill S1144 ; it could raise over \$90 million in one year. Thank you for your considerations.*

- **Your Message Should Go to** House Ways and Means Chair - Robert DeLeo & Senate Ways and Means Chair- Steven Panagiotakos.
- **To Find Your legislator's Name and More State's Citizen Information Number:** 1- 800-392-6090  
**Go on The Web:** [www.wheredoivotema.com](http://www.wheredoivotema.com)
- **State House Telephone Number:** 617-722-2000
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