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February 2007 Recovery Community Action

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.

**Let's Make Massachusetts # 1 for Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery
by Investing in Our Future**



Save Lives! Save Families! Save Dollars!

5th Annual MOAR & Friends Boston Public Policy Forum

When: Monday, February 5, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM,

Where: Huvos Auditorium, Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain

A Success

And December 12th MOAR Membership Annual Meeting in Review

The MOAR MetaMOARphosis – Visible, Vocal, Valuable, Victorious

A Recovery Community Work Plan: Membership, Public policy, Public Awareness, and Fundraising

- **We thank Michael Botticelli**, Assistant Commissioner, MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, for keynoting our event, with clear support for valuing the recovery movement in Massachusetts. James Hiatt, BSAS Constituent Officer, invited everyone to join the MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Consumer Advisory Board and The March 27th Recovery Conference. More Info; Call Jim Hiatt at 617- 624-5102
- **Denise Devlin, FAVOR Faces and Voices of Recovery New England Rep**, congratulated MOAR for joining (FAVOR), a national organization created 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>

- **MOAR Certificates of Appreciation Presented to our Strategic Plan Committee**
 Recipients were MOAR President _ Amos Marshall, Vice President _ Thomas Delaney, Clerk - Timothy Lineweaver, Treasurer - Joseph Kelleher. MOAR Board Members: Stephanie Almeida, Rocco Antonelli, William Scituro- Staff- Dana Moulton, John Frazier, Thomas Scott, Paul Kusiak, Luz Lopez, Gregory Davis, Connie Peters, Susan Schneider, Walter Spencer, Richard Harris, Maureen Harvey, Diane Kurtz, Diane Teta, Francine Harrison, Thelma Price Ware, Linda Mazak, Joanne Peterson, Gregory Arsenault, Melissa Young, Denise Devlin, Lisa Sarno, James Wuefing, and Heather Harker, Bonnie McFarlane- Third Sector New England (TSNE), James Gorske – AdCare Educational Institute, The Boston Public Health Commission., and Reckitt Benckiser for consistent support.
- **Paul Kusiak, Presented a Parent Voice from of our December 9th Statewide Parent Group Meeting**
 “Representatives from Parent Support Groups of W MA, Somerville Families, Learn to Cope Support Group, with emerging parent support groups from Boston and Beverly with a representative from Institute for Health and Recovery agreed to meet on a quarterly basis. There was agreement to support each other to speak up for the value of prevention, treatment, and recovery, remove discrimination, to enhance access to quality services from detox to full continuum of care and public policies. We clearly supported for the need of more public awareness of how to get services, long term treatment, promote community education about addiction, and family involvement in services
- **Andre’, a MOAR Valuable Member**, shared his story of how drug addiction took over his capacity to think through consequences, and his consequence was one of near death, living in a coma. Good hospital care helped him come through, however long term residential treatment helped him to wake up to living the hope of recovery. A young person who represented over 50 people coming from New Bedford,(sponsored by HighPoint), shared his gratitude for having a forum, where people appreciated voices of recovery. That energy was felt through the night, and is building a strong Massachusetts recovery movement.
- **Our Recovery Community Action Plan Mobilizes Our Mission into Action**
 facilitated by energetic leaders, Stephanie Almeida, Tom Scott, Dana Moulton, John Frazier, Tom Delaney, Amos Marshall, Joe Kelleher, Damion Smith, with the special support of TSNE Bonnie McFarlane.
 - Public Policy –** *Schedule Policymaker Education Sessions* for members to strategically plan to educate all 200 legislators by their own constituents
 - Public Awareness-** *Build Common Messaging*, on a grassroots to schools to bill board level to educate the public- children, families, adults- about the value of addiction prevention, treatment and recovery.
 - Fundraising-** *Develop a Strong Financial Recovery Investment Plan* that encompasses diversified resources from dues, membership activities, events, grants, and investments to support our efforts
 - Membership -** *Organize a MOAR Membership Campaign*, based on having a Valued Identity easily honored by policymakers, with opportunities to spread public awareness, invested in the spirit of recovery

Next – we apply **ABC – Achievable, Believable, Conceivable** Next Steps from our Strategic Work Plans with dates, activities, to achieve our plans enhanced by You
 You, too, can do MOAR! The MOAR You do – The MOAR You Want to Do

