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Alcohol Awareness Month Update for You, April 2006

***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.***

**Together – We can End Under Age Drinking and Other Drug Use!
Please come to a Statewide Alcohol Awareness Month Event Starring**

Michael Botticelli _ BSAS, Senator Harriette Chandler, Representative Liz Malia, MADD, SADD,
MBTAA, Joanne Peterson and Son – Scott, with MOAR individuals in recovery and families
April 11th, 6:00 PM, Thayer Auditorium, Community Healthlink, 72 Jacques Ave

MOAR Speaks Out for Recovery, Up for the Value, Down on Discrimination

**MOAR Boston 2006 Public Policy Forum- with Support from MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
and The Boston Public Health Commission - A Success!**

With standing room only – People supported a platform calling for

- **Enhanced Services from Detox to Full Continuum** inclusive of services, peer and professional, for youth and families, driven by the recovery community. Addiction is a disease that calls for the right service at the right time. Improved prevention and intervention measures are called for in schools, schools, media, as well as building more coalitions. We applaud the Recovery High School direction.
- **Insurance Coverage-** We want parity! We want Health Care Reform to cover alcohol and other drug treatment in private insurance and MassHealth.
- **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.

Many thanks to the recovery community, BSAS- Michael Botticelli, Boston Public Health Commission- John Auerbach, Rep Ruth Balser, Rep Liz Malia, Pete Crumb, Connie Peters, David Matteodo, Horace Small, Rossie Repts, MBTAA

What MOAR?

- **Congratulations** to Hortensia Amaro, Rita Nieves & Ellen Walker of The Boston Public Health Commission for an awe inspiring *Families in Recovery Day*, February 14th and The Coalition to Improve Access to Treatment for great March 14th *Day of Action*. Special congratulations to facilitator, Sana Fadel, Rosies' Place. and Successful February 3rd *WMA Providers Policymaker Education Luncheon*.
- **Don't Miss out on the MARC – CORI Education Day** – at The State House – April 20th, 1 – 4 PM, Busses Provided. Info: Call Horace Small (617) 541-4111

**Thank you to everyone who supported our recovery celebration
Thursday, March 16th, at the wonderful
presentation of *Bill W and Dr. Bob* by Stephen Bergman and Janet Surrey, a touching,
humorous story of the relationship between the two men who founded Alcoholics Anonymous,
The New Repertory Theater.**

You Can do MOAR and become A Recovery Informant to Your Community:

- Worcester, April 11 Tuesday, 6:00, Thayer Auditorium, Community Healthlink, 72 Jacques Ave
- New Bedford, April 4, Tuesday, 11:00 AM, Reflections, 497 Belleville Ave
- Springfield, April 27th, Policymaker Education Night, Thursday, 5:30 PM, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave
- Pittsfield, April 20th –6:30 PM, WIT Co-Sponsored., United Cerebral Palsy, 208 West St.
- Boston, April 3, Monday, 6:30 PM, Huevos Auditorium, Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain
- Boston, May 1st, Monday, 6:30 PM, Huevos Auditorium, Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain
Refreshments: via Faulkner Addiction Recovery Program
- Marshfield-Tuesday, May 16, 7:00PM, First Congregational Church Community Center, 1981 Ocean St.
- East Boston – April 13, Thursday ,6:30 PM, Conexions Room, North Suffolk Mental Health Association

MOAR and Friends Activities for You!

March 28th – April 28th _ Massachusetts Town Hall Meetings to End Underage Drinking!

More detailed information about date, time and location of town hall meetings being held across Massachusetts:
Go to: Stop Underage Drinking federal partners website: <http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov>;
click on "town hall locations" and click on any state for town hall information.

April 6 is National Alcohol Screening Day! Call MA BSAS at 617-624-5111 for more information.

April 11 – MOAR Celebrates Alcohol Awareness Month – Stay Posted and Get Involved
Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Thayer Auditorium, Community Healthlink, Worcester, MA

April 20 – MA Alliance to Reform CORI Day at The State House! Info: Call Horace Small - 617-541-4111

April 20 and 21 – BSAS supported Adolescent Conference – Marlborough, Call AdCare Ed, 508-752-7313

April 25 - Tuesday, 9:00 AM: Partnering for Recovery Conference
Sponsored by MA Behavioral Health Partnership, DCU, Worcester. Call Amy Considine at 617-790-5602.

April 28- Friday, 10:00 AM, Know Your Rights in Recovery, Legal Action Center presentation,
Gardner Auditorium, The State House

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, BSAS Constituent Liaison: 617-624-5102.

Planning for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month 2006 starts soon – Get Involved – We need YOU!

Info? Call MOAR at 617-423- 6627 or email MOARfran@aol.com
Become a MOAR Member! Be a Voice for Recovery!
go to - <http://www.neaar.org/moar/join.htm#MEMAPP>

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