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Constituent Liaison

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# MOAR NEWS

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Photos from top:  
Recovery Month Celebrants 2005  
Dolores and Laura  
Mother and Daughter Celebrating Recovery  
Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey  
Proclaims Recovery Month 2005



September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Sponsored by The United States Department of Health and Human Services (USD/HHS), Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, (CSAT). The 2006 theme: **“Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community”** celebrates individuals and families in recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions. MOAR is a CSAT National Addiction Recovery Month Planning Partner. We celebrate the vision of overcoming stigma, discrimination, and other barriers to treatment and recovery support services. We celebrate the hope of recovery for individuals and families who need support. So Join The Voices for Recovery across Massachusetts to make Recovery Month 2006 Celebrations the best ever!

### MOAR and Friends 16th Annual

## Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Celebration!

2006 THEME: Join The Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, RECOVERY DAY MARCH, RALLY, CELEBRATION

- 9:00 AM Meet – Boston City Hall Plaza, Government Center
- Hear – Teen Challenge Recovery Choir
- Rally – Policymakers and You Speak up for Recovery
- 9:45 AM March – Great Hall, The State House
- 10:15 AM Celebrate – Great Hall, The State House
- 12:30 PM Visit – Your Elected Legislators
- 1:00-2:30 PM MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Recovery Month Policy Luncheon  
One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Rooms 2 and 3  
Info: Call James Hiatt, MA BSAS Constituent Liaison, 617-624-5102

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2nd Annual New England Motorcycle Ride for Recovery (a 5-stop run “In Memory of Billy D”) From Somerville, MA to (Harley Davidson Dealership) Manchester, NH

Led by MOAR and Middlesex Human Services Agency.  
Support from USD/HHS/SAMHSA/CSAT, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Greater Boston Council on Alcoholism and you.

- 8:00-10:00 AM Registration – Somerville, City Hall Plaza
- 12:30-3:00 PM Rally, Refreshments, Music: Peter Hackel of PH Productions, Manchester  
Contact: Stephanie Almeida, SomervilleCares@Yahoo.com

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

A Western MA Recovery Celebration

- 1:30-4:00 PM Magazine Park, St. James Ave. & State St. — Springfield

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force National Faces and Voices for Recovery Walk Day. Herter Park — Brighton/Watertown Line  
www.BreakingTheCycle.Org or www.abdrugfree.org

**MOAR is a Sponsor for a W MA Recovery Celebration in Pittsfield — To Be Announced**

Don't miss other Recovery Month Celebrations, go to:  
[www.recoverymonth.gov/2006/events/eventlist](http://www.recoverymonth.gov/2006/events/eventlist)

How to get involved with MOAR and Friends  
Recovery Month Events, read MOAR inside now!

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### MOAR Mission Statement

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.

### MOAR Vision Statement

To envision a society where addiction is treated as a significant public health issue and recovery is recognized as valuable to our communities.

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Kitty Dukakis,  
Former First Lady of Massachusetts,  
speaks out for recovery,  
September 2005.



## Massachusetts Motorcycle Ride for Recovery



Charlie Yetman, Wise Street Recovery Home and Kattie Portis, City of Boston Substance Abuse Policy Advisor on a Motorcycle Recovery High.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2005

350 individuals and families, with 100 motorcycle riders, participated in the Massachusetts Motorcycle Ride for Recovery from Somerville to Franklin Park.

Music and Entertainment was provided by Peter Hackel of PH Productions. Performances by James Montgomery and Friends, Greg Davis and Friends—Joyful, Midnight Crew, Gilbert White Jazz group.

THE COMMITTEE: Stephanie Almeida, Rocco Antonelli Jr., Greg Davis, Maureen Harvey, Tom Scott, Dana Moulton, Linda Mazak, with support from Kattie Portis, City of Boston Substance Abuse Policy Advisor and The Boston Public Health Commission, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services. We thank the US Dept of Health and Human Services/SAMHSA/CSAT for making this wonderful recovery event MOAR possible.

Join us this year on Sunday, September 24!

