

## **Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery**

**The Massachusetts Affiliate of NEAAR.**

**New England Alliance for Addiction Recovery, A CSAT Recovery Community Grantee**

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### **MOAR News at a Glance**

- h **MOAR Statewide Quarterly Meeting to be scheduled in January**
- h MOAR co-sponsored W MA SA Counselor Forum on Youth – October 12
- i MOAR Testimony - Emergency CORI DPH Council Hearing- November 9
- h MOAR Website <http://www.neaar.org/moar/>- Take a Peak!
- h NEAAR Recovery Celebration- Family Focus –Jiminy Peak- November 3-5
- i MOAR Joins RICARES at Dean College – November 13
- i MOAR Helps Support Hyannis Public Forum on Drug Awareness – November 14

### **MOAR Regional Meetings Scheduled**

- i Springfield ~ November 29, 5:30 pm, Phoenix House, 5 Madison St, Focus:  
“Emergency Rooms, Crisis Teams, Access to Addiction Treatment”
- i Lowell ~ November 30, 10:30 am, first floor conference room, Tewksbury Hospital  
Focus: “Telling Our Story of Recovery for a Purpose” - Speakers Bureau???
- i Boston ~ December 12, 3:30 PM, Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital-  
Focus: “Planning a Boston Addiction Recovery Evening Forum”
- i New Bedford ~ November 27, 5:30 PM, Reflections, 497 Belleville Ave.  
Focus: “Doing MOAR in New Bedford- Next Steps”
- i Worcester ~ November 20, 6:45 PM, AdCare Hospital, Room B, 107 Lincoln St.  
Focus: “Housing/CORI/ Policymaker Education---Speakers Bureau???”

### **MOAR Members Testify at DPH CORI Public Hearing November 9**

MOAR President Amos Marshall and Dana Moulton testified at the DPH Public Hearing. Both validated provider exemption process requirement for certain employment positions and a broader appeals process in the emergency regulations. However, employer right to hire with proof of CORI check was stated preference over current emergency regulations. Next- the DPH Council will review testimonies, and vote by mid December.

### **MOAR Sponsors W MA School SA Counselors Conference October 12**

Pete Crumb, W MA School SA Counselors President, welcomed participants - parents, adolescents, providers, legislators, judges, insurers, communities to bridge systems to help youth integrate recovery. DPH Commissioner Howard Koh keynoted the event –

emphasizing the Department's commitment to adolescents and families via improving services through hiring plans, continuum assessment, and interagency communication. For MOAR, this was an opportunity to support the faces and voices of recovery, especially the families, to influence improved services for our youth.

### **MOAR Members Participate in NEAAR Recovery Celebration - Jiminy Peak**

NEAAR State Grantees thanked Neill Miner, New England Institute of Addiction Studies Director, for his dedicated efforts making NEAAR another CSAT Recovery Community Support Project Grantee!!! We, also, thanked Denise Devlin, NEAAR Project Director, for her round the clock support with same *Jackson, NH Get Aways*.

MOAR gave both and BSAS W MA Regional Director Ruth Jacobson- Hardy *MOAR Thank You* plaques for their special mentoring. With that—MOAR members- Diane Kurtz and Diane Teta shared a panel with CCAR members —demonstrating “Help, Hope, & Advocacy for and by Parents”--- and they stressed “MOAR Advocacy”. Pete Crumb facilitated the means to “Community Organization” – networking families offering risk free youth events. MOAR Energetic, Emotional, Exciting!

### **MOAR Members Want to Change The Conversation about Addiction**

by the faces and voices of recovery, inclusive of families, friends. From Boston to Springfield, People talked about adolescent recovery – energized to facilitate improved emergency room, service provider assessment, and insurance coverage. In Springfield, we were educated about Club Drugs via Tina Murphy, DEA Office. So you get educated about signs and symptoms – what happens next??? Your kid gets sent home from the emergency room - with a paper saying- “Do not use drugs”. Not kidding! MOAR is represented at four regional youth meetings across state. MOAR went to Senator Kennedy's Office with other advocates concerned about discriminatory coverage, access, and policy issues. Boston is planning a February Public Forum and wants your help! Lowell reviewed ways for each member to “push” MOAR flyers, as invitations to do MOAR. The issue of affordable, accessible, available housing builds it way at every Lowell, New Bedford, and Worcester meeting. Worcester began a Housing Access Committee, and divided into Resource and Advocacy Development Committees. Interested? Don't forget we will have a statewide quarterly meeting in January!

### **MOAR Members want You to Join MOAR. Quarterly Meeting in January!!**

MOAR Attendees from Worcester 10/23 & 11/9 meetings-Leona Toedt, Theresa Mendes, Robin Latino,Joanne Delaney, Bob Chilson, Peter Schellar, Ray Kosinski, Dave Canning Tom Levesque, Steve Hokansen, Tricia Wood, Peter Mc Conville, Keith Jackson, Steve Bilodeau, Rosemarie Chase, Florette Morris, Biran Muse, Tammie Keough, Dana Moulton, Ron Bratton,Miroslow Denert, Steve Harris, Ed Galloway, Don Lucer, Buddy Brousseau, Tara Johnson, Virginia Lawson. Lowell 10/26- Dan Tibbets,Lisa Clark, Sue Eslinger,Janice Archer, Stacey Davis, Jim Cremer,Dana Moulton, Pierre Descoteaux. October 29- Springfield,Dawn,

Mike, James, Steve,Chris, Nathan, Mark, Adam, Ruth Jacobson Hardy, Pete Crumb, Terry Rodriguez,Diane Teta,Kelly Wheeler, Elizabeth Wheeler, Elizabeth Teta,Diane Kurtz, Jodi Quinn, Theresa Shea, Donna Rivest, Jill Nimchuck, Ida Tossinari, Beenie Porter, Chris Sears, Sue O'Connor November 7- Boston-Amos Marshall,Elaine Appel,Roger Cram, Paul Murphy, Ray Hoitt, John Frazier, Linda Mazak,Karen Pressman, Susan Desolaines, Dana Moulton, Maryanne Frangules.

**MOAR Sincerely, *Maryanne Frangules*, MOAR Project Coordinator**

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