We are Beginning Our Public Policy Plan with “How to Educate Your Policymaker” Trainings
 MOAR Speaker Bureau Meeting – Wed, Feb 20, 10 AM, Boston ASAP 3rd flr, 30 Winter St
 Worcester, March 13, Tuesday, 6:15, Thayer Auditorium, Community Healthlink, 72 Jacques Ave
 New Bedford, February 27, Tuesday, 11:00 AM, Reflections, 497 Belleville Ave
 Springfield, March 8, Thursday, 5:30 PM, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave
 Boston, Monday, March 5, 6:30 PM, Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital, (Jamaica Plain)
 Marshfield-Tuesday, March 12, 7:00PM, January 22, 7 PM, Perm Solutions, 1732 Ocean Street

MOAR Speaks Out for Recovery, Up for the Value, Down on Discrimination
MOAR Collaborates in Coalitions to Enhance Services from Detox to Full Continuum
MOAR Boston February 5th Action!

- **Enhance Continuum of Care** with no wait lists from detox throughout the system! Addiction is a disease (which includes need for cocaine detox) that calls for Treatment on Demand, the right service at the right time. We will do what it takes to get the services. We appreciate MA BSAS Bureau of Substance Abuse Services to build a continuum that includes collaboration with other government agencies.
- **Insurance Coverage-** We want parity! It is time to stop Insurance Discrimination We want quality alcohol and other drug treatment coverage from Mass Health to Commonwealth Care to private insurance *benefits* – which are rights to recovery.
- ***Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors** need to be recognized by insurers, to broaden consumer choice of professionals most appropriate for their needs.
- **Improve Children, Youth, and Family Services** – We want family services throughout the continuum of care with attention paid to the children affected by addiction. We appreciate the BSAS Office of Youth and Young Adult Services, as well as the Youth Treatment Council. We value the 3 Recovery High Schools in Beverly, Springfield, and Boston
- **Criminal Justice Focus** – increase treatment initiatives for people involved in the criminal justice system and improve the process for re-entry into society; as well as improve CORI laws.
- **Quality Services for Hearing Impaired** – Need to see these services enhanced
- **Opiate Addiction Treatment** – Be it Methadone, Suboxone, - we need to have and respect various pathways of recovery. In fact, this is true for any drug addiction, inclusive of alcohol. Let's move to stop the overdoses, with use of NARCAN, Naloxone injection used to stop overdose fatality, and follow up with long term treatment.
- **Prevention** –Better still is to decrease drug use with evidenced based education to use in schools to media to social service – and support for the coalitions promoting prevention, treatment, and recovery.....
- **MOAR Recovery Support Services - AREAS, Addiction Recovery Education Access Services; which is peer to peer** - people in recovery and their families educating and supporting each other to navigate the system.. Our aim is to improve policies and systems to promote the value of recovery.
 - **Section 35** – We strongly believe that if a person's drug addiction brings them to an involuntary commitment because of demonstrated harm to self or others; this level of care must be intensive with long term length of stay and assessment for next steps.

MOAR Moves it Recovery Community Action Plan with Action, Remembrance, Leadership

MOAR Boston – Hears about HBO “ADDICTIONS” – State House Forum – February 26th
with **Tom Coderre Field Director of Faces & Voices of Recovery**, who gave an overview of the HBO Show “Addictions” to air on March 15, 2007 and how (MOAR) the designated lead agency for Boston will be working together to highlight the value of recovery. MOAR as the Boston lead agency will work with HBO, Join Together and FAVOR to hold special events to be determined but may include house parties, town meetings, and public screenings, etc. The efforts initially started during the HBO special will continue throughout the year and will be incorporated into Recovery Month 2007. MOAR invites you to be a planning partner. You are MOAR Wanted!

MOAR Springfield experienced the sad loss of a friend, Bob Pisani, who passed away in November. He worked in treatment aspiring recovery to many, especially to young people, as he did in his last position in the Longmeadow High School. People who want to remember Bob Pisani, Support can be sent to; Pisani Children's Fund % Sovereign Bank 30 Elm St. Westfield, MA 01085 Other plans are in the works to develop a scholarship fund. We will miss Bob Pisani.

