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It All Boils Down to Outcomes

While we didn't intentionally determine the theme for this quarterly edition of our newsletter, we actually ended up with one: outcomes.



Daniel Mumbauer,
President & CEO

Most of the articles in this edition appear to be diverse and unrelated, but if you read in-between the

lines, they are organization initiatives to improve the outcomes of

clients who have received addiction treatment services from us.

It is through positive outcomes that we can fulfill our mission and through positive outcomes that we can best meet the needs of the individuals, families, and communities we serve.

WATC is Expanding

Space is at a premium at WATC. With that in mind, work has begun to expand its space at 100 N. Front

Street. A new cafeteria (which also doubles as a group room), three bathrooms, two offices, in addition to a conference

room for staff trainings will considerably ease the space restrictions clients and staff have lived with.

MATC Celebrates 3rd Anniversary Nov. 2

Program Director Nick Tenaglia is excited. The Men's Addiction Treatment Center in Brockton is celebrating its third anniversary on November 2.

Staff is hosting an Open House from 6-8 PM that Wednesday in recognition of its birthday. The evening kicks off at 6:30 PM with an overview of the program

by Program Director Nick Tenaglia.

Opening remarks will also be made by a few speakers, including Michael Botticelli, Assistant Commissioner for Substance Abuse Services at the Department of Public Health.

Alumni and family members, in addition to Hillary Dubois, coor-

dinator of the Brockton Mayor's Opioid Overdose Prevention Coalition, and other guests are expected to share their stories. According to Nick, everyone is welcome to stop by, stating, "We would love to see past clients who are embracing their sobriety."

Light refreshments will be served.

CSP to Receive ABH Award for Innovation

High Point's Community Support Program (CSP) team is this year's ABH (Association for Behavioral Healthcare) recipient of its "Salute to Excellence in Innovative Practice."

Anthony Brown, Jane Elsner, John Fortes III, Cory Pina, Shawn Pina, Corrine Plasse, and Rita Travers will be honored on Friday, October 21st, at the Westin Waltham Hotel. According to Maggie Cahill, Program Director, her staff is "thrilled to be recognized as they truly go above and beyond on behalf of their clients."

New Initiative Between Monarch House & 842 Purchase-OP Going Well

How to retain clients in treatment is a question Monarch House has grappled with. As such, a committee was formed headed by Jan Feingold, VP and COO of Outpatient Services, Lise Turner from Monarch House, and Kerry Hennessy from Outpatient at 842 Purchase Street two months ago.

The decision was made that all women entering Monarch would be assessed for SOAP, and if found

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Harmony House Happenings

Harmony House residents and their families, in addition to Harmony House staff, visited College Pond in Myles Standish State Forest on July 17. The men were encouraged to invite wives, children, parents, and other

family to a day full of swimming, cooking out, and relaxing.

According to Program Director John Pupo, Harmony House did this last year, and the field trip was so well-received

that the decision was made to undertake it again this year. John says, "We try to engage our residents' families in the recovery process when the opportunity presents itself. This is a great chance for the family to see that treatment does in-



deed work."



IntNSA ACTIVE MEMBERS include June Bissonette, Karen Thomas, and Carol Kowalski.

HPTC Nurses Active in New Chapter

By Carol Kowalski

High Point nurses are involved in the newly formed MA chapter of the International Nurses Society on Addiction (IntNSA), the specialty organization for addiction nurses.

Its mission is to enhance excellence in nursing care for the prevention and treatment of addictions across all practice settings through advocacy, collaboration, education, and research.

The MA chapter recently won an award at the annual international conference in Tucson for being the most progressive

chapter in the organization.

Members also supported National Recovery Month by walking with a banner to the State House September 26. The MA Chapter has received \$5,000 for developing and maintaining its website-www.addictionsnurses.org and is busy promoting the CARN (Certified Addiction Registered Nurse) exam to be administered this fall.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 5 PM at Boston Medical Center.

Parking is free, and a light supper is served.

Vehicle Donation Program in Place

We are accepting vehicle donations (car, truck, boat, RV, Jet Ski, or snowmobile) whether they run or not. Call DonationLine (877-227-7487

X2764). Or, go online. Specify whether you want HPTC or SEMCOA to benefit. Either way, you receive a tax deduction, and there is no towing fee.

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If you know someone who would appreciate getting this, e-mail kathy.norris@hptc.org.



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An Invitation for Our Recovery Alumni: OneRecovery

DEAR HIGH POINT TREATMENT CENTER CLIENTS AND ALUMNI:

We are pleased to invite you to take advantage of a new, confidential free service High Point is providing for clients and alumni in recovery from a variety of addictions. We have recently contracted with OneRecovery, the first national on-line social recovery network, to create a secured peer social network site just for our clients and alumni called **“HIGH POINT OneRecovery.”**

“HIGH POINT OneRecovery” is an adjunct to your current recovery treatment or aftercare plan. You can confidentially receive support from other High Point clients/alumni, create your own secured profile page, set your recovery clock, engage in group chats or blogs, find local recovery meetings, attend on-line facilitated recovery groups, and access information about local alumni or recovery events, or newsletters.

Just go to **“HIGH POINT OneRecovery”** using the link below to find out more about it or to register. After registering, OneRecovery will e-mail you an approved invitation to join and begin using **“HIGH POINT OneRecovery.”**

You will also be able to access the **OneRecovery Community Site**, which has recovering clients and alumni from a variety of addiction programs throughout the country! The **OneRecovery Community Site** allows you to invite sponsors, recovery friends, and/or family to access the OneRecovery Community.

To learn more and sign up, visit highpoint.onerecovery.com

ASAM Redefines “Addiction”

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) recently came out and declared it had redefined the word

“addiction.”

In a press release dated August 15, 2011, it stated that “... addiction is a chronic brain disorder

and not simply a behavioral problem involving too much alcohol, drugs, gambling, or sex.

This is the first

time ASAM has taken an official position that addiction is not solely related to problematic substance use.”

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eligible, would complete the program at 842 Purchase.

According to Out-patient Program Director Kerry Hennessy, “The

hope is with an intensive program in place addressing the women’s early recovery and related issues, such as mental health symptoms, this will in-

crease the amount of support and structured treatment they receive early on.”

As a result of this increased support, educa-

tion, and structure, it is anticipated that retention in treatment will increase.

Thus far, all parties report the initiative is going well.