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MOAR Statewide Meeting of Parents Supporting Recovery December 9, 2006 Draft

Approximately 15 parents representing Parent Support Groups of W MA, Somerville Families Anonymous, Learn to Cope Parent Support Group, with emerging parent support groups from Boston and Beverly with a representative from Institute for Health and Recovery met on December 9, 2006.

Agreement: They want to support each other to speak up for the value of prevention, treatment, and recovery, remove discrimination, to enhance services from detox to full continuum of care and public policies.

Goals

Enhanced Continuum of Care with funding to provide Treatment on Demand with no wait lists from detox throughout the continuum from detox throughout the system. This means building quality support for children, youth, individuals, and families. Addiction is a disease that calls for the right service at the right time.. We want emergency rooms, healthcare professionals, criminal justice educated about addiction and supplied with resources for the public served. Improved prevention measures are called for in schools, media, as well, as in enhance coalition efforts.

Insurance Coverage- We want parity! We want Health Care Reform to cover a full continuum of care for alcohol and other drug treatment in private insurance and MassHealth Benefits.. which are rights to recovery.

Criminal Justice Focus- Increase treatment initiatives for people involved in the criminal justice system and improve the process for re-entry. We want CORI – Criminal Offendor Record Information laws improved to so individuals can effect “rehab” into education, jobs, and housing- and give back to society in a meaningful way for all.

Steps to Meet The Goals:

Agree to Form Policymaker Education Network Through MOAR
Will Educate Legislators with Fact Sheets and Personal History

**We will form a
MOAR Coalition of Parent Support Groups for Addiction Recovery-**

that will meet quarterly

We will work to make the following a reality

Funding for Quality Care Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery

Treatment on Demand

Addiction Treatment Parity

Vendorship for Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

CORI Reform

Expansion of Drug Overdose Prevention – such as NARCAN

Medicine Assisted Treatment – Support and Education to end Discrimination

Recovery High School Expansion

Most Importantly:

When it comes to Section 35- We believe from our experience that a person, who has a history of alcohol or other drug addiction with behavior that is life threatening to self or others - needs at least 30 days, not up to 30 days of inpatient services, before they can truly step down to the next level of care.

We seek policy reform for the above.

We are willing to meet with all responsible parties to have full discussion on the above.

We believe that families should be included in the treatment process of our loved ones.

We look forward to active participation in The Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Youth Treatment Council.