

## MOAR

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## **Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery**

MOAR & Friends 8th Annual Public Policy Forum

2011 Dialogue with Direction for 2012

March 7, 2011

Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain

Join MOAR
'Pictured' Voices
for Prevention, Treatment,
and Recovery

Senator Steven Tolman—Assistant Majority Leader, Mental Health Substance Abuse Chair Liz Malia, and Rep Gloria Fox encouraged all to remember that we lost the alcohol tax in the short run, but to keep the vision alive for when the time is right.

Why?
Katie from Ostiguy Recovery High
School shared how the school and
other resources have helped her &
others build a life in recovery

Boston Public Health Commission Executive Director-Barbara Ferrer PhD validated the Boston's coalitions & partners

MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Director-Michael Botticelli shared both the challenges & opportunities from a state and national level



JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY

RECOVERY BENEFITS

Recovery Month



## Our Forum Mobilized into Policymaker and Public Education Action

**MA Coalition for Addiction Services Move for** No Cuts to Substance Abuse Services, and MOAR would add no cuts to Medicaid, and Mass Health Behavioral Health Services, Compulsive Gambling Services, any human services.

MA Good Samaritan Campaign is moving to protect overdose witnesses and overdose victims from being charged for possession of a controlled substance when calling 911 to seek medical help during an overdose. With more than 4000 fatal overdoses since 2002 – We Have To Act! Interested? Email Maryanne@moar-recovery.org

**Criminal Justice Reform—** If 80% of incarcerates commit crimes under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, then sentence should fit the crime and re-entry support the norm. MOAR Action Direction; Email Barbara Dougan, Families Against Mandated Minimums at bdougan@famm.org Thank You to Rick Dyer for sharing your related recovery story.

**SAFE MA-** Supporting Alcohol Ad-Free Environments (**SAFE-MA**) to ban alcohol advertising from state property and transportation services. Take Action! Email Stacy Carruth at scarruth@healthier-communities.org

**Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC)** - 3 Boston SAMHSA grantees; in South Boston with <u>IHR, Gavin Foundation & MOAR</u> helping young adults, <u>BPHC</u> focusing on males and <u>Casa Esperanza</u> for persons who cope with co-occurring disorders. It is about building a recovery environment that entices community involvement for recovery!

**Health Care Reform and Insurance Parity!** MOAR is aiming to help the recovery community understand and stand up for our rights. If your insurance denies you care; contact –Jennifer Bosco, Health Law Advocates at 617-338-5241

Get Involved with Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) No Drug Coalitions helping Boston neighborhoods from preventing Overdose to Underage Drinking!

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