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## ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Celebration***

***September 2002 ~ MOAR of a Success Across The State***

***The Second Annual Recovery Walk on The Common to The Twelfth Annual State House Celebration*** was MOAR action packed. People came from all over Massachusetts. The Teen Challenge Recovery Choir played music that hit the soul of recovery. Boston's Substance Abuse Policy Advisor, Kattie Portis and Public Health Commission Executive Director John Auerbach revved up excitement. A woman in recovery and a mother, who lost her son to a heroin overdose, and so dedicated to supporting young people, touched our hearts. Mothers from South Boston wore green ribbons tying together a symbol for their South Boston Neighborhood D.R.U.G. (Drug Resource Unity Group) Association....identified very well with this mother and other parents from western Massachusetts.

***Now for The Inside Track*** --- In The Great Hall, of the State House, Judah Abijah Dorrington melted our 500 hearts with "Amazing Grace" which opened the ceremonies. We heard from The MA Department of Public Health Commissioner Howard Koh, Associate Commissioner and Acting MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Director Deborah Klein Walker, outlined the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (national funding agency for addiction treatment) ***Changing The Conversation calling for No Wrong Door to, Improving Quality and Access to Treatment, while reducing stigma which emphasized the Recovery Month Theme: Join The Voices of Recovery: A Call to Action.***

### ***Now for Being Visible, Vocal, Valuable \_ Let's Talk***

CSAT's Consumer Affairs Associate Director, Ivette Torres, who facilitates the planning for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month....graced us with her amazing presence. The Improbable Players acted out the roles of recovery, and our own membership of individuals and families shared their stories.... The **Value** of Recovery was clearly **Visible**. MA Black Association of Addiction Counselor's President called for a demand for treatment at the time it is needed. Legislators, such as Representative Liz Malia, Senator Jack Hart, and Representative Gloria Fox spoke passionately with support.

### ***Recovery Recognition Awards***

went to Representative Kevin Fitzgerald, Representative Martin Walsh, Senator Mark Montigny, The Honorable Robert P Ziemian, The Honorable Peter Anderson, STEP Inc, Laverne Saunders, Judah Abijah Dorrington.  
(See why in our December MOAR News).

### ***MOAR co- sponsored Recovery Month Events across state***

n Worcester, Springfield, Lowell, Tewksbury, and New Bedford. Proclamations were presented from Boston, Springfield, Northampton, Agawam, and the Commonwealth with a Citation from Senator Therese Murray. Her office has helped us set up The State House Recovery Month Celebration for the last five years.

### ***Our Sponsors who contributed to Recovery Day in a Big Way***

**The MOAR Wonderful and Extraordinary Sponsors** - Refreshments, Brochure highlighted pages, AdCare Hospital, Sameem Associates, Massachusetts Behavioral Partnership, HighPoint Communications, Boston Public Health Commission, Phoenix House and all other contributors.

We thank The MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, The Center For Substance Abuse Treatment, AdCare Ed Institute for ongoing support. MOAR is appreciative to our meeting hosts-Faulkner Hospital, Phoenix House, Lowell House, Reflections, Community Healthlink, PIP Shelter, AdCare Hospital, and Boston ASAP.

Recovery Day Committees chaired by Greg Arsenault, Lisa Clark, Matt Green , Amos Marshall were great. We thank Meridian House residents for assembling Recovery Day Packets and acting as guides.

**Recovery Day Action during Red Ribbon Week!**

*South Boston Neighborhood D.R.U.G. Association and MOAR Celebrated Red Ribbon Week Theme: Freedom is Drug Free - Plant the Promise (of Recovery)*

We planted red, white, and blue bulbs to blossom the message of/for recovery.

A presentation was made to The Honorable Robert P.Ziemian for starting the

MA Drug Court alternative sentencing system to promote recovery

October 28, 10 AM, South Boston District Court, 535 East Broadway marked in history!

*Let's Make the Theme: Join the Voices of Recovery: A Call for Action  
A Commitment to Action for Addiction Recovery Every Day  
MOAR Meetings and Activities with Friends Await You!*

*Springfield, December 5, 5:30 – 7:15 PM, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave*

*“Help Plan a Workshop –“ Your Rights to Appeal Insurance Denial to Treatment”*

*Boston, November 4, 7 PM –9PM, Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital, Center St.*

**Bring Your Issues! We are setting Up a Boston Action Plan for Recovery!**

*Lowell, November 6, at 7PM Middlesex Community College, Room 302*

*New Bedford, November 5, 11 AM, Reflections, 497 Bellville Ave*

*What to do ~ If The CORI ~ Criminal Offender Record Information is an Issue for You!*

*with Franciska Fajana, JD, MA Law Reform Institute*

*Plus- MA Sober Housing Corporation Announcing a New Male Sober House!*

*Worcester, November 19th 6:15 PM, PIP Shelter, Main Street*

*Worcester, Tuesdays at 4PM, except for evening meeting, PIP Shelter, Main Street*

*Worcester, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Dress for Success, Assisting Women to Prepare for Work Entry, sponsored by*

*Coalition of Addiction, Pregnancy, Parenting. Nicely Vintaged Clothes Needed, Call Francine 508-860-1162*

*Intro to MOAR Meetings*

**Dennis/Brewster line – November 20, 5:30 PM, Church of The Covenant, Corner of Airline/Fetucket Road**

**Brockton, November 1, 7 PM, Restoration Community Baptist Church, 75 Lawrence Street**

**You are MOAR Wanted!**

