

Minutes

1. Welcome!

- We're glad you are here.
- If you are here, and you are committed to the mission of "being catalysts for change and advocates for the underserved", you are a member of JCOH!

2. Agenda review

- Behavioral Health Roundtable: Networking & Information Sharing
  - Organizations which offer substance use disorder and/or mental health services to the North Central MA region have been invited to provide an "elevator speech" on services provided & how to access
  - Brief Update: HEALing Community Study within the context of the behavioral health roundtable

3. **Virtual introductions:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself in the chat. Name, Affiliation and/or reason you are joining us today

Contact info shared by attendees:

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- ✓ Chris Richard, Pocasset Land Trust
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- ✓ Jennifer Dellasanta COO from Inspire Counseling and Support Center our office # 978-786-9660 Outpatient Counseling MH/SA ages 4 and up
- ✓ Keith Abare from Aware Recovery Care [kabare@awarerecoverycare.com](mailto:kabare@awarerecoverycare.com). phone 978-424-8990
- ✓ Leia Harris, Restoration Recovery Center Volunteer. Residential Counselor, North County Supportive Housing Program at Community Healthlink.

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## 4. HEALING Communities Study update/resources

- ✓ Stephanie Stratigos, Medical Director of Addictions Services and MOUD provider at Emerson Hospital and new site in Groton, [sstratigos@emersonhosp.org](mailto:sstratigos@emersonhosp.org) Emerson addictions services in Groton and Concord Mass. Main office 978-287-3520. Office fax 978-287-3539 for referrals via fax. Dr. Stephanie Stratigos Office 978-287-8167, Cell 978-831-2877. Services include outpatient psychiatric dual diagnosis or addiction only treatment. Medication for addiction treatment including injections of Vivitrol and Sublocade (Methadone not provided). Connection to outpatient therapy or peer support groups is encouraged but not mandatory
- ✓ Julia Armstrong, Co-Founder & Director, RN OBOT Care Manager, Recovery Coach Supervisor, Restoration Recovery Center (RRC), 40 Fairmount Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420, (978)987-1258. RRC provides outreach, Certified Recovery Coaching, Certified Harm Reduction Specialists, an SUD Case Manager, Critical Access Intake, resource coordination, self-sufficiency education, etc.
- ✓ Lauren Geanacopulos, Townsend Drop-in and connection to MOUD resources. 241 Main Street, Townsend [laurenjoang@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenjoang@yahoo.com) (not able to attend but sharing info as FYI).

For more info about the NIH funded HEALing Community Study, please reach out to Tara Rivera, Susan Buchholz or Nate Erwin [Nathan.Erwin@bmc.org](mailto:Nathan.Erwin@bmc.org)

## 5. Thank you all for attending and participating in this meeting!

- Many thanks to all who attended! Feel free to stay on for a few mins if desired.

Additional notes from chat: Shared by Liam Horsman, Sen. Markey's Office: [liam\\_horsman@markey.senate.gov](mailto:liam_horsman@markey.senate.gov)

- Opposition to FDA Commissioner: <https://www.markey.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senator-markey-votes-against-dr-robert-califf-nomination-for-fda-commissioner>

## Additional notes from chat:

Shared by Liam Horsman, Sen. Markey's Office:

- Opioid Treatment Access Act of 2022: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6279/text?r=17&s=1>
- Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act: <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-cummings-and-more-than-95-colleagues-in-senate-and-house-reintroduce-comprehensive-care-act-to-combat-the-opioid-and-substance-use-epidemic>
- CREATE Opportunities Act: <https://www.markey.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senators-markey-murkowski-and-representative-kuster-reintroduce-bipartisan-bicameral-legislation-to-expand-access-to-opioid-treatment-in-correctional-facilities>
- Equity in Pre-Trial Health Coverage Act: <https://www.markey.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senators-markey-merkley-and-brown-introduce-legislation-to-protect-health-care-for-those-who-cannot-afford-bail>
- Shared by Athena Haddon, Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR), [Athena@MOAR-Recovery.org](mailto:Athena@MOAR-Recovery.org)
  - MOAR Priorities (see separate attachment)
- Shared by Julie Nowak (she/they/xe) BayPath Elder Services: Good morning! LGBTQ+ Initiative Coordinator for BayPath Elder Services.
  - FREE trainings - GRAY PRIDE: Welcoming & Working with LGBT Elders (next on 3/7 @11 live on Zoom) [jnowak@baypath.org](mailto:jnowak@baypath.org) or 508-573-7288
  - NEW talk Modern Pronouns: They is Correct (also FREE and live on Zoom).

You are warmly welcome to reach out to me with questions related to the rainbow folk of all ages.

## Reminders:

**Next JCOH meeting: Thurs. 3/17, 9-10 Link for 2022**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81389913883?pwd=OEI2ZU9LVXhldXJuY1BKNNhBcy9SZz09>

## Agenda: Housing Justice

- Guest presenters: Leslie Credle, Executive Director, Justice4Housing & Gabe Zimmerman, Harvard School of Law Tenant Advocacy Project
- *Brief Update: HEALing Community Study*

*For those who are new to the coalition, JCOH...*

- *Is an all-volunteer, community health coalition which has been active in the region for 20+ years*
- *Is coordinated by Susan Buchholz who also co-chairs with Irene Hernandez. Tara Rivera leads JCOH's addiction-related work*
- *Meets virtually, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 9-10am*
- *Is open to all / no RSVP is necessary*

If you have any suggestions for future meeting topics – please reach out and share your ideas. This is your Coalition.

<https://jointcoalitiononhealth.org/> "Catalysts for Change and Advocates for the Underserved since 1998"

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