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Representative Peter Koutoujian,  
Oxycontin Commission Chair,  
Releases Panel Report - July 2006.

- Treatment for Oxycontin and Other Prescriptive Drug Addiction Increased 950% in 10 years
- Opioid Related Deaths Increased 600% from 1990-2003

### Recommendations:

- Improved Prescription Monitoring
- Community, parent and teacher education
- Safer storage of prescription medication
- A statewide disposal program for unused pills
- Increased Access to Treatment

MOAR will honor Representative Koutoujian  
on Recovery Day, September 28th



## Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee Co-Chairs will receive MA Coalition for Addiction Services “Recovery Month Appreciation Awards.”

On September 28, Senator Steven Tolman and Representative Ruth Balseer will receive MA Coalition for Addiction Services Recovery Month Appreciation Awards. Both legislators exert boundless energy into their roles. They listen, research and are leading the way to making Massachusetts #1 state for Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.

The MA Coalition for Addiction Services includes The Boston Public Health Commission, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of MA, Coalition to Increase Access to Addiction Treatment, MA Housing and Shelter Alliance, MA Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, and MA Organization for Addiction Recovery.

Our Invited Recovery Month Stars Include:

- Therese Murray, Senator, Ways and Means Chair, Our Recovery Month Sponsor
- Kitty Dukakis, Author, Advocate, Former First Lady of Massachusetts
- Paul Cote, MA Public Health Commissioner
- Michael Botticelli, MA Public Health Associate Commissioner, Substance Abuse Services
- Thomas Menino, Boston Mayor
- John Auerach, Boston Public Health Commission
- Kattie Portis, Boston Substance Abuse Policy Advisor
- Laura Goode, Recovery High School Graduate
- The Improbable Players, Teen Challenge Recovery Choir
- Judah Dorrington, People to People
- LaVerne Saunders, Dorrington and Saunders
- Woody Geissman, Right Turn
- Horace Small, MA Alliance to Reform CORI
- Individuals and Families in Recovery and surprise guests
- Maureen McGlame, COASA, Children of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, RFK Children Corp.
- Greater Boston Council on Alcoholism



# Tragedy to Strategy to Celebration

## Recovery Month 2006 — Your Voice Makes for Positive Change

- The Tragedy:**
- From 2001 - 2004, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services funding for its Continuum of Care was cut by nearly 50%.
  - Massachusetts ranks among the top 5% of states for the highest rates of drug and alcohol use among adults and youth.

**Strategy to Celebration:**

MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services now has a strategic plan to build The Continuum of Care

The MA state legislature has begun to put the plan into action

The Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services budget now surpasses \$65 million...one third over the 2001 budget.

We should see in the coming months:

- Three Recovery High Schools in Springfield, Boston, and Beverly
- A statewide Adolescent Crisis Stabilization Unit—a 25 bed detox unit with opportunity for mental health assessment
- A new male Section 35 rehabilitation unit for men, who are civilly committed.
- A new female Section 35 rehabilitation unit, Highpoint’s Tranquility Inn opened this spring in New Bedford
- Increased focus on criminal justice and recovery
- More alcohol and other drug education availability in public schools
- Six more hospital emergency rooms with alcohol and other drug screening capacity
- Fewer wait lists to enter and move within the continuum of care

When legislators become educated by voting constituents—good things can happen. We appreciate the good work of the state legislators.

Massachusetts now joins 48 states in the legal distribution of pharmaceutical syringes. The goal is to reduce the impact of Hepatitis C and HIV-AIDS. AIDS Action Committee took the lead on this issue. Congratulations!

Massachusetts Alliance to Reform CORI—Criminal Offender Record Information—made significant progress towards removing the challenges the CORI puts on education, housing, and, employment opportunities for people in recovery. We will continue to support the need to make positive change.

A major goal for MOAR is treatment on demand. It makes treatment available at the right time at the right place in the right way by the right payer. We want to end discrimination, and spell out the value of recovery in all public policies.

Celebrate Recovery Month 2006—September 28th

Senate Ways and Means Chair Senator Therese Murray is our Legislative Sponsor — Once MOAR, Thank You