



Advisory Board

August 26, 2020

OUR MISSION

Reading Coalition's mission is to strategically address our substance abuse problem that local youth abuse alcohol, prescription drugs, tobacco, and other illegal drugs at unacceptably high rates that emerge early in adolescence, happen frequently, and indicate heavy use. To realize our mission, we will promote a healthy community environment using the strategic prevention framework to ensure everyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Reading can enjoy an optimum quality of life.

ABOUT OUR BOARD

The **Advisory Board** is made up of stakeholders, appointed by the Coalition Director, from our community and region that serve in an advisory capacity to:

- Exchange and share information that will enhance our community approach to substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion.
- Supply Reading Coalition staff with feedback on activities, projects and emerging initiatives.
- Spread the word about coalition resources and events

SPOTLIGHT

Coalition staff will be featured in a Reading Daily Times Chronicle Spotlight article. We will share the link once it's published.

TUNE IN

Coalition staff will be sharing a few highlights about our work at the upcoming Select Board Meeting on September 8th. The meeting will be streamed on RCTV.

THANK YOU

Our partners at the [Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition](#) hosted their Annual Meeting this past month.

- View the [slides](#) and [recording](#)
- Resources <http://www.mysticvalleypublichealth.org/connectandcope/>

STAFF UPDATES

[Coalition Resource Guide During COVID-19](#)

Mental Health First Aid

- Youth Mental Health First Aid (certified 27 participants through the Reading Public Schools Teacher Induction Program). This was the first time conducting the training using the blended model (2 hours self-directed online module using Learning Management System; 3 hours in person with masks/social distanced and 1 virtual hour via Zoom). Special thanks to Sammy, Brian and Matt for helping make it happen!

Next meeting will be online on September 30, 2020 at 5:30 pm. (ANNUAL MEETING)

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Monthly Update

- Since January 2020, there were 147 follow-ups for Mental Health or Substance Use. During July 2020, there were 13 follow-ups.

Chemical Health Education Program Update

- Planning for virtual delivery completed

Social Solutions Pilot Project

- Staff completed four online meetings to learn more about our Apricot software and built templates to track coalition work. We will begin inputting data and going live in September.

Annual Meeting

- Staff will present ideas for board members input to help develop our Strategic Plan for the next year. We will also share data updates as the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey results for 2019 were finally released.

Attachment

- Save the Date for virtual recovery celebration by MA Organization for Addiction & Recovery (MOAR) on 9/23/20. Learn more about <https://www.moar-recovery.org/>



Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery

MOAR

Join the Voices for Recovery!

Wednesday, September 23rd 2020

MOAR's 30th Annual Recovery Day Celebration is Going Virtual

Join the Voices for Recovery:
Celebrating Connections

FOLLOW RECOVERY MONTH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK
<https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryMonth>

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<https://www.twitter.com/RecoveryMonth>

YOUTUBE
<https://www.youtube.com/RecoveryMonth>

National Recovery Month
(Recovery Month) increases awareness and understanding of substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders and encourages individuals in need of treatment and recovery services to seek help. Recovery Month celebrates individuals living their lives in recovery and recognizes the dedicated workers who make it possible. For more information visit www.recoverymonth.gov.

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