MOAR Springfield goes to The Marriott Hotel, and Learns about Future Works and Careers in Recovery
Liliana Granaudo, Future Works, Career Specialist (413-858- 2819) shared that the agency helps individuals prepare to make career choices, based on individual values, skill leanings, educational interest, and job market. People asked how to prepare for the future when you have a CORI. Ms. Granaudo suggested that honesty helps, with applied confidence and supplied documentation of acquired new skills and character references. We thanked Ms. Granaudo, and Tracey Mineo, Phoenix House for inviting her. **Justin, a Phoenix House completer** arranged for MOAR to meet at The Marriott Hotel. Justin – thank you for your leadership to make this happen.

“Building Consensus on Re-entry” Forum – on CORI and Re-entry Sponsored by MARC – January 12th
Horace Small, Director of Union of Minority Neighborhoods, is the MARC Coordinator; Jackie Largeson Project Coordinator, Representative Mike Festa put together a great forum, as in preparing for life after prison. Martin F. Horn, Commissioner, City of New York Departments of Probation and Correction, spoke to supporting human service orientation towards re-entry, and an emphasis on substance abuse treatment with re-entry support. The day evolved into common sense consensus supporting re-entry services, changing CORI laws to make sure they are correct and correctly read, with a decrease of time for misdemeanor and felony charges, when history does not repeat itself. There is more to come, and opportunities to make positive change in 2007. Mobilize for CORI Reform with Horace Small – at our MOAR Boston Public Policy Forum February 5th

MOAR Participates in The Boston Public Health Commission NO Drug Coalitions Action Plans
The Boston Public Health Commission NO (Neighborhood Organizing Against) Drug Coalitions include 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, North End, Dorchester. All are launching healthy community discussions and projects centered at prevention of alcohol and other drug addiction; promoting the value of addiction recovery.

MOAR and FRIENDS UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 21 – Tuesday, 9:00 to Noon: Families in Recovery Day – Gardner Auditorium, The State House.
Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Sponsored. Info: call Ellen Walker, Event Coordinator: 617- 361-1718. You will be inspired to educate your elected legislators about recovery and supportive services. Policymaker education visits to be set up. Want support with your legislative visit?
Call Valerie Bassett BPHC, 617-534-9674 or MOAR, Maryanne Frangules, 617-423-6627.

March 4-6 – NAADAC – The Association For Addiction Professionals- NAADAC 20th Advocacy Anniversary
Washington DC- Educate Capitol Hill Lawmakers about issues – such as insurance discrimination –
Call 1-800-548-0497 or go to www.naadac.org

March 6 – Tuesday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, MA Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force Town Meeting
with Henry Abraham, MD, Author of , "What's a Parent to do? Straight Talk on Alcohol and Drug Abuse"
Seton Auditorium, St Elizabeth's Medical Center, 736 Cambridge St, Brighton
Info: Call Helen Connolly at 617-789-2967

March 22 – Hope House 50th Anniversary- 6 PM- Venezia Waterfront Ballroom, Dorchester,
Call Denise Mazzolla, 617-267-4773, ext 150

March 27 – Tuesday, 8:00 Am to 4:00 PM, No Wrong Door Recovery Conference
sponsored MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and AdCare Educational Institute
Info: Call Denise Henry, AdCare Educational Institute, 508-752-7313

March 29 & 30 - MA Black Alcoholism and Addiction Institute,
Sponsored by MA and National Black Alcoholism and Addiction Council, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Marlboro location. Call AdCare Educational Institute – 508-752-7313

April 5 - National Alcohol Screening Day – Stay Posted for Events –
Call Jim Hiatt, BSAS Constituent Liaison: 617-624-5102 for MA BSAS events

April 10 – Tuesday- MOAR Celebrates Alcohol Awareness Month – Stay Posted and Get Involved

April 25 – Wednesday- Partnering for Recovery Conference Sponsored by MA Behavioral Health Partnership, DCU, Worcester.. Call June Gross: 617 790 4020

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, 617-624-5102

Your Voice is MOAR Wanted and Welcome!

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SAVE - THE - DATE

March 27, 2007

“No Wrong Door”
Recovery Conference

For Individuals in Recovery

Worcester Hotel & Conference Center, Worcester, MA

If you have any questions contact: Denise Henry

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