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## Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery & Friends MA 19<sup>th</sup> Recovery Month Celebration Day Wednesday, September 23



MOAR Joins Faces and Voices of Recovery in supporting national health care reform that includes equitable and adequate mental health and addiction treatment coverage



### People in Recovery, Families, and Friends Educating the Public about The Value of Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery

9:00 AM - Meet at Boston City Hall Plaza

9:30 AM - March to Gardner Auditorium, The State House

10:15 AM - Celebrate in Gardner Auditorium, The State House

12:00 PM - Visit Your Elected Legislators

12:30 PM - Luncheon, Great Hall, The State House

1:30 PM - MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Policy Dialogue  
*Gardner Auditorium, The State House*

3:30 PM - Adjourn with a Recovery Action Plan!

Join The Campaign for Addiction, Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery to Celebrate and Thank the Policymakers who are making addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery a capital investment in Massachusetts!  
Recovery Voices Count \_ New Alcohol Sales Tax is currently helping to prevent cuts to Massachusetts services. You helped! We Will Keep The Message Alive

#### Meet Your Legislators to Educate Them with Your Recovery Story and/or Facts:

- ◆ Speak Up for Prevention, Stop Treatment Wait Lists and Support Recovery Services
  - ◆ Stand Up for The Good Samaritan Act, Increase 911 Calls to Decrease Drug Overdoses, Stop Witness Arrests When Your Only Crime is Saving a Life
  - ◆ Improve Criminal Justice Services and Policies to Support Recovery
- Hear From Our Invited Speakers: Lt. Governor Timothy Murray; Senate President Therese Murray; Assistant Majority Whip – Senator Steven Tolman; Majority Whip; Senator Marian Walsh, Senate and House Mental Health & Substance Abuse Committee CoChairs: Representative Liz Malia and Senator Jennifer Flanagan; Rep Gloria Fox; Public Health Commissioner John Auerbach; MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Director, Michael Botticelli; Mayor Thomas Menino; Boston Substance Abuse Advisor, Kattie Portis; David White, MBA Drug Policy Task Force; Steve Sweeney – Comedian for Recovery; Vic DiGravio, -MHSACM/CEO; Woody Giessmann, Right Turn; Recovery Homes Collaborative; No Drug Coalitions; Overdose Prevention & Underage Drinking Coalitions; 3 Recovery High Schools; Joanne Peterson- Learn to Cope Parent Support Group; The Improbable Players; & MOAR individuals and Families in Recovery to star! Richard Farrell, an author, "What's Left of us",

MOAR to Come – CADAC/LADC ceus in application process

Thank you to MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, MA Dept of Public Health, Third Sector New England, The City of Boston, The Boston Public Health Commission NO Drug Coalitions, USD/HHS/SAMHSA/CSAT, Membership and You! All Recovery Month Sponsors will be listed in future promotions from Recovery Day 2009-2010. Please RSVP - Maryanne Frangules, MOARfrn@aol.com, 617-423-6627, and go to the MOAR website – [www.MOAR-Recovery.org](http://www.MOAR-Recovery.org)

# **Addiction is a Chronic Disease: Challenges for the Provider Community**

## **Gardner Auditorium, The State House**

### **September 23rd, 2009—1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**The 6th Annual Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Recovery Day Policy Forum** will focus on substance use as a chronic disease. Unlike other chronic health conditions our field has a history of discharging individuals from treatment for displaying symptoms of the disease being treated (relapse). Harm reduction, screening, prevention, intervention, early treatment and ongoing symptom management are all key pieces of successfully addressing most chronic health conditions. Yet these same ideas are often seen as “controversial” when applied to strategies that prevent and address problematic substance use. Do people have to “hit bottom” or be “ready” before we can help them? Research and experience are presenting some interesting challenges to the field.

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

*Michael Botticelli, Director  
Bureau of Substance Abuse Services*

#### **The Disease of Addiction and the Importance of Screening, Intervention & Referral**

*Theresa Kim, MD, Associate Medical Director of Clinical Protocols  
Massachusetts Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment*

#### **Housing First—Meeting People Where They Are**

*Joseph Finn, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance*

#### **Relapse Responsive Treatment**

*Jesse Mellor, Director of Recovery Services  
Henry Lee Willis Center*

#### **Recovery Support Centers—Recovery Engagement**

*Athena Haddon, Program Director  
Sylvia Thompson, Peer Volunteer  
Everyday Miracles—Peer Recovery Support Center, Worcester*

#### **Questions & Answers**

